Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council

NEWSLETTER

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NAPRANUM SHINING STAR

Alayah Bond Recognised as Try for 5! MVP

Western Cape College have proudly celebrated Alayah Bond—who was recognised by representatives from the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys Try for 5! program. Alayah was awarded her MVP cap for her outstanding commitment to school attendance, not missing a single day over the past five weeks. Her dedication sets a shining example for others in our school community. Western Cape College has built a strong partnership with the Cowboys Try for 5! initiative, which aims to improve school attendance and encourage positive behaviour through school visits, mentorship, and rewards. Our students are consistently inspired by the presence of Cowboys ambassadors and the meaningful connections formed through the program.

Alayah's achievement is more than just a personal milestone—it reflects the support of her family, teachers, and the community. Her success reminds us all that showing up every day matters. Congratulations Alayah—we are so proud of you!



Left: Inyika Nadredre, Primary Community Education Counsellor (CEC)





WORDS FROM CEO

Public Meeting

It was great to be able to meet and yarn with community members who participated in the public meeting last week at the Community Hall.

It was pleasing to see so much input from those attending with the issues and ideas flowing freely. The feedback gathered on the day is being collated and will be made available to community.

Council has committed to continue these sessions as well as organising external agencies such as the Department of Housing to attend and address community.

Events

Last month Napranum Early Childhood Centre celebrated 50 years of operations from the current site. For those past students and staff celebrating with the current children, it was a day full of memories and hope for the future with many more successful years of operation. Representatives from Council also attended the Weipa Symposium and discussed future economic development opportunities for the region. Council's Director Community, Culture & Economic Development, Christine Rhazi, presented at the Symposium on plans to re-establish the Napranum Farm. With this project and many more opportunities, it was a great event to network with potential partners to support this and many other opportunities.

Foundation Day

We look forward to the upcoming Foundation Celebration on Friday 27 June 2025. With an afternoon of activities planned on the foreshore it will be a fitting celebration and acknowledgement of the establishment of Napranum at the current Jessica Point site, following the move from the original Twenty Mile Spring Creek site.

Snippets from the Council Table

·Council will support the upcoming Napranum for Christ Crusade hosted by the St Barnabas Uniting Church from 26th – 29th June 2025.

·With a number of Napranum ladies part of the Cape Sisters Women's Rugby League team, Council will provide sponsorship to support the team compete at the Women's All-Star Carnival in Cairns later in the year.

·A reminder that Monday 9 June is a Public Holiday in Napranum. Council operations will be closed for the holiday, returning to normal operations on Tuesday 10 June 2025.

Deputy Mayor

Council agreed that each Councillor be given an opportunity to act in the Deputy Mayor role over the term of Council. Councillor Wigness has completed twelve months, with the Mayor and other councillors acknowledging Councillor Wigness's efforts over the last 12 months, particularly filling in for the Mayor at various community events when the Mayor has been unavailable.

Council will rotate the Deputy Mayor role with Councillor Madua taking over from Councillor Wigness on 1 July 2025, following by Cr Adid from 1 July 2026 and Cr Mairu from 1 July 2027.

PUBLIC MEETING



The public meeting was held in Napranum to address key community issues and engage residents in open discussion. The meeting covered a wide range of important topics, including the current state of education for Napranum, with a focus on improving



The community also reviewed the Alcohol Management Plan (AMP) and discussed Council's efforts to apply for changes to be made. Council will be lodging their application on behalf of community at the end of June 2025. Issues of justice, including access to legal services and community safety, were also explored as well as the recently approved funding for the upcoming National Justice Reinvestment Program.



Thank you to all community members and stakeholders who attended the Napranum Public Meeting on Wednesday, 28th May. Attendees were divided into groups and rotated between tables, engaging in discussions on different community priorities at each station.



school attendance and support for students. Housing was another major point, as concerns about overcrowding and the need for new developments were raised. Animal control efforts were discussed, particularly around managing stray dogs and promoting responsible pet ownership.



Finally, attendees discussed the future of the community farm, with emphasis on its potential for food security, health & wellness, employment, community ownership through local business and youth engagement. The meeting encouraged active participation and reflected the community's commitment to working together for a better future.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



What is your name and/or nickname?
Amber

What is your cultural background?
Australian

Where do you call home?
Weipa and surrounding areas has always been home or where ever my Mum is.

What do you do for Council?
Executive Assistant to our CEO

What inspired you to join the team here?
After many years working in mining and hospitality, and becoming a single Mum I needed a work place that provided stability, flexibility, and supported me through challenges, Peter and staff at Napranum Council ticked all the boxes and continue to do so. I feel blessed to be apart of the team here.

What do you enjoy most about your job?
Great boss and team, ever changing, being able to assist with events and other areas.

What do you like to do outside of work time?
Spending time with my family, fishing/boating and camping.

What is your favourite food?
I love all things pasta or sushi.

What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?
Just remember that whilst you are pointing the finger at someone there is two other fingers pointing back at you.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
Hopefully still working for Council, running a successful fishing charter business in my free time, and continuing to pour all my spare time and love into my family.

What would you like to be known/remembered for?
I would like to be remembered as someone that always showed up, who loved and was loyal always. Or in short form to be remembered as a good person.

KLUTHUTHU CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Wellbeing Classroom

On Monday, 19 May 2025, the Wellbeing Classroom was delivered. KCC Wellbeing programs will go a long way in enhancing and promoting self-awareness, confidence and resilience in our students.





NECC Performance

KCC students take centre stage as they sing two language songs: Into Your Presence; Dapara and Peace is Flowing like a River. The students performed very well and parents and grandparents were most impressed!





Under 8's Day

On Friday, 23 May 2025, the KCC students joined their peers from all the local schools to celebrate Under 8's Day at the Western Cape College. Students had a wonderful day of fun and social engagement!







NRL Visit KCC

Peri Creamer, Game Development Officer, and his team from the NRL teach the KCC students some rugby skills.



Kluthuthu students enjoy the skills and drills with Peri and the team.





CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

6-13 JULY 2025

Napranum NAIDOC Event 8th - 12th July 2025

PCYC NAPRANUM







Napranum PCYC hosted its annual Mother's Day Bingo in May to celebrate and thank all of the wonderful mothers, aunties, grandmothers and caregivers.













Road Safety in Action at Western Cape College

Our Braking the Cycle Coordinator was proud to join the RYDA Program this week as part of National Road Safety Week.

The Ryda Road Safety team led engaging sessions for the Year 10, 11 and 12 students on Tuesday, with the support of local police and a moving talk from a crash survivor - reminding everyone just how important safe choices on the road are.

During the breaks, the students had a fun (and eye-opening) chance to experience the Fatal Vision Drunk Goggles, and test out basic skills of walking and ball throwing... which most were surprised to find super challenging!







AXE THE BARBER

In a heartwarming display of community spirit, Axel Tongia aka Axe the Barber dedicated his time to the young people of Napranum, as he gave out free haircuts in preparation for school photo day. As clients walked into the PCYC for their haircut, they were greeted with a warm smile and uplifting conversation, transforming a simple haircut into a moment of connection and care. The haircuts not only left the young people with fresh cuts but also instilled a sense of confidence, proving that small acts of kindness can make a significant impact in the lives of others.











COMMUNITY, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



The Director - Christine, would like to congratulate Bow Waqata and Tam Wees on their successful graduation from the Leadership program they attended in Canberra. It was filled with challenges, physical and personal, that has given them the tools to develop their leadership skills. Over the course of the next financial year, Council will be looking at avenues to increase training opportunities for staff development, with school-based traineeships, traineeships and apprenticeships once we have employed trade qualified or skilled people. Discussions have commenced with Western Cape College around work experience for students. Council presented a Jobs Information Day on 20th May. This was an opportunity for Community to come and see the jobs that are available at Council. There were a number of community members that made their way to the Community Hall and spoke with Council staff about the jobs available. Thank you - to Kuku`nathi for supporting the event and encouraging the jobseekers to come along. There was an interest for the upcoming positions that will be available for the National Justice Reinvestment program. This program will look to develop diversion activities including, on-country gatherings, supporting community events, sports activities, culture, music and art activities. Security training will be on offer very soon for the Community Patrol workers and for anyone in community with an interest in obtaining their security license. Council will be advertising the following positions for this program:

- Coordinator Community Patrol
- Coordinator Community Engagement
- Community Patrol workers
- Men's and Women's Community Engagement workers
- Male and Female Youth Engagement workers



If you have an interest in any of these positions please come into the Council office and ask for Christine Rhazi, Director Community, Cultural and Economic Development.

On Wednesday 21st May Council held a Stakeholder Mapping meeting with attendees from Western Cape College, Apunipima, Twal Justice Group, RAATSIC, Weipa Community Care, QLD Health and the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Constructive discussions were held as each of the stakeholders provided information on their services, frequency of their workshops and visitations to community, referral systems to access their services and a calendar to show what they do, where to contact them and how to get referred.

Farm Update

The Director Community, Cultural and Economic Development recently attended the Western Cape Futures Symposium and presented on the Napranum Community Farm. Key points of the presentation were the importance of the farm to support food security and build to be a sustainable economic business for the community in the future. The Director explained that the farm was identified by TCICA, in the Food Production Study, as an ideal location for an aquaponic and hydroponic system, that includes fish as well as fresh produce.

More information will be provided as further developments progress. Council is currently waiting on an outcome from funding applications for the purpose of staffing, infrastructure, materials and transportation. Discussions were held at the Symposium with a few of the local businesses that there is an interest in contracting to buy from the Farm. Other avenues of funding continue to be explored. Three Council staff will be attending a Master Aquaponics course from 2nd to 5th June.

EVENTS



Foundation Day Celebration

Event Details: Friday, 27th of June

Location: Napranum Foreshore

NAIDOC Week Celebration:

Event Details: Saturday, 13th of July

Location: Ruchook Festival Grounds

Napranum Council is inviting expressions of interest from stall holders who wish hold:

- Food Stalls
- Cultural art activities

This is a wonderful opportunity to share culinary delights and cultural artistry with the community during our annual celebration.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact:
Nadine Dick
Events Coordinator
Phone: 0428 198 664 or 07 4090 5600
Email: events@napranum.qld.gov.au

We look forward to your participation in making these events a vibrant and memorable occasion!









SERVICE MAPPING WORKSHOP

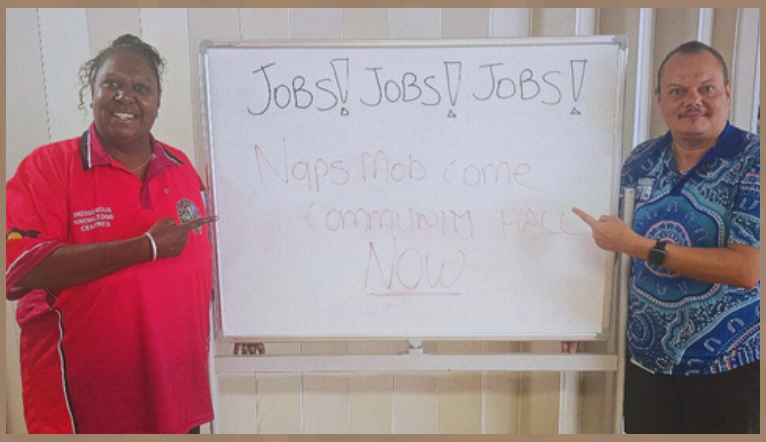
A Community Service Mapping session was recently held in Napranum, bringing together local stakeholders to share information about the services they currently provide to the community. The session created a valuable platform for organisations to outline their roles, highlight available programs, and identify areas where additional support may be needed. This open exchange allowed for a clearer understanding of the range of services offered in Napranum, from health and education to social and family support, and enabled participants to identify gaps and overlaps in service delivery.





The session also focused on strengthening collaboration among stakeholders by encouraging discussion around partnership opportunities and coordinated efforts. Participants explored how they could work together more effectively, streamline service delivery, and improve referral pathways between agencies. By mapping out existing referral processes, the session aimed to ensure that community members can access the right support at the right time. Overall, the event fostered a stronger sense of connection among service providers and reinforced the importance of a unified approach to supporting the Napranum community.

COMMUNITY JOBS INFORMATION DAY







On Tuesday 20th May, a Community Jobs Information Day was held at the Napranum Community Hall, providing residents with valuable insights into upcoming employment opportunities within the community. The event featured discussions on new positions becoming available in Napranum and guidance on how to apply, helping to connect job seekers with meaningful local employment. The session was led by the Director of Community Culture and Economic Development - Christine Rhazi, who provided detailed information and was on hand to answer any questions from community members. Also in attendance was the Nominated Supervisor of the Napranum Early Childhood Centre - Carmen Dixon, highlighting the importance of early years services in the local workforce. A big thank you to our dedicated Council staff and Principal Project Officer & Community Connector, Darren Wall, for the ongoing support with the Jobs Info Day and Service Mapping Workshop.

INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE CENTRE

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

Indigenous Knowledge Centres (IKCs) are a Queensland public information hub and library owned and operated by Indigenous Shire Councils, with assistance provided by the Library Board of Queensland (Library Board).

The IKC works in Napranum to document and record the local histories, stories and language as part of their local collections. IKCs coordinate a range of programs and activities that support the documentation, maintenance and preservation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages. Such activities may include recording language, conducting language workshops or culture love programs in their communities.

Other services provided by the Napranum IKC to community include:

- Loan of items
- Public access to Information Technology
- Public programs
- Family history research
- Preservation of materials

COMMUNITY VISITS



This is Aunty Ethel Pitt, a valued community member from Napranum who has a deep passion for reading. Ethel is a regular visitor to the Napranum IKC Maryann Coconut Library, where she stops by each week. During her visits, she usually borrows at least one book per week, or two books every fortnight. She even keeps an A4-sized list of all the books she has borrowed, which was kindly provided by Troy from the State Library of Queensland in Brisbane.
Ethel’s sister, Mariah Pitt from Mapoon, visited the IKC stall during the NECC 50 Years celebrations. She expressed interest in the display and took several books back with her to Mapoon, where she enjoys reading with the school children.
Both sisters shared that reading played a big role in their upbringing. I just wanted to share this lovely story with you.



Thank you!

Tammy Wees - IKC Coordinator



CORPORATE SERVICES





NECC Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Building Opening

After a few set backs and postponings, the NECC was able to celebrate 50 years in the building of which it operates out of on the 15th May. This building was officially opened in partnership with the Weipa Aborigine Society & Comalco (now Rio Tinto) back in 1975 and has come a long way in the past 50 years. Along with our NECC children, their families, stakeholders and members of community - we all came together to acknowledge the past 50 years of providing this essential service to our local children in Napranum. We want to say a special thank you to our MC of the day - Ms Sonia Schuh, who played an integral part in the NECC story for quite some time and shared her experiences of her time as director & teacher. We also would like to thank the teachers and wonderful students from the Kluthuthu Christian College who attended and sang their beautiful hymns as we started the celebrations. We have both Vide Frieberg and Inyika Nadredre to thank for bringing students from the Western Cape College who shared their favourite stories from when they were attending as NECC Kindergarten students, it was very special. Behind the scenes was a superwoman named Angela Lui who, with 4 business days notice, saved the day and cooked the most amazing meals for all of us to enjoy - thanks to Angela! The day couldn't have been a success without all the stakeholders who attended as well as the help from the NASC and all of the NECC Educators. Here's to another 50 years!













WE'RE HIRING

- **Painter**
- **Cabinet Maker**
- **School Bus Driver**
- **Group Leader – Napranum Early Childhood Centre**
- **Local Laws Officer**



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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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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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

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

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 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



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



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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