



NEWSLETTER

NAPRANUM ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

AUGUST ISSUE

Rangers Complete Hazard Reduction Burn-offs to Protect Community

The Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council Rangers have successfully completed a series of hazard reduction burn-offs around the community, ensuring that families, homes, and local facilities are better protected from the dangers of uncontrolled fires.

The Rangers explained that excessive grass and vegetation build-up can quickly become a fire hazard, especially during the dry season. Without careful management, these fuel loads can lead to random fires starting and spreading rapidly, putting people, property, and the environment at risk. By carrying out planned burn-offs, the team has reduced this danger and strengthened the community's fire safety.

The importance of the work was made even clearer when, just one night before the burn-offs began, a fire broke out and emergency services had to be called in to contain it. This incident highlighted the very real risk uncontrolled fires pose and the urgent need to reduce hazards around the community. The Rangers stressed that their program was not only about managing land, but also about protecting the lives and wellbeing of residents.

Over the two-week period, the Rangers worked across different parts of the community, carefully monitoring conditions and ensuring the burn-offs were carried out safely. They acknowledged that the process required patience from residents, with smoke and temporary access restrictions affecting daily routines. However, they emphasised that these short-term inconveniences were necessary to create long-term safety and reduce the risk of future emergencies.

The Rangers would like to sincerely thank community members for their understanding and support during this period. Their efforts show the importance of working together to look after the land and protect the community. The hazard reduction program is a vital part of preparing for the fire season, and the team remains committed to continuing this work in the future.

Our very own Book Launch Our Stories - From Napranum

Napranum recently celebrated the launch of the Our Stories from Napranum book, a powerful collection featuring the journeys of ten community members who have chosen to give up smoking and vaping, or not take it up in the first place. The book shares their personal stories of strength, resilience, and the positive changes they have made in their lives, inspiring others to think about their own choices around health and wellbeing.

The launch was a proud moment for the community, showcasing local voices and real experiences that encourage healthier lifestyles and support a smoke-free future for the next generation.





WORDS FROM CEO

Our next community meeting has been set for 17 September 2025 at the Splash Park. An open invitation is extended to all, as an opportunity for Council and community to yarn about current issues. Council has invited representatives from Housing and the Qld Police to listen to community voices on areas of concern.

A topic likely to be raised is Noise. Loud music, revving engines, or late-night gatherings can disturb families, children trying to rest for school, and our Elders.

Please remember to keep music at a respectful level, avoid

neighbours. A little courtesy goes a long way — together, we can make sure community is enjoyable and comfortable for everyone.

Animal control has also been raised at previous community meetings and yes, Council needs to get tough and gain some control over the current animal control issues; however, ultimately community members need to step up and take responsibility for their dogs.

It does reflect poorly on all of us to have dogs roaming community, messing in the streets, knocking over bins, fighting etc. Please shut gates and make an effort to keep dogs off the street.

Let's keep our streets safe and our community clean.



SNIPPETS FROM COUNCIL



- Council has approved an extension of the lease to the Department of Housing and Public Works of the small office in Napranum for a further period of two (2) years with a one (1) year extension option.
- Council has requested a 12-month extension to the Deadly Active Sport & Recreation Program with activities to be delivered by Council.
- Council is exploring an arrangement with a local business Rural Machinery & Mechanical Services for reactivation of Council's mechanical workshop.
- Council will offer a number of surplus fleet vehicle for sale via a public tender with applications limited to Napranum residents only. Further information on these tenders will be released soon.
- Council will send representatives to the Local Government Association of Qld (LGAQ) 2025 Annual Conference in October. The LGAQ is the peak body for local governments in Queensland, representing and advocating to the State and Federal Governments on common issues impacting communities. This conference is attended by all Queensland local governments to give policy direction to the LGAQ

Lockhart River Trip

Last week Councillors and I travelled to Lockhart River to meet with the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council to discuss common council issues and different ideas to support our communities.



Whilst there are number of differences in our communities many common challenges are faced with the reliance on external grant funding an ongoing issue. Discussions centred on exploring alternate revenue sources, retaining funding in community and supporting local business development.



Mayor Butcher and CEO Dave Clarke were terrific hosts showing us around their community. It was also wonderful to see a couple of Napranum ladies doing great things in Lockhart River. Emma Schuh showed Council through the Puuya Families Centre which is doing fantastic work in Lockhart supporting new mums, bub and families.





NAPRANUM ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

Let's Talk about our Community Priorities

- HOUSING DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR HOUSING OFFICER
- PROCESSING COMPLAINTS & COMMUNITY BEHAVIOUR WITH QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE
- ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE
- GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

COMMUNITY PUBLIC MEETING

AT NAPRANUM
FORESHORE

Food will be provided



4pm – 7pm

**Free &
Open to
the Public**



**Wednesday
17th September
2025**

4.00pm – 7.00pm
at Napranum Foreshore



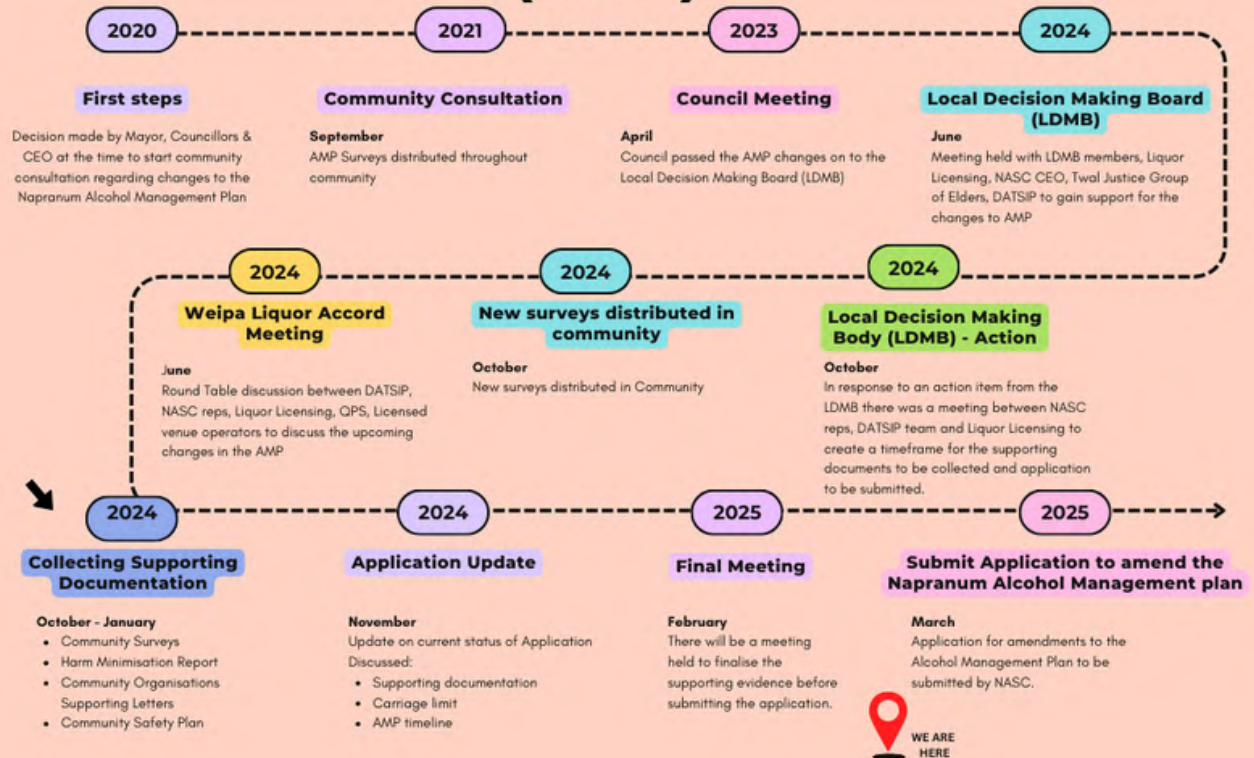
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ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT PLAN (AMP)

Timeline: Changes to Alcohol Management Plan (AMP)



NAPRANUM ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT PLAN (AMP) UPDATE

The Alcohol Management Plan (AMP) was first introduced in Napranum on 9 June 2003, strictly prohibiting the possession and consumption of alcohol within the community. While the plan was originally designed to reduce alcohol-related harm, community views and circumstances have changed over time, leading to ongoing conversations about possible amendments.

Over the past several years, Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council has been working through the formal process of applying to change the carriage limit. Surveys were distributed to community members, and the results showed strong support for change, with the majority of respondents wanting the carriage limit amended to allow for more flexibility while still maintaining community safety.

Council also held meetings with local service providers and received letters of support from key stakeholders, which were collated along with survey results and community feedback to strengthen the formal application. The proposal seeks for Napranum to adopt the same carriage limit our neighboring community, Mapoon, creating consistency across the region and better reflecting the views of residents.

Council is now in the final stage of the process, as shown in the AMP timeline diagram, and will inform the community of the outcome once a decision has been made. This journey has been guided by the voices of Napranum, and Council acknowledges the support of stakeholders, service providers, and residents who contributed their time and feedback.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

What is your name and/or nickname?

Ben

Where do you call home?

Originally from Gordonvale near Cairns.

What do you do for Council?

Water and Wastewater Supervisor

What inspired you to join the team here?

Working with Water and Indigenous communities in the Cape and Torres Strait has been something I've been doing for nearly my whole career based out of Cairns and when this role came up it was a great opportunity to do the role full time.

How do you overcome challenges in your work?

Stay calm, make a plan and work through the challenge as a team to reach a solution.

What do you like to do outside of work time?

Get outdoors to the beach or river with my partner and dog. Fishing and exercise.

Is there a fun fact about you that your colleagues might not know?

Grade 12 age champion at school for swimming.

If you could master a new skill instantly, what would it be?

Master chef skills

If you could have dinner with any historical figure, who would it be and why?

Genghis Khan, I read a book series on him growing up that was really interesting.

If you were stranded on a deserted Island, what would you want to have with you?

EPIRB

What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?

One foot in front of another completes a journey of a 1000 miles.

What would you like to be known/remembered for?

Providing a positive impact on those around me.



COMMUNITIES, CULTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Events

EVENTS

Daffodil Day 2025

Our community came together to support Daffodil Day, raising important funds for the Cancer Council while enjoying a day of connection and awareness. The free sausage sizzle was a big hit, with community members, visitors and Council staff stopping by to donate and show their support.

This event would not have been possible without the dedication of our amazing staff. I would like to extend my utmost gratitude to Candice, Bulu, Ada and Tam who gave their time and energy on the day. Your efforts in setting up, serving, engaging with the community and helping with donations were key to making this event a success.

I also thank all staff who contributed through donations and behind-the-scenes support. Every effort made a difference and demonstrated the spirit of teamwork and care within our community.

Together, we not only raised valuable funds for life-saving cancer research and support services but also strengthened the message of hope that Daffodil Day represents.

Nadine Dick
Events Coordinator



UPCOMING EVENTS

Get Ready Queensland

Date: Saturday, 18th October
Time: 9 AM - 12 PM
Venue: Napranum Foreshore

Date: Tuesday, 28th October
Time: 4 PM - 7 PM
Venue: Napranum Foreshore

DOGIT Day

Community Xmas Party

Date: Saturday 6th December
Time: 12 PM - 3 PM
Venue: Napranum Community Hall



GET INVOLVED!

If you'd like a stall at DOGIT Day or want to help out at Council events, contact the Council Office on 07 4090 5600 and ask to speak to Nadine.



NAPRANUM ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

DOGIT DAY celebrations

DATE: Tuesday 28th October

TIME: 4pm to 7pm

(stall holders to set up from 3pm)

VENUE: Napranum Foreshore

Be Part of the DOGIT
Day Fun - Book Your
Stall Now!

Market Stall Food Stall

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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COMMUNITIES, CULTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Community Engagement BBQ – Supporting Men’s Programs

In early August, Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council hosted a Community Engagement BBQ to promote the upcoming Men’s Programs and the National Justice Reinvestment initiatives that will be rolled out in the community this year. The BBQ created a relaxed and welcoming space for local men to come together, share ideas, and have their voices heard.

During the event, Community and Social Justice Manager, Bulu Davui, surveyed men from the community to gather input on the types of activities, programs, and support they would like to see. This feedback will play a key role in shaping future initiatives that focus on men’s wellbeing, cultural strength, and positive pathways for the community.

Council thanks everyone who attended and contributed to the conversation, helping to ensure these programs are community-led and meaningful for Napranum men.





**THE NEXT GENERATION:
STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**

NAIDOC
COMMUNITY DAY
THURSDAY 4 SEPT
12:25 PM
WCC, EASTERN OVAL



☐ CULTURAL DANCING & SINGING ☐ NAIDOC CUP FOOTBALL
☐ LOCAL HISTORY DISPLAY



COMMUNITIES, CULTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Special Visitor at the Napranum IKC

On Thursday 21st August 2025, the Napranum IKC Maryann Coconut Library welcomed a special visitor, Denise Hansell from Apunipima, who was in community for work and also took part in the Daffodil Day Event held by Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council in front of the Shire Office.

During her short visit, Denise expressed how much she enjoyed her time at the Library. She shared that her role with Apunipima focuses on supporting clients around Drugs and Alcohol through referrals and in partnership with other local services. With a strong counselling background, Denise also mentioned she is happy to assist anyone in community who may need that support.

In our yarn, Denise spoke about her previous visit to the Mapoon IKC, where she gained valuable local knowledge from Jason Jia. She said the displays and setting there were very different from Napranum's IKC, but

just as interesting. At the Napranum IKC, she particularly enjoyed looking at the cultural resources on display, sparking conversations about different cultures, communities, and languages.

Originally from Kuranda, Denise told us she always enjoys her work trips up to Cape York and is already looking forward to her next visit to Napranum.

We thank Denise for stopping by and sharing her time and knowledge with us.

Kluthuthu Christian College Students Visit Napranum IKC

On Monday 4th August 2025, the Napranum IKC Maryann Coconut Library welcomed Vernon, Principal of Kluthuthu Christian College, and four students for a special one-hour visit at 1:30pm. The purpose of their visit was to conduct research on the History of Weipa and Napranum.

During their time in the Library, the children engaged in conversations with Tam and were excited to share their own knowledge about Napranum people and country. They also



learned to identify the five Clan Groups of this Central Regional Traditional Owner area, along with their totems:

Anathangayth	Alngith
Peppan	Thanikwithi
Wathayn	

Vernon noted that while the students gained valuable insights, there was far more to learn than could be covered in just an hour. He expressed his interest in building a stronger working relationship between Kluthuthu Christian College and the Napranum IKC, for the benefit of staff and the next generation – the Children of Napranum.

COMMUNITIES, CULTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day 2025

On Monday 4th August 2025, Tam attended the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day celebrations held at the Napranum Foreshore Splash Park from 10:00am.

It was a wonderful morning filled with colour, laughter, and energy. The Napranum Early Childhood Centre (NECC) students especially enjoyed themselves, spending time swimming and playing together in the water.

Parents and Learning (PAL) representatives, Patricia Schuh and Relena Ara, had already set up a vibrant stall, which Tam was able to join. Together, they prepared a variety of activities for the children once they finished swimming. These included:

- Colouring and drawing
- Reading and story time
- Play-based activities

Each child also received a special take-home bag filled with reading resources, colouring sheets, balloons, and other fun giveaways.

The morning was filled with joy and community spirit, with both children and adults enjoying the celebrations. Events like these highlight the importance of honouring and celebrating our children, culture, and families.

We look forward to making next year's National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day even bigger and brighter!

Veronica Convent Visits the IKC

On 28th August 2025, the Napranum IKC Maryann Coconut Library was pleased to welcome Veronica Convent, who shared some wonderful stories from her recent travels to Lockhart River. She spoke about spending time on the beautiful beaches fishing, hunting, and gathering, and how meaningful it was to connect with Elders, families, and children while sharing cultural knowledge and enjoying time together on Country.

Veronica also shared her excitement about the upcoming Cape Cluster Football Carnival 2025, which was being held that weekend in Lockhart River. She said the carnival was



more than just a sporting event—it was a chance to see her extended family from Hopevale and celebrate community spirit.

During her visit, Veronica encouraged everyone to live a healthy lifestyle by eating bush tucker and seafood, drinking water, exercising daily, and staying smoke-free. She explained that making good choices and setting positive goals are important for a strong and happy life.

Her visit to the IKC was a reminder that the library is not only a place for reading, but also a space for storytelling, cultural exchange, and inspiration. By hosting visitors like Veronica, the IKC continues to strengthen community connection and pass on valuable knowledge to the next generation.



ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY



Animal Management Officer – Michael (Mick) Fatnowna

Napranum's Animal Management Officer, Michael (Mick) Fatnowna, is dedicated to keeping our community safe and caring for our animals. Mick recently completed his Certificate IV in Animal Management and is excited to share more about responsible pet care.

A new Animal Care Facility is now being built in Napranum, which will help manage stray animals, provide care, and support community education.

Mick is also a trained snake handler and is available to remove dangerous snakes when needed. He looks forward to working with the community to create a safer, healthier place for both people and animals.



Water Operations Training at Napranum Council

Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council is proud to be hosting Water Operations training, with participants from Aurukun, Lockhart River, Pormpuraaw, Mapoon, Kowanyama, and Napranum.

Each community has had the opportunity to host one training block, giving participants valuable local experience. The group is now in their fifth block and close to completing their Certificate III in Water Operations.

This program is helping build skills, strengthen networks, and ensure safe and reliable water services across Cape York communities. Congratulations to all participants (pictured above) on their hard work and commitment.

CORPORATE SERVICES

NAPRANUM EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

This month, to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, we took the children on a special excursion to the Splash Park, and this was a fun way for the children to connect, play, and celebrate together.

The day was filled with laughter, water play, and friendship. The Splash Park gave the children opportunities to explore, build social skills, and enjoy the outdoors while honouring the importance of culture and identity. It was a joyful way to recognise and celebrate our children and the important place they hold in our community.

We were also joined by a representative from the local IKC and members of the PAL group, who helped make the day even more special. They shared in the celebration and gifted the children goodie bags, which the children were very excited to receive.

Prep Play Days at the Primary School

Our kindergarten children recently took part in two Prep Play Days at the local primary school as part of their transition to school program. The first day was Science themed, filled with fun hands-on experiments and discovery play. The second day was Book Week themed, where the children enjoyed stories, dress-ups, and activities that sparked their love of reading.

These visits gave the children a chance to explore the school environment, meet teachers, and spend time with future classmates, helping them build confidence and excitement as they get ready for Prep next year.

Good News Story – Congratulations!

We are so excited to celebrate with Miss Shar, who has just graduated with her Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care! 🎉

The children, families, and our whole team are so lucky to have her care, and dedication each day. This is a huge milestone, and we are all so proud of the hard work she has put in to achieve this qualification. This is a significant milestone that reflects her commitment, dedication, and passion for providing quality education and care to children.

We congratulate Miss Shar on this achievement and look forward to supporting her as she continues to grow and contribute to our team and community.



CORPORATE SERVICES

Celebrating Achievements and Caring for Our Elders at Napranum Aged Disabilities Services (NADS)

At NADS, we are proud to celebrate the achievements and contributions of our community members. Recently, Justine Miller (pictured in green) successfully completed her Food Safety Certificate in just two days. Alongside her, Regina Mene, wearing the NAIDOC work shirt, also completed her Food Safety Certificate within the same timeframe.

We are very proud of these two ladies and their commitment to learning. Their next step will be to complete CPR and First Aid certifications, further building their skills to support our community.



PROVIDED AT NADS

- Local workforce providing care with family and community connections
- Cultural activities and yarnning circles included in programs
- Monthly pampering sessions for Elders (foot soaks, massages, hair care)
- Transport services for medical appointments, shopping, and social outings
- Staff regularly upskilling with new certificates (Food Safety, CPR, First Aid)
- Monthly Bingo Days with Weipa Hospital Aged Care friends



Bingo Days with Our Elders

Another exciting moment at NADS is the introduction of monthly Bingo Days in partnership with our friends from Aged Care at Weipa Hospital. These days are filled with laughter, connection, and joy, strengthening bonds between elders across communities.

Pampering and Wellbeing for Our Elders

Here at NADS, we believe our elders should be cared for, pampered, and celebrated. As part of this, I have been running monthly pampering sessions for both our female and male elders. These sessions include:

Foot soaks, scrubs, and relaxing foot massages

Hair washing, trims, and styling

As a qualified beauty therapist and co-franchise owner of Ultra Essences in Mackay, I have drawn on my skills, knowledge, and passion to give back to remote communities such as ours. It is my hope to see more elders visiting NADS to enjoy these services and the care they so deserve.

Looking Ahead

My ultimate passion for giving back goes beyond aged care. I am working towards designing a cosmetic product that supports Indigenous women and men of all cultures – a corrective skin cream, foundation, and oil developed with care and respect.

This is only the beginning – watch this space as we continue to grow, celebrate, and give back to our community.

PCYC NAPRANUM

TOUCH FOOTBALL OPPORTUNITY

Our youth had the opportunity to learn skills and drills by the team from Queensland Touch Football.

Great work Aaliyah on receiving player of the match. Our younger youth enjoyed skipping with Marie Pitt and we finished the afternoon off with a fun game of AFL with Ida from AFL Cape York.



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

We were pleased to support community and agencies by hosting a two-day mental health first aid workshop.

Thank you Jos from Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, for delivering the workshop and providing everyone with important information and tools that will support the well-being of others.



PCYC NAPRANUM



INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER TO OUR TEAM

We are pleased to introduce Ernest Madua Jnr as the newest member of our team.

Ernest possesses extensive knowledge that will be invaluable in supporting our youth.

Everyone was excited to see Ernest don the PCYC uniform. A warm welcome to Ernest!!!!

HEALTH THROUGH NUTRITION

A wonderful visit by Dr Natalie Pink and Kayla Schroeder (Dietitian) from Cape York Kidney Team, Queensland Health Weipa.

Our youth got to cook quick, easy and delicious pizza cups while discussing nutrition and kidney health.

An easy healthy recipe that they make at home.



NATIONAL STUDENT VOLUNTEER WEEK

Recently, we recognised the impact that our youth make in giving back to the club and their community. This year's theme POWERED BY PURPOSE shines a light on the motivations that drive young people to volunteer.

We celebrated our wonderful student volunteers with a sunset walk and yarn... followed by dinner at Barramunchies. Weipa Camping Ground



PCYC NAPRANUM



SUCCESS THROUGH DETERMINATION AND AMBITION

We are thrilled to recognise Christine Miskin's remarkable achievement!

Christine's tireless efforts and commitment to academic excellence have yielded impressive results. Her successful completion of PrepL yesterday marks a significant milestone on her journey to obtaining a learner licence. As an active participant in our Youth Leadership Team and the PCYC Duke of Edinburgh Program, Christine has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership skills, serving as a positive influence among her peers.

Well done, Christine, on achieving this notable milestone!

YEAR 12 FORMAL UPDATE

PCYC Napranum in conjunction with Formally Ever After, Western Cape College, El La's Nail Bar and volunteers will be providing free formal dresses and suits, shoes, jewellery hair and makeup to all year 12 graduates.

We have arranged for Axel the Barber to attend the day before the big event for haircuts.

More details provided on our Facebook: [pcycnapranum](https://www.facebook.com/pcycnapranum)



VACANCIES

PCYC Napranum has the following vacancies:

We are looking for dedicated persons interested in helping us to inspire and guide Napranum youth!

- Club and Culture Coordinaor – Full Time – working Monday to Friday with the occasional Saturday afternoon shift – 38hrs a week.
- Club Operations Support Officer (admin) – Full Time: working Monday to Friday 38hrs a week.

Please contact Club Manager on 0438 297 788 for application details

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Supporting Western Cape College with their NAIDOC WEEK of celebrations 01/09/2025 to Friday 05/09/2025
- Youth attendance at Wolverton Horse Wisdom Program 5 to 07/09/2025
- Child Protection Week 7-13/09/2025 – Amazing Race at Club 09/09/2025
- Indigenous Literacy Day 08/09/2025
- R U OK Day? – 11/09/2025
- Youth attendance at Wolverton Horse Wisdom Program - 12-14/09/2025
- Love Bites Workshop Training (healthy relationships) – 15-17/09/2025
- School Holidays – 20/09/2025 to 05/10/2025 (program will be posted on pcycnapranum and Napranum Community Facebooks pages.

PCYC NAPRANUM

Our 12 seater bus departs from PCYC at 6.30am and will make its way around houses in Napranum for collection of all school students. Children will be transported to PCYC where they will be provided with breakfast and lunch for school.

Junior students will walk to bus stop (with a staff member) at around 7.15am.

If your child attends the WCC junior or St Josephs school we kindly ask that your child is ready for pickup between 6.30-7.00am.



We warmly welcome all
community members and
visitors to drop in and see
the amazing achievements
of our youth.

WHAT'S THE HAPS IN NAPS!



Free Sausage Sizzle

Mapoon BBQ
Monday the 8th of September
Mapoon Splash Park
11am - 2pm

Napranum BBQ
Wednesday the 10th of September
Napranum Splash Park
10am - 1pm

We invite everyone to join us for our R U OK? BBQ
A chance to connect, share information, and gain practical
tips on how to start meaningful conversations and ask,
'R U OK?' in a supportive way.

What Is R U OK Day?
R U OK? Day is a day of action that encourages
people to check in with friends, family,
colleagues, and community members by
asking, "Are you OK?" Its aim is to promote open
conversations about mental health, raise
awareness of suicide prevention, and remind
people that a simple, caring question can
make a big difference to someone who
might be struggling.



R U OK?



**WEIPA
COMMUNITY
CARE**

Napranum will be marking R U OK? Day with a special community event hosted by the Weipa Community Care workers on Wednesday 10th September at the Napranum Splash Park. The day is all about checking in on each other, having a yarn, and promoting mental health and wellbeing in a relaxed, friendly space. Everyone is encouraged to come along, enjoy a chat, and connect with others while tucking into a free sausage sizzle.

It's a great opportunity to show support, strengthen community ties, and remind each other that a simple conversation can make a big difference.



**THE NEXT GENERATION:
STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**

NAIDOC

WCC OPENING CEREMONY

MONDAY 1 SEPT

9:15 am - 10:30 am

**Western Cape College
WISH**





Western Cape College Weipa Campus is preparing to host its upcoming NAIDOC celebrations, and the whole community is warmly invited to take part. This year's NAIDOC theme, The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy, is a reminder of the strength, resilience, and ongoing cultural pride of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The celebrations will include cultural performances, traditional activities, and student-led presentations that showcase the talents and voices of our young people. It is a chance for our children to stand proudly in their culture while sharing it with their peers, families, and the wider community.

By coming along, you will not only support the efforts of the students but also help ensure that culture and history are celebrated and passed on to the next generation. NAIDOC is a time to come together, reflect on the importance of keeping culture strong, and acknowledge the contributions and achievements of First Nations people. We encourage everyone to attend and join in this special celebration at Western Cape College.

Dovetail

supporting the youth alcohol
and drug sector in Queensland



Young People and Drugs (YPAD) workshop, Weipa
Enrichment Centre, Western Cape College.
Central Ave, Weipa 4874
Thursday 4 September 2025
9am-4:30pm

This full-day workshop is for practitioners who work directly with young people aged 12 - 25 years in a one-on-one capacity. This includes youth workers, AOD workers/clinicians, child safety officers, youth justice workers, residential care workers, youth support coordinators, school-based youth health nurses, Indigenous health workers, mental health professionals, guidance officers and employment and vocational staff.

The training provides an overview of youth alcohol and other drug (AOD) use including:

- history, context, and background to AOD policy in Australia
- stats and current trends in youth AOD use
- understanding AOD-related harm
- responding to AOD-related risk
- building resilience with young people
- engagement and assessment
- matching interventions to readiness for change (stages of change)
- motivational interviewing concepts and practices
- practical tips for working with young people with AOD issues.

Cost: Free!

Registration essential: https://insight.qld.edu.au/training/20250904_YPAD_WEIPA/detail

Facilitators: Karl Lacis & Laura Quinlan

Phone: (07) 3837 5621 **Email:** dovetail@health.qld.gov.au

Note: The event is not catered, kitchenette available and local lunch options close by.

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WOMEN'S WELLBEING PROJECT PLANNING

2025
WEDNESDAY | 15TH OCT | 9AM - 2PM

SUZIE MADUA HALL
MORNING TEA & LUNCH PROVIDED

A planning session for Napranum Women to contribute towards the Women's Wellbeing Project Plan 2025

Session includes:

- Discussions focused on our Women & Girls
- Our vision
- Our priorities, plan and activities
- Project delivery

Napranum Community is preparing for an important project planning day that will shine a light on Women's Business and provide a dedicated space for local women to come together and share their ideas for the future. This gathering will give Napranum women the chance to speak openly about what matters most to them, with the goal of setting clear priorities that can guide future programs and opportunities. The day will focus on building strength through culture, supporting health and wellbeing, creating safe spaces for families, and looking at how education, training, and employment pathways can be improved for women of all ages. It will also explore ways to encourage stronger leadership and mentoring roles for women within the community, ensuring that their voices are represented in decision-making. By working together, the planning day will not only highlight the challenges faced by Napranum women but also celebrate their resilience, knowledge, and leadership, helping to create a practical roadmap for projects that reflect their needs and aspirations.

The Indigenous Licensing Unit is a specialised service that helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with all aspects of driver licensing and road safety. Their role is to make the licensing system more accessible by providing support with learner's permits, provisional licences, renewals, and identification requirements. They also offer assistance with booking and preparing for driving tests, helping people to build confidence and gain the skills they need to become safe drivers. Having a licence is not only important for independence but also opens up more opportunities for employment, education, and participation in community life. The Indigenous Licensing Unit works closely with communities to break down barriers that often make it difficult to get a licence, such as lack of access to proper ID, transport, or training. Their upcoming visit to Napranum in September will give local community members the chance to receive one-on-one help, ask questions, and complete parts of the licensing process without having to travel away. This visit is a valuable opportunity to support Napranum residents in gaining their licences, which in turn strengthens community safety, mobility, and opportunities for the future.

Department of Transport and Main Roads

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Come see the Indigenous Drivers Licensing Unit in Mapoon & Napranum

TUESDAY 9 September 2025	Sports & Recreation Meeting Room - Mapoon 8:30am - 4:00pm	Licence Testing (Written & Practical), Licensing & ID Services and all enquiries
WEDNESDAY 10 September 2025	Sports & Recreation Meeting Room - Mapoon 8:30am - 4:00pm	Licence Testing (Written & Practical), Licensing & ID Services and all enquiries
THURSDAY 11 September 2025	Suzie Madua Hall Napranum 8:30am - 4:00pm	Licence Testing (Written & Practical), Licensing & ID Services and all enquiries

Learner Licence Testing at 1:00pm daily

Practical Driving Tests
It is now a requirement that the Hazard Perception Test is completed before doing a driving test.

For more information, visit
<https://www.qld.gov.au/hazardperceptiontest>

Applicants must provide a vehicle for testing.
IDLU do not provide a vehicle.

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App now available
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No Cash - EFTPOS available | Bring all I.D - Originals only

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NAPRANUM ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

JOBS INFORMATION DAY

DON'T HAVE A RESUME? WE CAN HELP!
DON'T HAVE A COVER LETTER? WE CAN HELP!
COME SEE THE TEAM AT COUNCIL!

• COMMUNITY PATROL COORDINATOR • COMMUNITY PATROL WORKERS • COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR • COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS MALE/FEMALE • DATA/ADMIN OFFICER • COMMUNITY YOUTH ENGAGEMENT OFFICER	<u>EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST</u> • PART-TIME SPORTS & RECREATION OFFICER • COMMUNITY FARM SUPERVISOR • COMMUNITY FARM WORKERS
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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

APPLY NOW

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Please call Candice or Bulu

RESUME & COVER LETTERS CAN BE SENT TO

07 4090 5600

hr@napranum.qld.gov.au

Upcoming Job Opportunities at Council

Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council is excited to announce new job opportunities for local community members. These positions have been created within the Community, Culture & Economic Development team at Council.

The new roles will support important community programs that focus on safety, wellbeing, and positive pathways for our people. This is a great chance for local residents to step into meaningful work, build skills, and make a difference in Napranum.

If you are interested in learning more about these upcoming positions, please reach out to: Bulu Davui – Community & Social Justice Manager and/or Candice Jenkins – Community Services Manager. Both Bulu and Candice are available at Council to provide further information and support for community members who would like to apply.



Upcoming Referee Course in Napranum

Napranum will soon be hosting a Referee Course, and everyone in the community is invited to take part. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is passionate about sport and would like to build their skills and knowledge while working towards becoming a qualified referee.

The course is open to all, whether you are already involved in local competitions, looking to volunteer, or simply wanting to learn more about the rules and responsibilities of refereeing. Participants will gain valuable training, practical experience, and the chance to contribute to the growth of sport in our community.

We encourage community members of all ages to come along, get involved, and take this step towards supporting fair play and strong sporting opportunities in Napranum.



Interested in becoming a Rugby League Referee?



☒ 16 years or older?
☒ Keen to get involved in your community?

Start by completing the 16+ Community Referee E-Learning Modules online:

<https://learn.playrugbyleague.com/ilp/pages/coursedescription.jsf?courseId=7421495>

The 16+ Community Referee E-Learning module must be completed online before enrolling for the face-to-face workshop.

OPEN TO NAPRANUM AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

For help or more information, please visit the Napranum Council Office or contact the Events Coordinator Nadine Dick - 0428198664 or email events@napranum.qld.gov.au


 ABN 43 593 215 992

INVITATION



*Art & Craft-shell painting,
Canvas Art, Weaving, Beads making, Earing making
Shell art, String art, Cooking, etc..

WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

Wednesday 3rd September

*Conversations on
Women's Health with Professionals*

Commencing 9am - 1pm

YOU ARE WELCOME

Artwork by Tam Bower

For more Info
Contact: Bow Vatuloka
Druamalon Women's Centre
Coordinator

 Jean Hailes
Women's Health Week®

Jean Hailes is supported by funding from the Australian Government. 2025

DRUAMALON WOMEN'S CENTRE
IS HOSTING A GET-TOGETHER ON
WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK FOR
WOMEN OF NAPRANUM.
WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

*Morning
Tea &
LUNCH WILL BE
PROVIDED*

Ph: 0477 100 008

WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE



It has been wonderful to see our students return from the Cairns Show full of smiles, excitement, and plenty of stories to share. The buzz around school has been amazing, and we're ready to keep that energy flowing for the rest of Term 3!

Week 9 Attendance Challenge:

If your child attends all 5 days in Week 9, they'll go into the draw to win an official Cowboys training jersey. What a great reason to show up every day and give it your best!

Remember: Every day counts in building strong habits for learning.

 **Adventure Based Learning (ABL) – Growing Strong Together**

Our students have been shining in Adventure Based Learning activities this term. Through teamwork challenges and outdoor learning, they're building confidence, cooperation, and resilience.

Teachers have shared how proud they are:

"It's been fantastic to see students encouraging each other and stepping up as leaders." These experiences are setting our students up not only for success at school but also for life.

Prep Transition Days – Join Us!

Starting Prep is a big step, and our Transition Days are a great way to make the journey easier and more exciting.

Upcoming Transition Days:

- 29 August
- 3 September

Please note: There will be no bus service from Napranum on Friday 29 August, but families are warmly encouraged to attend and join their children for the day.

Here to Support – Contact Inyika

I'll be out in the community on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays doing home visits, and you may also receive a phone call from me. If you or your child need any support with attendance, wellbeing, or general concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'm here to help, listen, and walk alongside our families to make sure every child has the best chance to succeed.

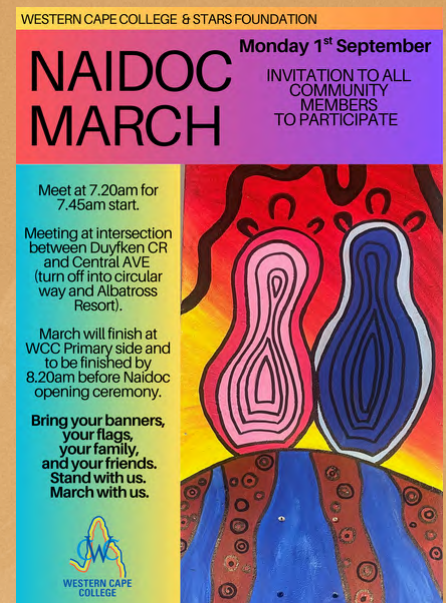
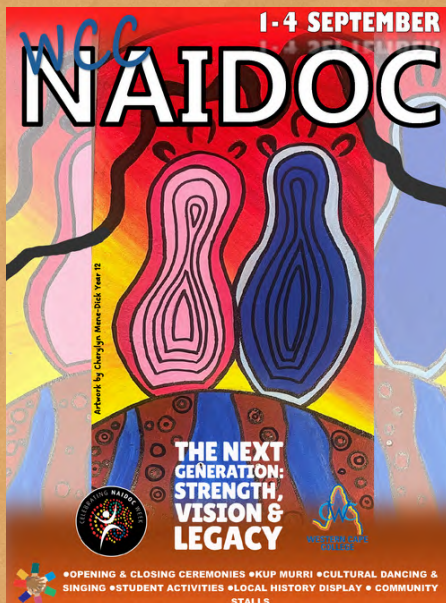
Stay Connected

Keep an eye out for more updates, reminders, and event details as the term continues. Together, let's celebrate attendance, learning, and community.

With your support, Term 3 will be a success for every child in Napranum! ✨

– Inyika, CEC Primary

WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE



Invitation to WCC NAIDOC Celebrations – Week 8

Dear Napranum Families,

We are excited to invite you to join us for Western Cape College's NAIDOC Week celebrations in Week 8 (Monday 1 September – Thursday 4 September). This is a special time to come together as a community to celebrate culture, stories, and strength.

Community NAIDOC March – Monday 1 September

The week will begin with a Community NAIDOC March, facilitated by our STARS Foundation, starting 7:45am in Weipa and finishing at the Primary School by 8:20am.

This invitation is open to all members of the Weipa and Napranum communities – come walk with us and show your support!

Opening Ceremony – Monday 1 September

At 9:15am, join us in the WISH Building for our Opening Ceremony, featuring:

Singing and cultural performances

Speeches from Elders and community members

Student voices sharing what NAIDOC means to them

Excursions & Incursions Throughout the Week

Throughout the week, students from Prep, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5, Year 7, and Year 9 will take part in a range of excursions and incursions.

Permission forms can be accessed via QParents or by contacting Alice or Inyika (CECs).

Closing Celebrations – Thursday 4 September

On Thursday, students will enjoy a morning of activities, community stalls, and feasting. From 12:25pm, families and community are warmly invited to join us for:

Student and community performances

The exciting NAIDOC Cup Rugby League Game: WCC boys vs. Tagai State College on the Secondary School Oval

We hope to see families and community members join us across the week as we celebrate NAIDOC 2025 together.

WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE

New Staff Shirts Celebrate Community Connection

Western Cape College is proud to unveil our new staff shirts, which were designed to showcase the strength, culture, and unity of our college and our communities.

The design incorporates the artworks by Napranum artist Lance Motton and Mapoon artist Sandra Ase, bringing together the stories and knowledge from both communities. Their work represents the importance of co-design, two-way learning and cultural pride across the Western Cape.

Staff wore the shirts for the first time this week, and the response has been one of excitement and pride. The shirts are much more than a uniform – they are a visible reminder of our partnership with community and the strong cultural foundations we live and work on.

You'll see our teachers and staff wearing them at school, around town, and during the NAIDOC celebrations. We hope these shirts continue to spark conversations and reflect the deep respect we hold for the communities we serve.



KLUTHUTHU CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Foundation Day /NAIDOC Week / iPad Launch / Enrolment Drive – 14 – 18 July 2025

The term began with KCC celebrating Foundation Day (KCC's 3rd Birthday), NAIDOC Week, iPad Launch, Enrolment Drive and a Cairns Excursion! The students were not only excited about receiving a piece of the birthday cake but were exhilarated when they each received an iPad to enhance their learning! This was a week of celebration and fun!



A MASTERCLASS IN BASKETBALL

The Weipa Running Festival

Four students and Mr Clark participated in this great event sponsored by Indigenous Marathon Foundation!

The participants celebrated this event with a hearty and wholesome breakfast at the Heritage!



Alex Loughton and his team of professional basketballers – Loughton 40 Hoops – delivered a masterclass to the KCC basketball enthusiasts at the Napranum PCYC.



MAPOON ENTERTAINMENT



**MAPOON
PAANJA FESTIVAL**

26-28 September 2025

**BARRA BASH
FISHING COMP** | **CULTURAL DANCE
COMPETITION**

Food Stalls, Kids Amusements, Art Workshops, Art and Photo Exhibitions, Market Stalls, Live Music and Fireworks



Contact | Lou Akenson - Events Coordinator on 0427 301 315 or Kevin Mananton on (07) 4082 5210

Out of the ashes we have arisen



**MAPOON
PAANJA FESTIVAL**

26-28 September 2025

**R.3.B - PLAYING SATURDAY NIGHT 27
SEPTEMBER 2025**

**WALKER BROTHERS AND THE CURRY
MOB - PLAYING ACROSS THE WHOLE
WEEKEND**

Contact | Lou Akenson - Events Coordinator on 0427 301 315 or Kevin Mananton on (07) 4082 5210

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MAPOON PAANJA AND BARRA BASH FESTIVAL

26-28 September 2025



**MAJOR
PRIZE**

Battle it out for a \$10,000 dance prize or reel in the win with a Quintrex 420 Renegade + 50hp Yamaha up for grabs in the Barra Bash!

Don't miss your chance to be part of the action - sign up now!

A weekend full of food stalls, kids amusements, art workshops, art and photo exhibitions, market stalls, live music and firework.



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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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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 specialise 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



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)

Church service: Every Sunday 10am - 12pm
lunch provided

Prayer meeting: Every Saturday 6am-7am

Combined Service:

Sunday 25th August 5pm

For 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 Maintenance 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

