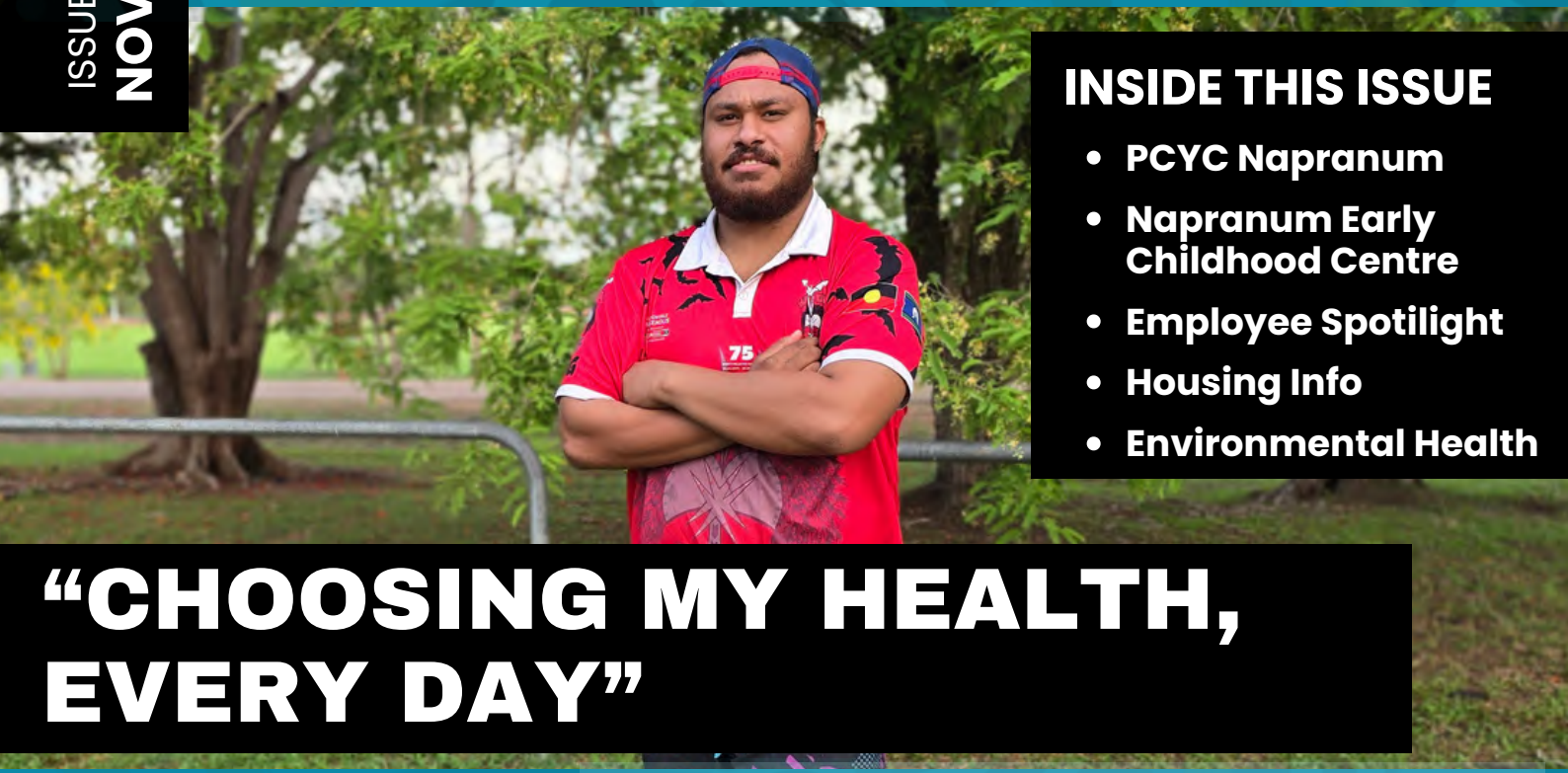
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NEWSLETTER



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"CHOOSING MY HEALTH, EVERY DAY"



Napranum's young people are stepping up, working hard, and shaping a healthy and positive future for themselves. Congratulations to Shayle and Rayesh on their personal and professional achievements.



Read more of Rayesh's story on page 4

Shayle Jackonia's Health & Fitness Journey: A Rising Role Model in Napranum

At just 21 years old, Shayle Jackonia has become a powerful example of discipline, commitment, and positive change for young men in Napranum. His health and fitness journey began this year, sparked by a simple goal — to participate in the Napranum Runners and Walkers group while working with PCYC.

With no men's training sessions available at the time, Shayle then decided to join his mother, Baressa Jackonia, at the Cape Sisters training sessions. This became his first step toward building a healthier lifestyle. Not long after, he progressed into one-on-one training with his uncle and mentor, Bulu Davui, at Andoom Oval, determined to push himself further and stay committed.

Throughout his journey, Shayle expressed a strong desire to train on the Napranum Oval, but its poor condition made this challenging.

What began as a personal commitment quickly grew into a positive wave of influence. As boys in Napranum watched Shayle's consistency and transformation, they were inspired to join him. Today, there have been 13 boys that have attended and trained alongside him in regular fitness sessions — a clear sign that positive change spreads when someone is brave enough to step forward first.

Shayle believes it is important to encourage the young men and boys attending the sessions to practise positive self-talk, build discipline, and learn the basics of good nutrition, especially how to properly fuel their bodies. He has been sharing his journey and inspiring others to consider a healthier and stronger mindset and body.

To support his goals, Shayle made major lifestyle changes — beginning with a month on the carnivore diet, before transitioning into a balanced and healthy eating plan that better supported long-term fitness and wellbeing. He has stayed consistent with his training sessions and maintained a healthier relationship with food understanding what works for him.

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WORDS FROM CEO



Locality change
Council has been working with the Department of Resources to create an official locality name for the township of Napranum.

Currently, community is included as part of the Mission River locality which means several government departments (and emergency services) have our addresses listed as Mission River. The proposal is to change the locality name of the community to Napranum to reduce any confusion between the township name and the locality name.

Information about the proposal is available on the website: www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/title/place-names/proposals-decisions.

Public consultation on this proposal opened on 28 November 2025 and will continue until 9 January 2026.

Western Cape Training Awards
It was fantastic to see Rayesh take out the top award at last month's Western Cape Training Awards, being awarded the overall Apprentice of the Year for the Western Cape Region.
This came on top of her earlier win in the Combined Trades Apprentice category (a group of four different trades).
These honours are well deserved acknowledgment and recognition of Rayesh, who is completing her third year as an Apprentice Painter & Decorator with Council.
Rayesh's dedication and commitment has been evident all through her apprenticeship and she can be justifiably proud of her achievements. **(Read more on page 4)**

Annual Report 2024/25
Council has adopted its annual report for the 2024/2025 financial year, which includes the full audited financial statements for the 2024/25 financial year.
A copy of the Annual Report is available on Council's website:- https://www.napranum.qld.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Napranum-Aboriginal-Shire-Council-Annual-Report-2024-2025.pdf

Snippets from the Council Table

- Council has received the External Audit 2025 Report from the Queensland Audit Office. The audit is undertaken to review Council's internal controls and financial information to ensure good governance and fiscal management.
- Council has endorsed redevelopment of the abandoned properties in Lee Ding Street to construct a number of 1-bedroom dwellings. Council will work with the Department of Housing to fund the construction.
- A draft Cultural Awareness Policy has been developed which will be referred to the Napranum Closing the Gap Group for review prior to wider community consultation.
- Council has agreed to enter into a new lease with Kuku'nathi Services for the property in Moi-Ngum Street.
- The six new dwellings (4 x 2bdrm and 2 x 4bdrm) are nearing completion with Council approving a 40-year lease with the Department of Housing to allow the properties to be utilised for social housing.

REWRITING MY STORY THROUGH HEALTH AND DISCIPLINE



He also made a significant decision:
Shayle stopped consuming alcohol in August, initially planning to stay alcohol-free until his birthday in October. However, when October arrived, he didn't want to break the discipline he had built — so he kept going. His motto has become clear:

"Discipline wins over motivation any day."

Shayle's new job with the Napranum Rangers has pushed him even further. During his first week, participating in the beach clean-up, he found it to be quite tough — physically and mentally. He realised how unfit he was at the time.
But months later, after consistent training, he can now walk, jog, and run on the beach with confidence, a huge milestone showing just how far his fitness has come.

Shayle's transformation has been both physical and personal:

- Body measurements size reduced
- Increased strength, fitness, and confidence
- A growing passion for supporting other young people
- A better understanding of how to train and fuel his body properly
- A leadership mindset that is influencing others in community

His journey highlights the strength of Napranum's young people — rising up, taking ownership, and creating a positive future for themselves and those around them.

Shayle's journey is a reminder of how important it is to look after our health — not just for fitness, but for our overall wellbeing. Living in community can make this even more challenging, with healthy food options sometimes difficult to access, largely due to cost and transport barriers. But Shayle's example shows that small, consistent choices can still make a big difference. By staying active, learning how to fuel the body better, and supporting one another, our community can build a stronger, healthier future together. His journey proves that even with limited resources, discipline and determination can create life-changing results.







EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



What is your name and/or nickname?
Nancy/Nani

What is your cultural background?
My clan group is Peppan which is east of Weipa and I was born and raised in Napranum.

What do you love about being able to call Napranum home?
Home away from home – being in Napranum has become the place I call home when I'm not out on country. All of my family are here and I raise my son, Gerard, here in Napranum.

What do you do for Council?
Napranum Early Childhood Coordinator

What inspired you to join the team here?
Set a better and stronger environment for my boy and the future generations to come.

What are some of the hardships you had to overcome to get to where you are today?
Finding a suitable job that I can work in while caring for my son. I have worked since I was 16 but since having my son, I have struggled to find a job where I could still be there for my son and earn an income.

What are you looking forward to achieving in your role? (Goals & visions)
Support our community members to feel confident and safe about transitioning their kids from the NECC into school. For my community to see me as someone who they can trust and rely on to support their children on their education pathway. To have community members attain birth certificates and get registered in the system.

What do you like to do outside of work time?
Fishing, being back on country, swimming, hunting.

What is a fun fact about yourself that few people may know?
I have a lot of secret fishing spots.

What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?
You are strong, black woman, don't forget it.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
Running my own business out on country, setting me and my son up in life.

What would you like to be known/remembered for?
I would like to be remembered by my community as someone who worked hard and made good choices so that I could contribute to my community and my country (Peppan).

RAYESH SHINES: WESTERN CAPE'S APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR









Napranum's Rayesh Wipa Shines at Western Cape Training Awards

The Western Cape Training Awards were held last night, celebrating excellence across a wide region that includes Weipa and the extensive Rio Tinto operations. Among the standout participants was Napranum's own third-year Apprentice Painter & Decorator, Rayesh Wipa, nominated in the highly competitive Apprentice – Combined Trades category, which spans four different trades. With numerous nominations across the region, only five apprentices were selected as finalists, including Rayesh.

Several hundred guests and officials attended the event, which opened with a Welcome to Country delivered by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ernest Madua. Rayesh was supported on the night by her father Jason, Director of Operations, Tom, and Director of Family and Human Services, Ross.

Rayesh's dedication and talent were recognised when she was announced as the Combined Trades Apprentice of the Year. The venue erupted in applause as the achievement was celebrated by peers, employers, and community members.

As a category winner, Rayesh automatically became a contender for the prestigious Overall Apprentice of the Year for the Western Cape Region. In a moment that came as no surprise to those who know her work ethic, Rayesh was awarded the top honour.

Throughout the evening, Rayesh humbly acknowledged the many people who contributed to her journey—her parents, her mentor Ronnie Charger, co-workers Lionel, JJ, Jimmy and Nagai, Council staff, Councillors, and the wider Napranum community. Her warm smile and humility made her a favourite among attendees as congratulations poured in.

The Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council has expressed immense pride in Rayesh's achievements, noting that she has brought significant recognition not only to herself but to the entire Council workforce and community.

Rayesh Wipa, Western Cape Region Overall Apprentice of the Year—an extraordinary and well-deserved honour.

JUSTICE REINVESTMENT

Justice Reinvestment Program Welcomes New Team Members

The Napranum Justice Reinvestment (JR) Program is growing!

We're excited to welcome new staff who bring fresh energy and passion to our community-led approach to justice.

The JR team will work alongside families, service providers, and community leaders to strengthen prevention, support cultural healing, and create more pathways for our young people to thrive.

Together, we're building a safer, stronger Napranum — one connection at a time.





Name: Corrine Matasia

Position: Community Engagement Supervisor

Why did you apply for this position? To come back to community.

What are you most excited about in your new role?
To interact with community and to re-establish connections within our community.

It's all about the people for me.

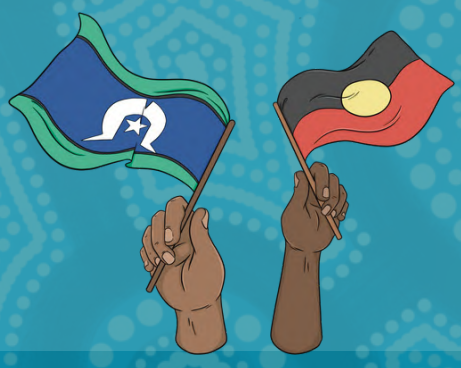
Name: Tristen Dick

Position: Community Patrol Worker

Why did you apply for this position?
Wanted to do something different and work in my community.

What are you most excited about in your new role?
Starting the Night Patrol in Napranum.





JUSTICE REINVESTMENT



Name: William York

Position: Community Patrol Worker

Why did you apply for this position? Help Community out, especially our young people.

What are you most excited about in your new role? Taking the kids out and keeping them out of trouble.





Name: Charlene Boxer

Position: Community Patrol Supervisor

Why did you apply for this position? Because we need this position in the community and I know I can do it.

What are you most excited about? Working within my community and with my people.



JUSTICE REINVESTMENT



Name: Adam Hudson

Position: Patrol Worker

Why did you apply for this position? Help the Community.

What are you most excited about?
To see how this program turns out and all of the experience I'll gain in this position.

Name: Reggie Miller

Position: Community Patrol Worker

Why did you apply for this position? I've been out of work for a while so I thought I'd give this a go. I have had experience in security so I was interested. Good opportunity for me.

What are you most excited about? Helping in my community. Making a difference.





Name: Connor Galagher

Position: Community Patrol Worker

Why did you apply for this position? Needed a job so that I could support my family and it is something completely new for me so when I heard about the job from my father in law I put my name forward.

What are you most excited about? Working with the team I'm in. They're very encouraging and really reliable.

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Community Appreciation: Working Together for a Healthier, Safer Napranum

Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Napranum community for your strong participation in the recent Community Engagement Event held by the Queensland Health Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Public Health Program and our Napranum Environmental Health Team.

Your input is shaping the future of our community. Through your feedback, you helped nominate the top three Environmental Health priorities that will guide our work over the coming years. Your voice is central in building a cleaner, healthier, and safer Napranum—thank you for showing up and being part of the process.

Meet Your Local Environmental Health Team

🐾 **Animal Management – Mick Friday**
Our Animal Management Worker, Mick Friday, is available to support the community with:
Animal concerns
Information on upcoming vet visits
Updates on community animal treatments
Council is also finalising the last stages of the Napranum Animal Care Facility, which will support desexing, surgeries, and improved animal welfare services right here in community.
📞 You can contact Mick on 0436 626 881

♻️ **Environmental Health – Billy Daniels**
Environmental Health Worker Billy Daniels plays an important role across Napranum by leading:
Food business inspections
Waste monitoring
Illegal dumping investigations
Abandoned vehicle removal
Hard rubbish collection
If you have any concerns about waste, dumping, or general environmental health matters, please reach out.
📞 Contact Billy on 0428 994 712

Recent Wins for Community Safety & Cleanliness
Over the past month, the Environmental Health Team has achieved significant outcomes:

- 30 abandoned vehicles have been removed from community in preparation for disaster season.
- Napranum's first community Vet visit successfully delivered desexing procedures and animal surgeries, supporting safer and healthier pets in our community.

These achievements reflect the strong partnership between residents, Council, and Queensland Health—and show what we can accomplish when we work together.







WARAMI

AND A VERY BIG THANK YOU FROM INDIGITAL

Our time with students, community members, and Elders across Weipa and Napranum has been a true honour for all of us at Indigital. Each visit to your communities was filled with warmth, generosity, and strong cultural foundations that shaped Season 2 into something deeply meaningful.

Thank you for the way you welcomed us and created space for cultural learning. Your support enabled students and us, to connect with Country, stories, language, and culture in ways that grounded every session in what matters most for your communities.

We are especially grateful to those from Weipa and Napranum who were able to join us at the celebration event — your pride, joy, and heartfelt reactions brought such energy into the room. And for those who couldn't attend, please know you were in our thoughts throughout the day. Your contributions were felt in every moment of the celebration.

We hope you enjoy the Season 2 film and that students, families, and the wider communities feel proud as they watch and share it.

Thank you again for everything—your time, your energy, your spirit, and your deep commitment to Country and community. We hope you enjoy watching and sharing the Season 2 film with your wider communities.

You can watch the film here: **https://youtu.be/xd9oZMmDANU?si=eClfc6hUQD82lvHQ**

You can also read about the collaboration award that was handed to the Traditional Owners at the celebration here:
https://www.indigital.net.au/news/post/ripples-of-change-caring-for-country-collaboration-wins-national-award

We're already excited for Season 3 and can't wait to continue this meaningful work together.

With deep gratitude and respect,

Yanu and Appo
The Indigital team 😊



HOUSING

Celebrating Napranum My Home Award Winners!

The Department of Housing is excited to announce the winners of the 2025 My Home Award – Garden Award in the Napranum community. These awards celebrate the pride and creativity of public housing tenants who work hard to make their homes and neighbourhoods beautiful.

This year, the winner of the Garden Awards is Doreen Namai, whose efforts in her gardens have brought pride to the community. Melissa Clermont, has been recognised as the runner-up for her wonderful work in creating a welcoming home and garden environment.

The My Home Awards are held every year to recognise tenants who take pride in their homes and gardens, connect with their neighbours, and share their stories about home and community. These awards encourage tenants to stay active, build friendships, and help create a peaceful and vibrant community.

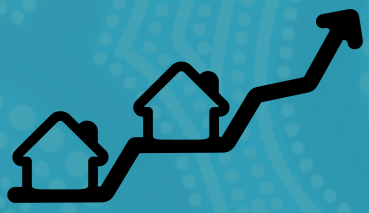
Thank you to everyone who entered this year's awards. Your hard work makes Napranum a great place to live, and we look forward to celebrating more achievements in the future!

Absences from your home – What You Need to Know

The Department of Housing is committed to supporting tenants in the Napranum community.

Q) What Should I Do If I Need to Be Away from My Home?
A) You may need to leave your home for reasons such as holidays, health, or cultural responsibilities. Here's what you need to know:
·Up to 8 Weeks: You don't need formal approval, but you must notify us of:
·The start and return dates of your absence.
·Your contact details and a backup contact person.
·More Than 8 Weeks: You must request approval and provide evidence for your absence. Valid reasons include:
·Health and wellbeing (e.g., medical treatment, rehabilitation).
·Work, training, or study within Queensland.
·Family, kinship, and cultural responsibilities (e.g., Sorry Business).
·Significant life events or emergencies (e.g., birth, death of a family member).
·Domestic violence or child safety concerns.

Q) What Are My Responsibilities While I'm Away?
A) While you're away, you must:
·Pay rent on time to avoid arrears.
·Maintain your home: Arrange for someone to check on your house.
·Keep your tenancy manager updated about your absence.
·Keep utilities connected (e.g. electricity).



Q) What Should I Do When I Return?
A) When you're back, let us know as soon as possible so we can update your records.
Need Help or More Information?
You can reach out to the Napranum Housing Team at 320 Wa Tyne Street, Napranum or Email: FNHHWeipaHub@housing.qld.gov.au or Telephone: Colleena on 0428 233 108 or Stacey on 0436 603 407

INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE CENTRE

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MENS PROGRAMS

This week, a strong group of Napranum men came together with local stakeholders for an informal yarning session held in front of the Ibis Supermarket. The gathering created a relaxed and welcoming space for men to sit, talk, reconnect, and engage with the wider community.

It was great to see so many men in attendance—sharing stories, checking in on one another, and taking the time to strengthen relationships that keep our community strong. Stakeholders also joined in, listening and supporting conversations around wellbeing, connection, and future opportunities for men in Napranum.

Events like this highlight the importance of culturally grounded spaces where our men can yarn openly, feel heard, and continue building positive pathways for themselves and their families.

A big thank-you to everyone who turned up and contributed to a positive afternoon of connection and community spirit.









NAPRANUM EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

Many would have noticed the recent work happening inside the pre-school play area over the past week. This activity has been part of the installation of brand-new play equipment and a new swing set, along with fresh softfall rubber now covering all concrete and play areas.

This project has been a long time in the making and forms part of a major capital works grant dedicated to maintenance and upgrades across the pre-school and daycare facilities.

I'm pleased to share that the overall works are now nearing completion, with the final stage — a full upgrade of the pre-school's main toilet area — scheduled to take place over the Christmas break. Once completed, this will conclude the capital works program.

Completed improvements so far include:
- Softfall rubber to daycare concrete areas
- Drainage upgrades throughout the daycare space
- New roof and insulation
- Construction of a multi-purpose room
- Updated, compliant site plans
- Upgraded staff room
- New room signage
- Extended carpark
- Installation of shade sails
- And most recently, the new play equipment and softfall in the pre-school play area

In addition to these major works, numerous smaller improvements have also been completed, including painting, re-lining walls, installing flag mounts, and general maintenance across the site.
On behalf of all NECC staff, we extend our sincere thanks to the contractors, depot team, and Parks & Gardens crew for their hard work and support throughout this project. Your efforts have played a vital role in creating safer, more functional, and more enjoyable spaces for our children, families, and staff.













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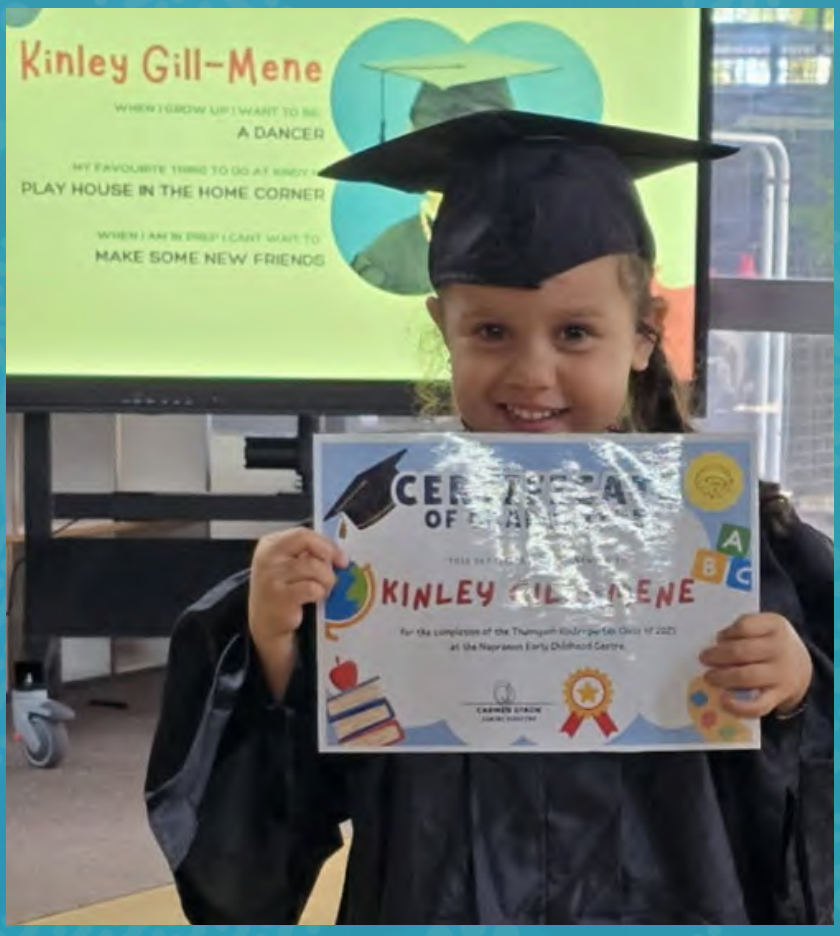
As we reach the end of another busy and joy-filled month, we'd love to share some of the wonderful moments and milestones that have made this time so special within our centre.

Halloween Dress-Up Day
Halloween brought lots of fun and creativity into the centre this month! The children (and a few very enthusiastic educators!) loved dressing up in their spooky, silly, and imaginative costumes. Thank you to all families who helped prepare outfits and joined in the spirit of the day — it was wonderful to see so much joy and laughter throughout the centre.





🎓 **Kindy Graduation**
This month we celebrated our beautiful Kindy graduates! It was a heartfelt morning filled with proud smiles, happy tears, and so many cherished memories. We are incredibly proud of each child and the growth they have shown throughout their time with us. For some, this was the end of a journey that began when they were babies — and watching them step confidently into their next chapter is something we will always treasure. Thank you to all our families who joined us and helped make the celebration meaningful and memorable.





NAPRANUM EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

New Playground & Swings Installation
We are thrilled to share that our new playground upgrades are officially finished! Installation of the new swings and play equipment has been happening over the last few weeks and the children have been watching the progress with great excitement. We can't wait to see them exploring, climbing, and enjoying these new additions designed to challenge their skills and inspire imaginative play.



Welcoming Two New Educators
This month we welcomed two wonderful new educators to our team. They have already been busy getting to know the children and settling into their roles with warmth and enthusiasm. We're delighted to have them as part of our centre community and know they will bring fresh energy, creativity, and care to our programs.

Celebrating an Educator Achievement
A big congratulations is also in order for one of our dedicated team members who has just graduated with her Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care! We are incredibly proud of her hard work, commitment, and passion for growing within the profession. Please join us in celebrating this exciting milestone with Leonie Narul.





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Final Countdown

Only three weeks to go until the end of term!

Swimming Carnivals

Years 4–6 Swimming Carnival

🗓️ Tuesday, 18 November 2025

P–3 Swimming Day

🗓️ Thursday, 20 November 2025

Year 6 Graduation
Friday, 28 November 2025 at 9:00am in the PAC
All parents and families are warmly welcomed to attend and celebrate this special milestone.

TRY For 5!
The major TRY for 5 draw will take place in Week 9 — make sure you're at school to find out if you've won!

Congratulations to our Week 6 Individual Attendance Challenge Winners
Colby Birch
Ava O'Connor
Abigail Sorbello
Kylan Khalu
Aisake Nadredre

These students attended 5 out of 5 days! There were many students who achieved full attendance — well done to everyone! I wish I had a prize for all of you.

Adventure Based Learning (ABL) Excursions - Wednesday, 3 December 2025
Year 4 & 5 Boys
- 9:00am–12:00pm (Half Day)

Year 2 & 3 Boys
- 12:30pm–2:30pm (Half Day)

Thursday, 4 December 2025
Year 2, 3, 4 & 5 Girls
- 9:00am–2:00pm (Full Day)

Need Support? Contact Inyika
Inyika will be out in the community on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays doing home visits, or you may receive a phone call from her.
If you or your child need any support at school — whether it's about attendance, wellbeing, or general concerns — please reach out to Inyika. She is here to help and always happy to assist families.

Thank you for helping make Term 4 a memorable one!

LOCAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION BOARD



Are you passionate about supporting the education and future of our children in Napranum? Western Cape College is seeking community members to join the Napranum Local Community Education Board (LCEB).

The board helps strengthen the connection between the school, families, and community by sharing local voices, advice, and perspectives that support better outcomes for our students.

As a member, you'll have the opportunity to contribute to discussions on school programs, student wellbeing, and pathways that help our young people thrive. If you're committed to positive educational outcomes and want to make a difference, we'd love to hear from you.

To express your interest, please provide your name and contact details to:

Fran Wymarra & Vide Frieberg – Western Cape College
fwyma0@eq.edu.au | freiberv@eq.edu.au

Ada Bowie – Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council
ada.bowie@napranum.qld.gov.au

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – NAPRANUM LOCAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION BOARD (LCEB)

Are you passionate about supporting the education and future of our children and young people in Napranum?

Western Cape College is calling for Expressions of Interest from community members who would like to be involved in the Napranum Local Community Education Board.

Board members provide valuable community voices, advice, and local perspectives to help guide education priorities and strengthen the partnership between the school, families, and the wider community.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN IQCE

This year, students in IQCE have been volunteering weekly at the Aged Care at Weipa Hospital. Both students and residents have enjoyed this meaningful partnership, with everyone looking forward to the weekly visits. Some of the highlights have included playing cards, creating artworks to be displayed at the hospital, yarning, and especially cooking our favourite Kai Kai — Hamper and Rice — for the residents. Students have learnt valuable communication skills, strengthened their confidence and developed a deeper sense of community connection. This ongoing collaboration continues to be a rewarding experience for all involved.











WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE



Last Week we celebrated the Graduation of our Year 12 cohort which included 15 Napranum based students (10 male 5 female). Congratulations once again to our Year 12's and to the parent/caregivers and the community which has helped support them through their schooling journey. Below are the parting words I shared with them on the day:

Good morning families, staff, invited guests, and most importantly, our graduating Class of 2025. Today is a powerful moment. A moment of pride, reflection, gratitude and deep emotion. Today, 69 remarkable young people stand before us as graduates of Western Cape College – 34 males and 35 females, 39 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and 30 non-Indigenous students, with birthplaces stretching across Australia and the world, including four born overseas. You stand here united as one proud cohort who have walked this journey together.

You represent our three proud houses – 27 Duyfken, 23 Evans and 19 Flinders – each carrying stories of competition, loyalty, resilience and belonging. Among you are 20 students who have completed their entire schooling at WCC, and 43 who have completed all of their secondary education here. Five of you are graduating from boarding. Some arrived midway through your journey, others have called this place home from the very beginning – and every story matters.
We acknowledge Corey Anderson, our oldest graduate, and Georgia Cooper, our youngest. We celebrate shared birthdays, shared laughter, shared experiences and lifelong bonds. The connection between you runs far deeper than timetables, classrooms or assessments. You are linked by memories, challenges, triumphs and a collective story that will forever define this cohort. In fact 22 students share a birthday with another graduating student.
Your achievements are significant and wide-ranging. This cohort graduates with qualifications across Certificate II pathways including Engineering, Construction, Automotive, Conservation and Land Management, Tourism and more. We celebrate those completing Certificate III in Health

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Services, Early Childhood, Sport and Recreation and Visual Art, alongside students undertaking Diplomas in Business and high-level academic studies in Mathematics, English, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Health and Legal Studies.

These outcomes reflect more than academic success. They speak to persistence, discipline, courage and grit.

But today is about more than certificates.
It is about character.
It is about who you have become.
And as you step forward into the world, I leave you with this message:
No matter what anyone says, just show up and do the work.
If they praise you, show up and do the work.
If they criticise you, show up and do the work.
If no one notices you, just show up and do the work.
Keep showing up, doing the work, and leading the way.
Lead with passion. Fuel up with optimism. Have faith.
Power up with love. Maintain hope. Be stubborn.
Fight the good fight. Refuse to give up.
Believe in the impossible. Show up. Do the work.
True grit leads to true success.
Class of 2025 — this is your blueprint for life.



You will be celebrated and you will be tested. You will be seen and you will be overlooked. There will be moments of doubt, moments of triumph and moments where the path feels unclear. In all of those moments, remember this: keep showing up. Keep doing the work. Stay true to who you are.

Today also carries moments of profound reflection. We acknowledge two students who should have been walking across this stage alongside you — John and Belinda. We honour their memory, their spirit, and the place they hold in this cohort forever. To their families, who are here today, we cannot begin to imagine the emotions you carry. Please know that we stand beside you with open arms, celebrating the beautiful young people they were and the legacy they leave within our community.

To our families in the audience – thank you. Your love, encouragement, sacrifice and belief have shaped these young people more than words can express.

To our staff – your care, patience and commitment have guided them through both strength and struggle. You have made a lifelong difference.

Graduates, as you leave the structure of school life – the bells, the routines, the familiar faces and the gentle guidance – life now calls for independence, responsibility and courage. You will need to sort things out yourselves. You will face setbacks and victories alike. I trust that Western Cape College has equipped you with the skills, resilience and strength to navigate what lies ahead.

Our college vision is to empower students to pursue their passions and make meaningful contributions to vibrant, diverse communities. The essence of a thriving community lies in the quality of its relationships. It begins with simple acts — a hello, a wave, a shared laugh, a moment of kindness.

So as you step forward, I ask you:
What kind of community do you want to build?
What kind of person will you choose to be?

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Bull riders, nurses, musicians, teachers, engineers, business owners, artists – every role you will step into matters. No role stands alone. No success happens in isolation. It is our connections, our care for one another, and our willingness to contribute that shape strong, living communities.
Some of you have overcome challenges that no young person should have to face. Personal loss. Trauma. Uncertainty. Struggle. And yet here you stand. This moment is a testament to your strength, your persistence and your sheer determination. Never downplay what you have achieved. This milestone is special — because you are special.
Class of 2025 — today is not an ending.
It is a beginning.
A springboard.
A launch into life.
Go forward with courage. Stay connected. Show kindness. Back yourselves. And when life tests you — remember: show up and do the work.
Western Cape College will always be your home. The place your story began.
We are immensely proud of you.
We believe in you.
And we cannot wait to see the impact you will have on this world.
Congratulations, Class of 2025.
And much love.

Thank you.



WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE

Year 11 Aquatics Students Learn on Country at Peppan Springs

In week 6, the Year 11 Aquatics students travelled to Peppan Springs for a powerful learning experience with Indigital, Traditional Owners, and community members.

Students were welcomed with a water blessing, grounding them in the cultural significance of the site before beginning their fieldwork. Guided by Traditional Owners and the Indigital team, they learned how LiDAR scanning and eDNA testing are used to study and monitor waterways and culturally important environments.

This experience forms part of the Indigital Teach-Together Program and the Year 11 Aquatics syllabus, giving students hands-on opportunities to explore aquatic environments, navigation, and environmental monitoring. Learning on Country helps students build scientific and digital skills while deepening their understanding of culture and local knowledge.
A sincere thank you to the Peppan Traditional Owners, Indigital team, and community members who supported the excursion. These experiences strengthen both learning and connection to Country for our students and staff.









WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE

Remote Ready Program Welcomes Our 2026 Teachers

In Week 6, Western Cape College proudly hosted this year's Remote Ready Program, giving our incoming 2026 teachers an immersive introduction to the people, places, and cultural heartbeat of Weipa, Napranum and Mapoon.

Over 2.5 days, teachers travelled across Country to learn directly from Elders, community leaders and local knowledge holders. They experienced Welcome to Country blessings, history and context sessions, town tours, shared meals, visits to PCYC Napranum, and a special trip to Mapoon where they received a school blessing from Aunty Di and a history session with Jason Jia. The program supports staff to understand the local context before they relocate—helping build early relationships, strengthen cultural awareness, and lay foundations for strong partnerships with families and community.

For the Napranum component, a huge thank you to Aunty Beatrice, Aunty Maryann, Uncle Richard, Vincent Barkley, Ernest Madua Jnr, Tammy Wees, Angela for the beautiful food, the PCYC staff, the Napranum LCEB, and everyone who contributed to making this year's Remote Ready such a meaningful experience. Your generosity, guidance and storytelling ensure our new teachers begin their journey grounded, respectful and ready to learn.

We look forward to welcoming our 2026 teachers back next year as part of the Western Cape community.











PCYC NAPRANUM

Staff at PCYC Napranum are committed to providing a SAFE and FUN space for everyone.

YEAR 12 FORMAL SUPPORT

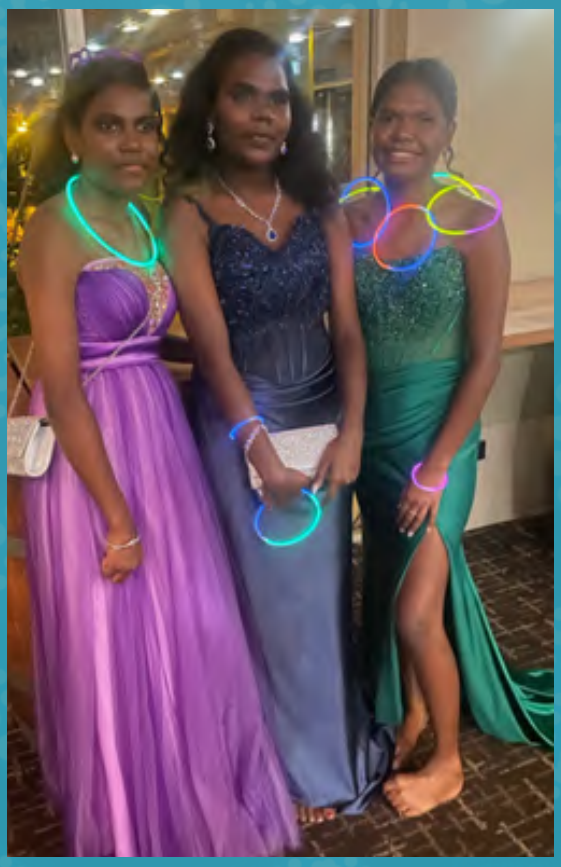
We are committed to providing support to our youth and this year we held a Formal Pampering Day for Year 12 graduates and their families.

A special heartfelt thanks to many volunteers who came to help; Axel from Clontarf who attended and completed so many hair cuts to students and their families. Holly and Jessica, teachers from Western Cape College and Rhi and Tanisha from Capeaccino Crew who were amazing with hair and makeup. Formally Everafter in Brisbane provided suits, dresses, jewellery and shoes to graduates and partners. At the end of a fun day our younger generation of beautiful girls also got to experience a pamper session.















MATHS CHALLENGE

Ernest Madua Junior possesses a keen understanding of the needs of our youth and works tirelessly to support their achievements. He delivered a maths-focused session incorporating a fun and interactive math challenge.



WOLVERTON STATION TRIP NUMBER 3 for 2025

On the weekend of 14, 15 and 16 of November, 10 of our youth were accompanied by staff and Elder, Ernest Madua Senior, to Wolverton Station to participate in a Horse Wisdom Program. Emma Jackson and her team insightfully adapted each of our three trips to meet the needs of individual youth, delivering lessons in safe boundaries, connections and relationships using horses and cattle at the centre of these personalised journeys.





PCYC CAMP WOLVERTON STATION











Kluthuthu Christian College Partnership

Every Thursday during school terms we have been working with students and staff at Kluthuthu Christian College, integrating fun and exciting activities from aerobic exercises, stretching techniques, nutrition, and balance to support growth and wellbeing. Their attendance at our Club and learnings provided by PCYC staff helps promote positive learning.







ART WORKSHOPS

A wonderful cultural art session by Marsha Hall teaching our youth creative techniques with all the great pieces to be displayed at Shnaks Coffee Shop soon.

FISHING

During November we have had numerous trip to Evans landing Wharf for some fun fishing. A favourite activity requested by all youth.





DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD CONGRATULATIONS TROY HUDSON



A huge congratulations to Troy who travelled to Brisbane for the PCYC Duke of Edinburgh's Award as a recipient of the Bronze level achieved.

Troy is an inspiring young man who is a delight to have around the club and has shown and continues to show outstanding commitment to achieving his goals.

For Troy to achieve the Bronze level award he was required to be a part of our club, where he practiced a skill, improved his physical well-being, volunteered in his community, and experience an adventurous journey in a new environment. Many of his activity requirements were met at our club through our Youth Leadership Team (YLT), Youth Engagement Program, After Dark, Drop In, Club and Culture, Deadly Active and club led events.

Why Duke of Ed is important to our youth!
✓ Improves wellbeing
✓Creates change
✓Gets them outdoors and into nature
✓Learning something new
✓Staying motivated to keep fit and active
✓Showcases achievements to future employers
✓Showcases achievements during education application processes
✓Learning important life skills
✓Receiving global recognition and accreditation for activities already doing.

Throughout Troy's journey he has been supported by our dedicated and committed staff who have encouraged, guided and mentored his fabulous journey.

A huge staff appreciation to Molly (Youth Support Services Cordinator), S/Con Emma Wallis (Youth Club Program Officer), Karlas Baira (Club and Culture Coordinator), Paula Ludwick (Youth Engagement Coordinator) and many of our casual staff....supporting youth development at its best.

Troy's next step is to achieve his Silver and Gold levels and we can't wait to share his achievements.

We are so proud of you Troy! Well done!



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Week one of our School Holiday Program is now completed with a huge range of activities available for all youth.

Our Program commences on Monday 08/12/2025 and our usual operating hours will be:

- Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 12noon-7:00pm
- Tuesday and Thursday: 2:00pm-9:00pm (all ages)
- Saturday: 2:00pm-6:00pm

Changes to program hours will be advised and based location of activity.

Our Club is open to everyone - please pop in and see all the wonderful things the youth are doing!



BREAKFAST CLUB PROGRAM

From the commence of school term in January to end of November 2025, a total of 9370 attendances have occurred at our Breakfast Club Program by students in Napranum. This means that our wonderful breakfast ladies have provided breakfast and lunch packs to all these students. A great effort and support to families in Napranum.





We now have a new phone number for the Breakfast Club Staff and kindly request that parents use this number to get in touch. We please ask that you please do not call staff on their personal numbers they may not be working everyday.

THE NEW PHONE NUMBER is: 0486 033 276 - it will be answered during our Breakfast Club Program Hours of 6.30am to 9:00am

VACANCIES

If you're looking for a rewarding position in making a difference, we'd love you to join our great team at PCYC Napranum.

Club Operations Support Officer (FULL TIME) - working closely with management with administration tasks.

Braking the Cycle Coordinator (FULL TIME) - planning and organising our volunteer driver mentor program. A key role in getting our youth focused on safe driving for licence achievement.

Youth Support Services Coordinator (FULL TIME) Coordinator - one on one case management supporting youth and families in need.

Maintenance Worker (CASUAL) up to 20 hours a week, with very flexible working hours.

Bus Driver for our Breakfast Club Program (CASUAL) to commence January 2026 - 20 hours a week during school term only. All school holidays off.

Youth Worker Traineeships x 2 (part time - 20 hours a week) - certificate III in youth work.

Cleaner (CASUAL) - 20 hours a week, with flexible working hours.

Please contact Club Manager Rhonda on 0438297788 or email your resume and cover letter to, Rhonda.Spence@pcyc.org.au

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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 commitment to safety, ensuring every job is completed efficiently and effectively.

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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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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 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

KJB CLEANING SERVICE

KJB Cleaning Service is a proudly local business providing reliable, high-quality cleaning solutions across Napranum, Weipa, and surrounding areas. Whether it's residential, commercial, or office spaces, we take pride in delivering thorough and professional results every time. With attention to detail, flexible scheduling, and a commitment to excellence, KJB Cleaning Service ensures your space is left spotless and refreshed. For friendly service you can trust, contact Krystle Booth today and let KJB Cleaning take care of the mess — so you can focus on what matters most!
Phone: 0497 754 169 | Email: krystlebooth867@gmail.com

COMMUNITY INFO

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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

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