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RUCHOOK IS COMING







The Ruchook Cultural Festival returns this August — a special celebration that holds deep meaning for our community. Since its beginning in 1992, the Napranum community has taken great pride in hosting and keeping this beautiful tradition alive. Held every two years, Ruchook brings our people together to celebrate culture, connection, stories, dance, music and community spirit.
It's more than just a festival — it's a time to honour our culture and identity, and to share it with the next generation and visitors who come to experience the richness of our culture and our stories.

Napranum warmly welcomes you to experience the spirit of the Ruchook Cultural Festival and celebrate culture, community and connection with us.
For more information please see pages 3,4,5

WELCOME OUR NEW CEO



1. **What's your name?** Mark Kelleher
2. **Where do you call home?** Wonga Beach…near the Daintree
3. **What do you like to do in your free time?** I have 8 grandchildren all active with going to and from school and different sports…that's what keeps me busy when not working!
4. **What is your favourite meal?** I know my mum's recipe for spaghetti bolognaise…I'm the only person who knows it!
5. **If you were stranded on an island, what are 3 things you would like to have with you?** My lovely wife, our 3 children and their spouses and 8 grandkids….to help me make a raft!…while I fish!
6. **What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?**
   Never say no to an opportunity to do something different…you can always say no later!

NAPRANUM SHIRE COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Mark Kelleher as the Council's new Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Kelleher brings a wealth of experience in local government and a strong understanding of governance, leadership, and community engagement. His extensive experience working with Indigenous councils and communities will be a valuable asset as Council continues its commitment to culturally respectful leadership and effective service delivery in Napranum.

Mr Kelleher has been serving as Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council's Interim Chief Executive Officer following the departure of former CEO Mr Peter O'May. During this period, he has provided stable leadership and continuity for the organisation while Council undertook its recruitment process. His appointment to the permanent role reflects Council's confidence in his leadership, experience, and commitment to supporting the Napranum community.

The Mayor and Councillors welcomed the appointment and acknowledged Mr Kelleher's long-standing commitment to local government.

The Mayor of Napranum said Council looks forward to working closely with Mr Kelleher as the organisation continues to strengthen its operations and deliver positive outcomes for the community.

"Mark brings a wealth of government experience and a strong understanding of the unique role Indigenous local governments play in supporting community development, cultural respect, and strong governance," the Mayor said.

Council is confident that Mr Kelleher's leadership will help guide the organisation as it continues to focus on community priorities, sustainable growth, and improved opportunities for residents.
Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council warmly welcomes Mr Kelleher to the community and wishes him every success in his new role as Chief Executive Officer.

RUCHOOK IS BACK!!

Please note: This newsletter may contain images and names of community members who have passed away. We acknowledge and pay our respects to them and their families.

SAVE THE DATE

RUCHOOK CULTURAL FESTIVAL 2026



- Napranum
- 6-9 August 2026
- More details coming soon

Napranum's biennial cultural festival, honouring culture, community, and connection. Come together to enjoy local stories, music, food, arts and authentic cultural experiences.









RUCHOOK HISTORY



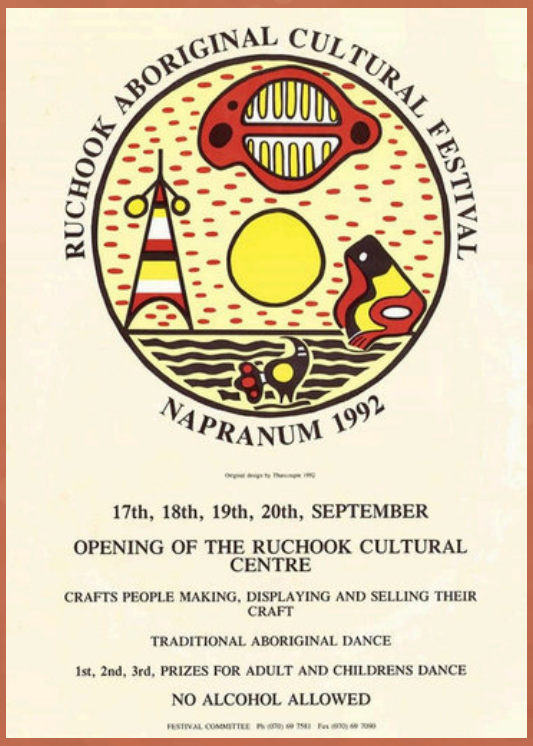
This design, created by Dr Thancoupie Fletcher AO for the first Ruchook Festival in 1992, respectfully acknowledges her work in bringing the first Ruchook Festival to life.

The Ruchook Cultural Festival in Napranum is a proud celebration of culture, identity and community spirit. First established in 1992, the festival was created as a way for the Napranum community to come together and celebrate language, dance, music, storytelling and connection to Country. Held every two years, Ruchook has become a special time where families, Elders, dancers and visitors gather to honour traditions and share the rich cultural heritage of the Thaynakwith people.

The festival also carries the vision and legacy of respected Elder and internationally renowned sculptural artist Dr Thancoupie Fletcher AO. Dr Thancoupie played a key role in bringing the first-ever Ruchook Cultural Festival to life in 1992 and served as the founding chairperson of the Festival. She also designed the Western Cape Region flag, which was created especially for the first Ruchook Festival and was first flown on 17 September 1992. Her passion for culture, art and community helped shape the festival into the proud cultural celebration it is today.



The Weipa Bulletin, 1992, Napranum Aborihinal Ruchook Cultural Festival, Napranum



First flyer advertising the Ruchook Festival, 1992

Dr Thancoupie strongly believed in preserving culture and honouring those who came before us. As she once said, “We must honour our old people who went before, make headstones or memorials to tell the future who we were, who were Thaynakwith people, we have a culture and it is from this place. And there are songs and legends – so children can be proud of who they are.” Today, as Napranum prepares to celebrate Ruchook once again, the community continues to honour her legacy — celebrating culture, language, dance and the sacred connection to this land for future generations.

EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST

RUCHOOK CULTURAL FESTIVAL.
NAPRANUM 2026

NAPRANUM ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

STALL HOLDERS

Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council invites stall holders to be part of the Napranum Ruchook Cultural Festival — a celebration of culture, community, art, music, food and family

We're looking for:

- Food vendors
- Arts, crafts & handmade goods
- Cultural displays
- Community organisations & local businesses

For more information or to register your interest:
Nadine Dick – 0428 198 664
events@napranum.qld.gov.au



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



What is your name and/or nickname?
Fei Kofe

Where do you call home?
Home is Tuvalu, where my family is from.

How long have you been with Council?
I've been with the council coming up to 2 years in a couple of months.

What do you do for Council?
I work at the NECC as admin/Community Liaison Officer/Teacher's Assistant

What inspired you to join the team here?
I have always loved kids and kids seem to love me as well. I found the job opening and thought this would be something good to try as it's my first time working in the Early Childhood space.

How do you overcome challenges in your work?
I make a list and I prioritise in numbers and then I just tackle it from top to bottom.

What do you like to do outside of work time?
Hanging out with my two kids. We go adventuring, fishing, camping. We also like to bake and just hang out with family and friends.

What is your favourite food and why?
I love sushi, because I love fish and rice.

What is the best piece of advice you have been given?
- If you fail to plan you plan to fail.
- Love many, trust few and always paddle your own canoe.

If you were stranded on a deserted Island what three things would you want to have with you?
Boat, endless amount of fuel and some sushi.

What would you like to be known/remembered for?
That I was kind.

KLUTHUTHU IN THE IKC





Kluthuthu Christian College has now been attending the Mary-Ann Coconut Library on a Thursday every fortnight for a lesson. The year 3 class come along with their teacher Mr. Ariel Ampado for an hour to enjoy what the library has to offer them.

These visits have been a wonderful opportunity for the students to spend time at the library, engage with books and learning resources, and participate in a range of activities that support literacy, creativity and digital learning. The students always enjoy their time in the space, and it has been great to see them making the most of the library and the programs available.





WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE

Teachers and support staff from Western Cape College kicked off the 2026 school year with a successful meet and greet event for parents, students and community members at PCYC Queensland in Napranum.

Primary and secondary teachers joined the Club and Culture program, engaging students in activities including touch football, table tennis, basketball, arts and crafts, colouring and storytelling, creating a great opportunity to strengthen connections across the school community.

A highlight of the afternoon was the friendly students vs teachers relay race, which ended in a draw — with a rematch already planned for Term 2. Western Cape College also attends Napranum PCYC every Thursday from 3.30–4.30pm to support the Homework Club.





START YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Business Workshops Coming to Napranum

Community members in Napranum will soon have the opportunity to strengthen their business skills through a series of Business Essentials Workshops delivered by Indigenous Business Australia (IBA).
The workshops will take place at Susie Madua Hall from 17–19 March 2026, and are designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who want to learn more about starting or growing a business.

Participants will gain practical skills to help them start, grow and strengthen their businesses, while also having the opportunity to connect with other local entrepreneurs and share ideas. The workshops are suitable for aspiring business owners, small business operators, side-hustlers and anyone with a business idea or vision.

The program offers a supportive environment where people can build confidence, learn new strategies and develop the tools needed to take their business goals to the next level. Community members interested in attending can scan the QR code on the flyer or contact IBA for more information.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Midwifery Navigation Service Visits Napranum

Representatives from Queensland Health's Midwifery Navigation Service, Nance Lui and Roberta Getawan, recently visited the Women's Centre to take part in important conversations around "Growing Deadly Families." This service has been supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families for more than 10 years and focuses on improving maternal and family health outcomes through culturally safe and supportive care.

During their visit, Nance and Roberta spoke about the importance of welcoming babies to Country, connecting newborns to their ancestors, culture and land from the very beginning of life. Their visit to Weipa and Napranum marks the first time the Midwifery Navigation Service has engaged directly with the communities in this area, creating a valuable opportunity to share ideas and explore ways to strengthen support for local families.

Over several days in the community, the team will continue meeting with local stakeholders, health workers and community members to discuss how cultural practices, traditions and community knowledge can play a role in supporting mothers, babies and families. These conversations are an important step toward strengthening services that recognise the cultural identity and wellbeing of Napranum families.

Programs like the Midwifery Navigation Service are incredibly important for Napranum women, ensuring mothers have access to culturally respectful care, guidance and support throughout pregnancy and early motherhood. By creating spaces for women to share knowledge, learn from one another and connect their children to culture and Country, these services help strengthen families and the future of the community.

Women in the community who would like to learn more about these conversations or who need support, information or assistance are encouraged to visit Bow at the Women's Centre, who is available to help connect women with the right services and supports.



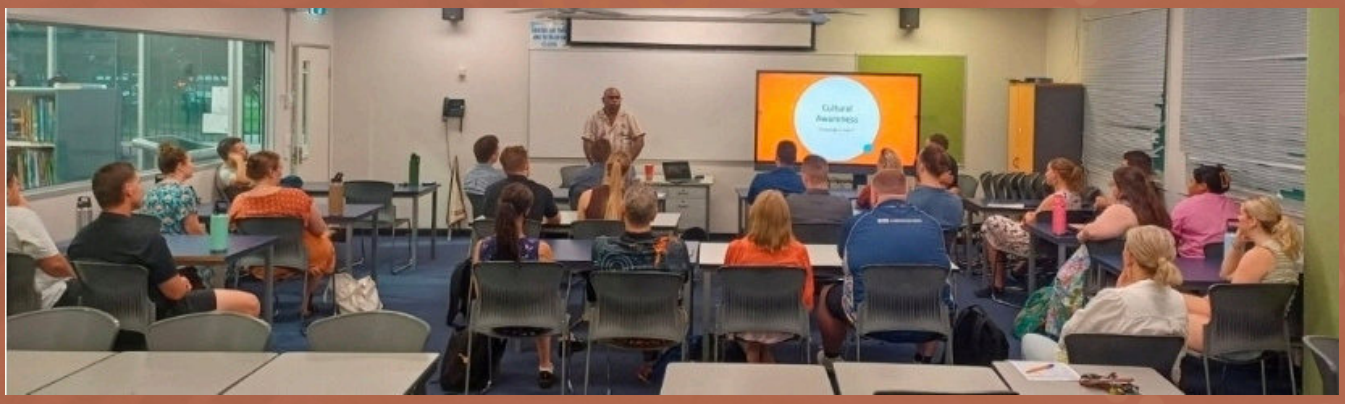
WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE

Cultural Capability Training for New Staff at Western Cape College

Ahead of the start of the school year, 25 new teachers to Western Cape College participated in a Cultural Capability Training session as part of their induction to working in the Western Cape. The two-hour workshop was facilitated by Ernest Madua from On Country Consulting.

The session provided teachers with local cultural and historical knowledge to build understanding of the unique context in which Western Cape College operates, and how this context presents both opportunities and challenges in the classroom. Teachers based in Mapoon will also undertake additional Training specifically about their community in the coming weeks.

One teacher reflected on the importance of language awareness, stating:
"This session also reinforced that our learners are coming from community with English as a third or fourth language. Therefore cognitive fatigue needs to be considered when delivering learning activities and providing instructions."





Teachers also reflected on their responsibilities when teaching on Country:
"I recognise that I have many responsibilities as a teacher on Country and working within this cultural context... it will be an ongoing learning experience."

The session prompted reflection on historical experiences and trust:

"Due to past negative experiences with white institutions, there remains an understandable level of mistrust, which requires work to regain trust and generate successful outcomes for students."

Another teacher shared:
"Teaching in this context is a privilege that carries obligations: to respect protocols, continue learning, reflect on my practice, and actively contribute to culturally safe learning environments."

This Cultural Capability Training session is one of eight components of Western Cape College's broader Cultural Induction Program, supporting staff to build cultural understanding over time and reinforcing that teaching at WCC requires humility, responsibility and an ongoing commitment to learning alongside community.

WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE

Title: A Strong Start to the Year at Western Cape College Boarding

Western Cape College Boarding officially welcomed students, families and college staff back for 2026 with a vibrant and well-attended Welcome Back Dinner.

It was fantastic to see so many community members, families and college staff come together in what our boarders proudly call their “home away from home.” Our boarding community is made up of students from over 20 different communities across Cape York and the Torres Strait, and the evening reflected the strength and diversity that each young person brings to our campus.





A special highlight of the evening was the Welcome to Country delivered by Ernest Madua Jnr. His words grounded the event in respect, culture and connection to land, setting a powerful tone for the night.

Culture is one of our key boarding pillars, and it was proudly on display through our Boarding Dance Troupe. Their performance brought energy, pride and unity to the space.

In 2026, we are excited to expand opportunities for our dance troupe to perform at local events and to travel further afield to showcase their culture more broadly. Providing these opportunities allows our young people to build confidence, leadership and pride in who they are.

The Welcome Back Dinner was a strong reminder of what makes our boarding community special connection, culture and collective support for our young people.



WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE

Welcome Back to School – Attendance Off to a Fantastic Start!
The new school term has begun with great energy and enthusiasm, and student attendance has started off with a blast! A big thank you goes out to all parents and caregivers who have been ensuring their children arrive at school ready to learn. Your support makes a huge difference.

What's Happening This Term?
There are many exciting events coming:
February
- 17th – Double Expectation Day
- 18th – Badge Ceremony

March
- 5th – TRY for 5! Visit (10:30am – 2:30pm)
- 20th – Cross Country
- 25th – Parent Interviews – Napranum
- 27th – Assembly

April
- 3rd – School Holidays Begin



Families are encouraged to mark these dates in their calendars and join us in celebrating student achievements and community involvement.

Community Engagement
Strengthening connections between school and home continues to be a priority this term. Home visits and PCYC engagement will take place on:
- Monday afternoons
- Wednesday afternoons
- Friday mornings – Breakfast Club at PCYC

These opportunities allow families to connect, share updates, and support student success together.

TRY for 5! – Every Day Counts!

This term's TRY for 5! campaign is bigger and better than ever, with some awesome prizes up for grabs for the whole family!

The message is simple: Every Day Counts!
Students are encouraged to attend school every day and aim for five full days of learning each week.

Regular attendance helps build strong routines, improve learning outcomes, and strengthen friendships.

Let's work together to make this term another successful one.

Keep aiming high, keep showing up, and remember — TRY FOR 5!



APUNIPIMA - CHARKIL OM

ROY CHEVATHEN ELECTED: BOARD OF DIRECTORS



In the recent Board election held in November, Roy Chevathen was elected to represent his region, including Napranum, on the Apunipima Cape York Health Council Board of Directors. Roy is already Chair of the Napranum Health Action Team which helps guide Apunipima's service delivery, and now as a Director Roy will help shape Apunipima's future in Napranum, and throughout Cape York.

Roy has always been a strong advocate for Cape York communities, bringing over 30 years of health experience and a deep commitment to improving wellbeing. As Mayor of Napranum and a leader in local organisations, Roy works hard to make sure the voices of his people are heard. We value Roy's knowledge, leadership and dedication, and thank him for continuing to be part of Apunipima's direction, helping us remain community-led and community-controlled.

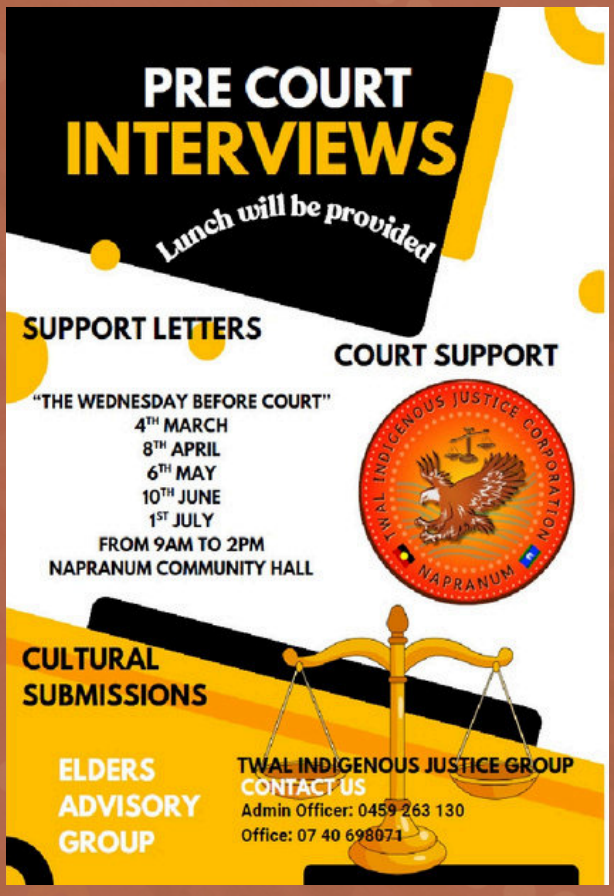
TWAL JUSTICE

Supporting Community Through Pre-Court Interviews in Napranum

The TWAL Indigenous Justice Group in Napranum continues to support community members through its Pre-Court Interview program, offering guidance and assistance to individuals before their scheduled court appearances. These sessions take place at the Napranum Community Hall on the Wednesday before court, providing a supportive and culturally appropriate space for people to discuss their situation and prepare for the court process.

During these sessions, community members can receive help with support letters, court support and cultural submissions, while also having the opportunity to connect with the Elders Advisory Group. The program plays an important role in ensuring that cultural perspectives and community voices are considered within the justice process, while also helping individuals better understand what to expect when attending court.

The initiative reflects the strong role that local leadership, Elders and community organisations play in supporting positive outcomes for individuals and families. By offering guidance, advocacy and practical support, the Pre-Court Interview program helps strengthen community wellbeing while promoting fairness, understanding and cultural respect within the justice system. Lunch is also provided for those attending, creating a welcoming environment where people can sit down, talk and receive the support they need.



MEN'S GROUP ON COUNTRY

Napranum Men's Group Strengthen Culture and Wellbeing on Country at Bouchat

Twenty-one men from the Napranum community recently took part in a meaningful Men's Group On Country day trip to Bouchat, bringing together culture, connection and wellbeing.

Held on 24 February 2026, the day ran from 8:30am to 4:00pm and was supported by staff from Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council and Apunipima Cape York Health Council. Staff present included Tristan, Vincent, Rex, Bulu and Connor from Council, along with Jefferson from Apunipima Men's Support.



Staff noted that the day was well received, with strong participation and engagement from the men throughout the activities. Hydration reminders, food provisions and safe travel arrangements helped ensure the day ran smoothly, and the relaxed environment allowed participants to lead the direction of the activities.

The Napranum Men's Group continues to play an important role in supporting men's





The trip provided an opportunity for the men to spend time together on Country, strengthening cultural connection while supporting positive wellbeing and community relationships. Activities throughout the day included fishing, gathering seafood and sharing stories, allowing participants to reconnect with traditional practices and the land.



wellbeing, cultural strength and community connection. Activities like the Bouchat day trip highlight the value of spending time on Country and bringing men together in a positive and supportive environment.

Plans are already being considered for future trips, with feedback suggesting improved transport arrangements and additional preparation to further support these important gatherings.

Through initiatives like this, the Napranum community continues to invest in strong culture, strong men and strong community.

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR PARLIAMENT



Matt Smith is the Australian Labor Party (ALP) Federal Member for the electorate of Leichhardt in Queensland, elected to the House of Representatives in 2025.

Before entering politics, he was a professional basketball player in the National Basketball League and later worked in community development across Far North Queensland.

Through his involvement in sport and youth programs, Smith has been passionate about using basketball and community initiatives to engage young people, promote healthy lifestyles and create positive opportunities for youth across the region.

Napranum community,
I'm your Federal Member of Parliament, Matt Smith, and from now on I'll be providing a monthly update about the work I'm doing here in Napranum and across Cape York.

I was fortunate to visit Napranum in June last year and had the opportunity to sit down with Mayor Roy Chevathen and the Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council to hear about the priorities of local leaders and the community. While I was there, I also enjoyed running a basketball clinic at the Napranum PCYC, which was a great chance to connect with some of the young people in the community.

The Albanese Labor Government has delivered on its commitment to double the number of Indigenous Rangers by the end of the decade, funding an additional 900 ranger jobs.

The Government is investing $1.3 billion through to 2028 in the Indigenous Rangers Program, supporting the existing workforce and growing it from 1,900 to 3,800 Rangers by 2030.

This includes ongoing funding of $5.2 million for the Nanum Wungthim Land and Sea Rangers here in Napranum, with funding recently extended through to 2028.

As we continue through the Wet Season, I encourage everyone to make sure your cyclone kit is ready, with plenty of water and non-perishable food items stocked up.

For emergency updates and information during severe weather, remember that your official emergency broadcaster is 106.7 ABC Far North, and the latest warnings and forecasts can always be found on the Bureau of Meteorology website: www.bom.gov.au

If you have any questions about these issues or other Federal Government services — including My Aged Care, Services Australia or the NDIS — please reach out to my office:

✉️ matt.smith.mp@aph.gov.au
📞 07 4051 2220

You can also follow my updates on Facebook and Instagram at Matt Smith MP

WHAT'S HAPS IN NAPS



The Youth Support Service at PCYC Queensland in Napranum plays an important role in supporting young people in the community by providing a safe, welcoming space where they can build confidence, develop life skills and stay connected with positive influences. Programs like this help young people re-engage with school, strengthen their relationships with family and community, and develop healthy routines that support their wellbeing and future opportunities.

In a close-knit community like Napranum, services that focus on youth support and mentoring are incredibly valuable. They give young people a place where they feel supported, listened to and encouraged to make positive choices. Through guidance, activities and mentoring, the service helps build resilience and equips young people with skills they can use in everyday life, including communication, teamwork and goal setting.

The program also strengthens the wider community by creating pathways for young people to stay engaged, build positive relationships and look towards future employment and education opportunities. By investing in youth today, initiatives like the Youth Support Service help ensure a stronger, healthier and more connected Napranum community for generations to come.

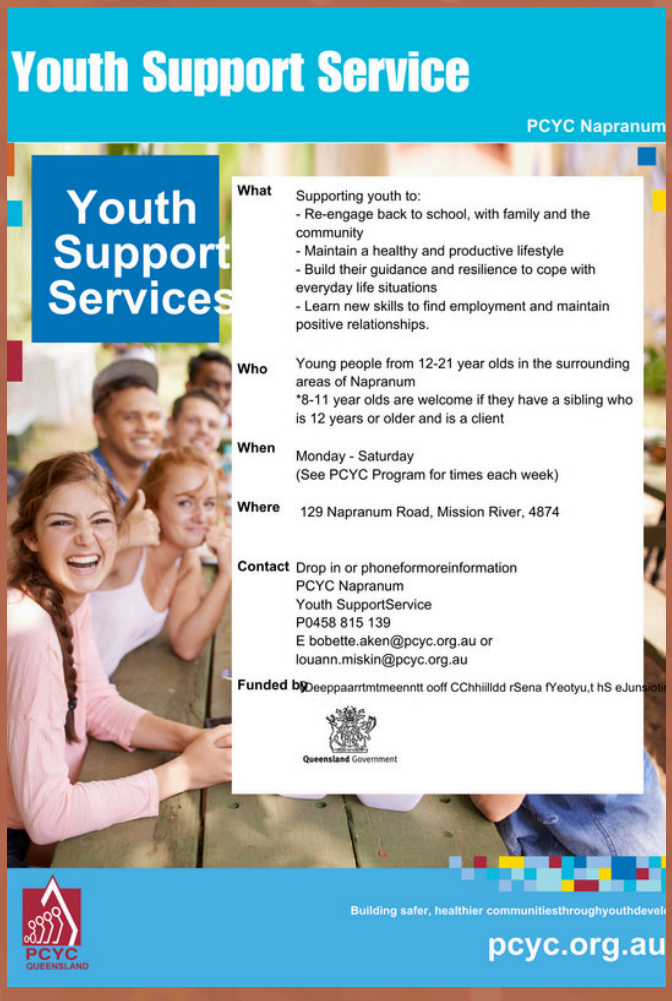
Indigenous Drivers Licensing Unit Visiting Napranum
The Indigenous Drivers Licensing Unit (IDLU) from the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads will be visiting Napranum to provide licensing and identification services for community members.

The team will be at Suzie-Madua Hall on Wednesday 25 March and Thursday 26 March 2026 from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Services available include driver licence applications, renewals, written tests and practical driving tests. Learner Licence Testing will take place each day at 1:00pm.

Community members completing a practical driving test must first complete the Hazard Perception Test and provide their own vehicle, as one will not be supplied.

Please note no cash payments will be accepted (EFTPOS only) and attendees must bring original identification documents.

For more information or to register your interest, scan the QR code on the flyer or contact the IDLU on 1800 130 886 or idlu@tmr.qld.gov.au.



WHAT'S HAPS IN NAPS



Skills Explorer Program Launching in Napranum

A new Skills Explorer program is set to begin in Napranum, offering community members aged 16 and over the opportunity to build digital skills and explore pathways toward work, study and personal goals. The fun and supportive program will be guided by LLND specialist Colleen Holmes, alongside local mentors Rhonda, Paul and Tam.

The program provides a relaxed learning environment where participants can develop practical digital skills through interactive activities, personal coaching and hands-on learning.

Open to anyone aged 16 and over, the program is free to join, with transport and snacks provided. Participants can learn at their own pace in a safe and friendly space, with no pressure, exams or classroom-style learning. Those interested in joining can visit the Kukunath Compound to speak with Rhonda or contact Megan for more information.

Telstra Support

Telstra is encouraging people in North Queensland who may have been sold a phone plan they didn't need or understand to get in contact. Telstra is currently assisting current and past customers and may be able to provide refunds.

The program will run until 30 June 2026. For more information or to seek assistance,



WHAT'S HAPS IN NAPS



Supporting Indigenous Businesses in Napranum

Delivered by One Business in partnership with TAFE Queensland and the Queensland Government, the program is designed to help community members strengthen their business ideas, build skills and grow sustainable Indigenous businesses.

The program provides a supportive learning environment through small group yarns, one-on-one mentoring and online learning opportunities, helping participants gain practical knowledge about starting, managing and promoting their businesses. Whether someone already runs a business or is simply exploring a new idea, the program offers guidance and support at every stage of the journey.

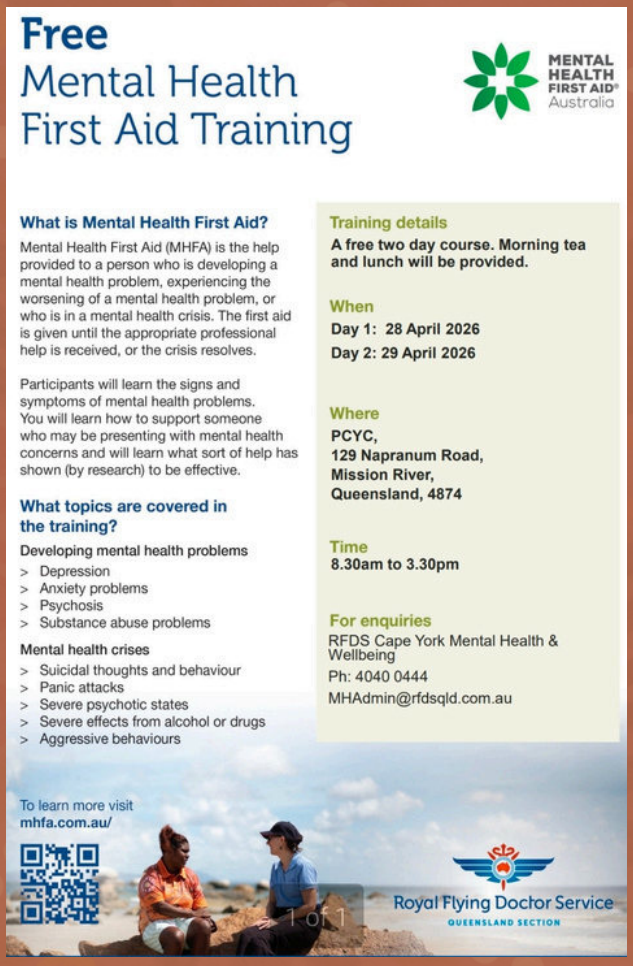
Workshops will be held at the Susie Madua Hall in Napranum, with several visits scheduled throughout the year.

Free Mental Health First Aid Training in Napranum

Community members in Napranum will have the opportunity to take part in free Mental Health First Aid Training, delivered by the Royal Flying Doctor Service. This two-day course will be held at the PCYC Queensland Napranum on 28 and 29 April 2026 from 8.30am to 3.30pm, with morning tea and lunch provided.

The training will help participants recognise the signs and symptoms of mental health problems and learn how to support someone who may be experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis. Topics covered include depression, anxiety, psychosis, substance misuse, suicidal thoughts, panic attacks and other crisis situations.

This course provides practical skills to help community members feel more confident supporting friends, family and others in need. Anyone interested in attending can contact RFDS Cape York Mental Health & Wellbeing for more information.



WHAT'S HAPS IN NAPS



Free Community Laundry Helping Napranum Families Stay Clean, Healthy and Connected

A simple but powerful initiative is making a big difference for families in Napranum, with the introduction of free community washing machines and dryers available for local residents to use.

Located at the Yarning Shed, the community laundry provides access to commercial washing machines and dryers at no cost, helping individuals and families wash their clothes, towels and bedding when they may not have reliable washing facilities at home. The service has been warmly welcomed by the community and continues to support many households across Napranum.

Clean clothes and bedding are essential for maintaining good health, hygiene and wellbeing, particularly in remote communities where access to washing facilities can sometimes be limited. By providing free laundry access, the initiative helps reduce the spread of skin infections and other preventable health issues while supporting families to keep their homes and children's clothing clean.

But the community laundry is about more than just washing clothes.

The Yarning Shed has become a welcoming space where people can sit down, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, have a yarn and spend time together while waiting for their washing. It's a place where community members can connect, share stories and support one another in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Residents are encouraged to come along, make use of the facility and take advantage of this helpful service. Whether you need to wash a load of school uniforms, bedding, work clothes or everyday laundry, the machines are there for the community to use.

This initiative reflects the strong spirit of Napranum — looking after one another, supporting families and creating spaces where people feel welcome and connected.

PCYC NAPRANUM





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YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM DINNER

A Very Special Evening
On Tuesday night in February, Napranum PCYC's Youth Leadership Team proudly hosted a dinner for some very special guests including Mayor Chevathen, Uncle Steven, Aunty Grace, Aunty Gaye, Chris and Aaron from NOUS, Senior Sergeant Willimott and our valued Indigital team of Mikaela, Chelsea and Sian

The evening commenced with a welcome to country from Annabel Madua followed by a heartfelt blessing from Grace Wapau.

Guests were treated to a delicious dinner prepared and served by our young leaders with the support of Ernest Madua Jnr. Our special guests and youth leadership team enjoyed sharing stories, wisdom, laughter and meaningful conversation, creating a wonderful night of connection and respect.

Thank you to all who attended





"Breakfast Club is the best start to the day"

Our 12 seater bus departs from PCYC each morning at 6.30am and makes it way around the Napranum community to collect students. They are then transported to PCYC where they are provided with breakfast and a packed lunch before jumping on the school bus.

VACANT POSITIONS



CURRENT POSITIONS VACANT AT NAPRANUM ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

- **WATER AND WASTE SUPERVISOR**
- **COMMUNITY PATROL WORKER**
- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKER - FEMALE**
- **SCHOOL BUS DRIVER**
- **CHILDCARE ASSISTANT - NAPRANUM EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE**
- **GROUP LEADER - NAPRANUM EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE**

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

We offer a wide range of career opportunities, including trades, childcare, administration, aged care and more! If you are looking for an exciting opportunity and believe you have the right skills, attitude and ethics to contribute to our council and community then submit your application by clicking the link of your preferred job vacancy below.

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

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



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ON COUNTRY CONSULTING



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

For more information please contact Ernest Madua Jnr on 0482515194.

COMMUNITY MEDIATORS

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

Twal Justice Group of Elders 0438234739



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS

RURAL MACHINERY & MECHANICAL SERVICES



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

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

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

NAPRANUM TAKEAWAY & CATERING

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

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

For more information please call Angela on 0474890328

TJITHII LAWN CARE & SERVICES

Transform your yard with Tjithii Lawn Care and Services! Tjithii 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

HOUSING



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)

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.**

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

Fore more info pls contact
Rev Tevita Niurua



Tjithii Lawn Care & Services

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

Ph: 0499356879
Email: margie@tjithiilawncare



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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