

NEWSLETTER

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WOMEN'S ART CREATING CONNECTION & CREATIVITY

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Women's Art Sessions Creating Peace & Connection

Women's art sessions in Napranum are bringing community members together in a calm and welcoming space, promoting peace, creativity and connection.

These sessions provide an opportunity for women to relax, yarn, and support one another while expressing themselves through art. The positive atmosphere continues to strengthen relationships and create a strong sense of belonging within the community.

Keep an eye out on the NASC Facebook page for upcoming sessions

NAPRANUM

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**NAPRANUM ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
INVITES ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO A**



COMMUNITY PUBLIC MEETING



WHEN:

Wednesday 6th May 2026



WHERE:

Suzie Madua Room

Come along and discuss important community issues, ask questions, and **share your ideas** for the future of Napranum.

Everyone is welcome!



ENQUIRIES:

0740 905 600



COMMUNITY NOTICES

TELSTRA NORTH QLD

WERE YOU SOLD A TELSTRA PHONE PLAN THAT YOU DIDN'T NEED?

GET IN CONTACT WITH TELSTRA NOW. THEY ARE CURRENTLY ASSISTING CUSTOMERS AND PAST CUSTOMERS WITH REFUNDS.

THIS PROGRAM ENDS 30 JUNE 2026

CONTACT TELSTRA TODAY

1800 444 403

telstra.com/firstnationsconnect



Telstra Support & Refund Program

Telstra North Queensland is currently assisting customers who may have been sold a phone plan they didn't need.

If you think this may apply to you, Telstra is encouraging both current and past customers to get in touch, as support and refunds may be available.

This is an important opportunity for community members to review their plans and ensure they are only paying for what they actually need.

Please note: This program is only available until 30 June 2026.

If you or someone you know may be affected, we strongly encourage you to reach out as soon as possible.

Contact Telstra: 1800 444 403

Visit: telstra.com/firstnationsconnect

Supporting Local Business Growth in Napranum
Napranum community members are invited to take part in the One Business Program, an initiative supporting emerging and established Indigenous entrepreneurs to grow and strengthen their businesses.

Delivered across Queensland since 2020, the program provides practical, hands-on support through small group yarns, one-on-one mentoring, and online learning opportunities, as well as promoting Indigenous businesses.

Workshops will be held at Suzie Madua Hall, with multiple visit dates scheduled throughout 2026, giving participants flexibility to attend sessions that suit their needs.

Whether you're already running a business or just starting with an idea, the One Business Program offers valuable guidance, connections, and support to help you take the next step.

For more information or to get involved, contact 07 2104 2717 or email onebusiness@iscariotmedia.com.

Indigenous small business development program

onebusiness

Napranum

The One Business Program is designed to support emerging and established Indigenous people in business. The One Business team have been delivering programs across Queensland since 2020.



2026 Schedule of visits

Tues 10th, Wed 11th, Thurs 12th March
Tues 5th, Wed 6th, Thurs 7th May
Tues 9th, Wed 10th (at the IWD Event at the Community Hall), Thurs 11th June
Tues 21st, Wed 22nd, Thurs 23rd July

How will the program run?

The One Business program includes:

- small group yarns
- one-on-one mentoring
- online program
- promoting of Indigenous businesses.

Workshop location

Susie Madua Hall, Napranum

Who should attend?

Whether you have an existing business or just an idea, come and join us for all the program and or the sessions you need.

One Business is a joint project delivered on behalf of TAFE Queensland and Queensland Government.



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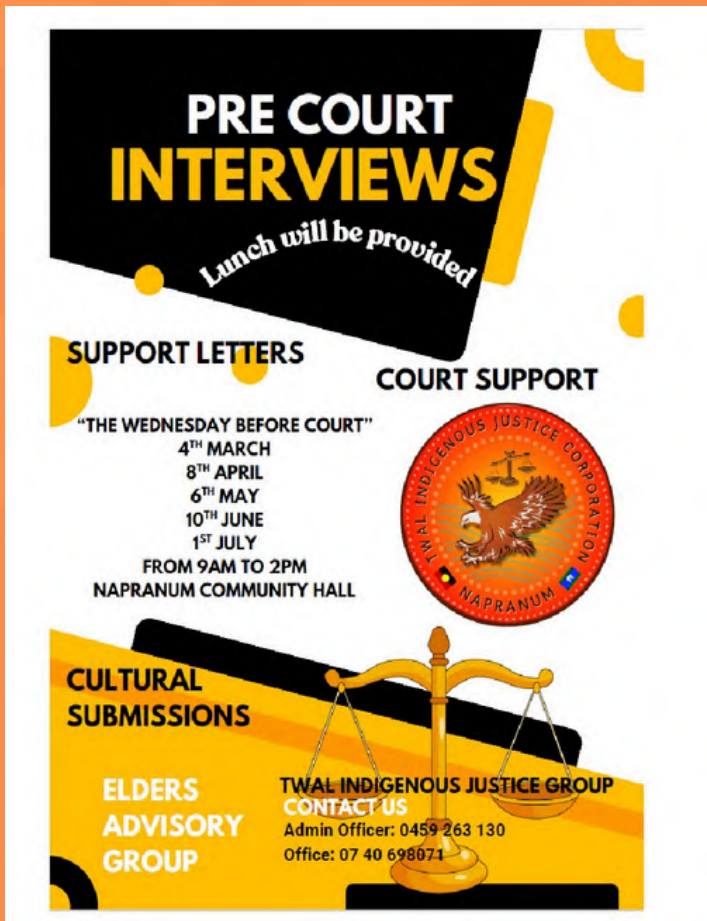
onebusiness@iscariotmedia.com

www.tafeqld.edu.au/one-business

@WeAreOneBusiness



COMMUNITY NOTICES



PRE COURT INTERVIEWS
Lunch will be provided

SUPPORT LETTERS

COURT SUPPORT

"THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE COURT"
4TH MARCH
8TH APRIL
6TH MAY
10TH JUNE
1ST JULY
FROM 9AM TO 2PM
NAPRANUM COMMUNITY HALL

CULTURAL SUBMISSIONS

ELDERS ADVISORY GROUP

TWAL INDIGENOUS JUSTICE GROUP CONTACT US
Admin Officer: 0459 263 130
Office: 07 40 698071

WAL INDIGENOUS JUSTICE CORPORATION
NAPRANUM

The Justice Group is supporting community members through pre-court interviews, helping ensure individuals are prepared and supported before attending court.

These interviews provide an opportunity for people to share their situation, receive guidance, and better understand the court process. The aim is to support fair outcomes while also identifying any underlying issues and connecting individuals with appropriate services where needed.

This process helps reduce stress, improve communication, and ensure community voices are heard in a respectful and supportive way.

If you have an upcoming court matter or would like more information about pre-court interviews, we encourage you to reach out to the Justice Group.

Please reach out to the Justice using the details provided if you need any further information.

Napranum is getting ready to come alive as we prepare for the upcoming Ruchook Festival — a special celebration of culture, community and connection.

Ruchook is a time for everyone to come together, celebrate our identity, and enjoy a day filled with music, food, activities and community spirit. It's a chance to connect with family and friends, support local talent, and celebrate what makes Napranum strong and unique.

There will be something for everyone — from cultural performances and entertainment to activities for the kids and opportunities to bring the whole community together in a positive and welcoming space.

We encourage all community members to come along, get involved, and be part of this deadly event.

Keep an eye on our page for more details including dates, times and program highlights. Let's come together and celebrate Napranum!



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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Free Mental Health First Aid Training



What is Mental Health First Aid?

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is the help provided to a person who is developing a mental health problem, experiencing the worsening of a mental health problem, or who is in a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until the appropriate professional help is received, or the crisis resolves.

Participants will learn the signs and symptoms of mental health problems. You will learn how to support someone who may be presenting with mental health concerns and will learn what sort of help has shown (by research) to be effective.

What topics are covered in the training?

Developing mental health problems

- > Depression
- > Anxiety problems
- > Psychosis
- > Substance abuse problems

Mental health crises

- > Suicidal thoughts and behaviour
- > Panic attacks
- > Severe psychotic states
- > Severe effects from alcohol or drugs
- > Aggressive behaviours

Training details

A free two day course. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

When

Day 1: 28 April 2026

Day 2: 29 April 2026

Where

PCYC,
129 Napranum Road,
Mission River,
Queensland, 4874

Time

8.30am to 3.30pm

For enquiries

RFDS Cape York Mental Health & Wellbeing
Ph: 4040 0444
MHAdmin@rfdsqld.com.au

To learn more visit
mhfa.com.au/



Napranum community members are encouraged to take part in the upcoming Mental Health First Aid Training, designed to build confidence and skills in supporting those experiencing mental health challenges.

This training provides practical tools to help recognise the signs and symptoms of mental health concerns, offer initial support, and guide someone towards appropriate professional help. It's a valuable opportunity for community members, families, and staff to strengthen their knowledge and contribute to a safer, more supportive community.

Mental health is an important part of overall wellbeing, and having more people equipped with the right skills can make a real difference. Whether it's supporting a friend, family member or young person, this training helps build understanding, reduce stigma, and promote early intervention.

Participants will also gain a better understanding of how to respond in a crisis situation, including how to approach conversations in a calm and supportive way. The training is practical, easy to follow, and suitable for anyone in the community who wants to make a positive difference.

Free Washing & Yarning Shed

Community members are invited to the Yarning Shed in Napranum for free washing machines and dryers, plus a cuppa and activities in a welcoming space.

Open daily 9:30am – 3:00pm (last load 2:15pm), it's a great place to get your washing done while having a yarn and connecting with others.

Moi Gnum St, Kuku'nathi Services Compound

Bus pick-ups available

Rhonda: 0429 339 757

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WASHING MACHINE AND DRYER,
CUPPA AND ACTIVITIES
AT THE
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9-30 AM TO 3-00 PM
LAST LOAD 2-15PM

Moi Gnum St, Napranum-
Kuku'nathi Services Compound
Bus Pick-ups-
Call Rhonda: 0429339757

This project has been made possible by the partnership between COE and:

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Owned Enterprises
Initiative

PCYC NAPRANUM

Welcoming Our New Police Liaison Officer

We are excited to introduce Paula Ludwick, who has been appointed as a Police Liaison Officer with the QPS, based at Napranum PCYC.

Paula will focus on supporting young people in the community and brings a strong background as a Youth Engagement Coordinator.

Her experience and passion for youth engagement will be a valuable asset to Napranum.

Congratulations Paula!



Team Up Activities with Kluthuthu Christian College

Our weekly Team Up sessions continue to engage students through fun and practical activities designed to build: resilience, emotional intelligence, communication and problem-solving skills. A big thank you to Karlas Baira (Club & Culture Coordinator) and Sgt Rhonda Spence (Club Manager) for delivering another great session.



PCYC NAPRANUM

AFL Cape York Visit

We welcomed Matt and the AFL Cape York team to Napranum PCYC.

Students enjoyed ball drills and training sessions in preparation for the upcoming AFL junior competition in Weipa next month. The excitement is building!



Clean Up Australia Day

Our Youth Leadership Team hosted a Clean Up Australia Day event at Napranum Beach.

This was a fantastic opportunity for young leaders to give back, connect, and demonstrate the power of caring for country.



Congratulations Maurice!

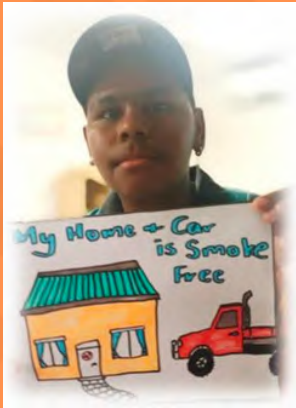
A huge congratulations to Maurice for his dedication and achievements in boxing. After four years of training, Maurice:

- Competed in two bouts at Weipa Fight Night
- Achieved his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award
- As a Junior Activity Officer at PCYC, Maurice is now inspiring younger participants and supporting them in their own journeys.

A fantastic role model for our community!



PCYC NAPRANUM



Apunipima Educational Visit

Our youth took part in an engaging anti-smoking and vaping awareness session delivered by Apunipima Cape York Health Council.

Through creative activities, participants learned about healthy lifestyles and making positive choices.

Thank you to the Apunipima team for a great session!

International Women's Day Celebration

We proudly celebrated International Women's Day at the "When We Give, We Gain" luncheon alongside our Youth Leadership Team members, Annabel Madua and Grace Wapau, and special guest Aunty Bow.

Annabel delivered a powerful Welcome to Country, while Grace opened the event with a heartfelt blessing. Both young leaders represented their community with confidence and pride, inspiring the next generation.

We also acknowledge the incredible women of PCYC Napranum for their ongoing dedication and positive impact in our community.



International
WOMENS
Day

PCYC NAPRANUM

A Safe and Fun Space for Our Youth

PCYC Napranum continues to provide a safe and welcoming space for young people every afternoon.

Activities include:

Scooter board basketball

Arts and crafts

Cooking lessons

Homework support

Social time with friends

We were also pleased to have Western Cape College homework club teachers join in the fun.



Breakfast Club & School Pick-Up

- School resumes on Monday, 20 April 2026 following the Easter break.

Our Breakfast Club Program continues to support students each school day.

Bus departs: 6:30am

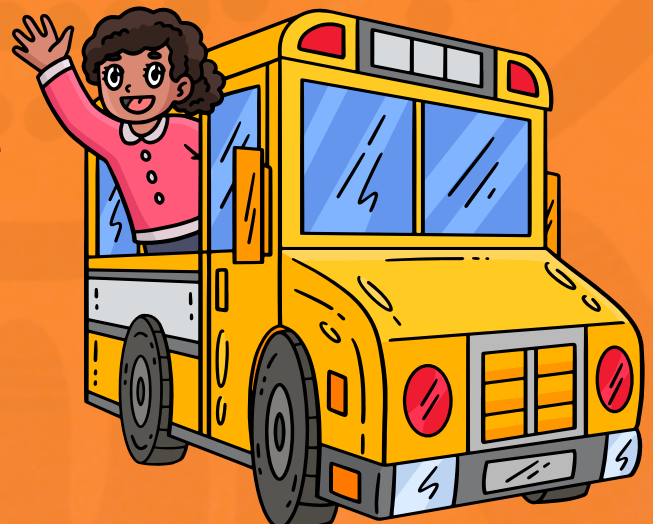
Final pick-ups: 8:00am – 8:15am

Breakfast and lunch provided

We kindly ask families to ensure children are ready for pick-up as the bus services many students across the community.

For more information:

Sgt Rhonda Spence – 0438 297 788



IBA WORKSHOPS

IBA Workshops a Success in Napranum

The recent Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) workshops held in Napranum throughout March were a great success, with strong participation from community members eager to learn more about starting and growing their own businesses.

The workshops provided a valuable opportunity for attendees to gain practical knowledge and insights into what it takes to turn a business idea into reality. Participants were guided through key topics including business planning, understanding finances, identifying opportunities, and the steps involved in setting up and running a successful enterprise.

Community members engaged actively in the sessions, asking questions, sharing ideas, and exploring different pathways into business. The workshops created a supportive and encouraging environment where individuals felt comfortable to learn, connect and start thinking about their own business goals.



For many attendees, the workshops were an important first step towards building confidence and understanding what is required to operate a business. Whether participants were already running a small venture or just beginning to explore an idea, the sessions offered something valuable for everyone.

The success of the workshops highlights the growing interest in business development within the Napranum community and the importance of providing access to information, support and opportunities. Programs like this play a key role in empowering individuals, strengthening local capacity, and supporting long-term economic growth.

We thank Indigenous Business Australia for delivering these workshops and supporting our community members on their business journey. We look forward to seeing more local ideas grow into successful businesses in the future.



An Invitation

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY



We cordially invite you to attend the Western Cape College

Anzac Ceremony

Friday 24 April 2026 at 9:15 am

to be held in the Western Cape College
Weipa Indoor Sports Hall (WISH).

*Please RSVP by Monday 20 April 2026 by emailing
Glenda Flegg – gffleg0@eq.edu.au.*

Lest We Forget

For more information

E: admin@westerncapecollege.eq.edu.au
www.westerncapecollege.eq.edu.au

WOMENS ART ACTIVITIES

Art Sessions Bringing Women Together in Napranum

The Women's Art Sessions and Activities in Napranum are creating a positive and welcoming space for women in the community to come together, connect and express themselves through creativity. These sessions are more than just art—they are about building connections, sharing stories and creating a safe space where women can yarn, laugh, support one another and feel respected. The relaxed and friendly environment has made it easy for participants to feel comfortable, be themselves and enjoy meaningful time together.



The variety of creative ideas and activities shared during the sessions has highlighted that everyone has their own unique creativity. From different styles and approaches, it's been inspiring to see each person bring something different to the group and learn from one another along the way.

There is strong hope that these sessions will continue on a weekly basis throughout the year, providing an ongoing opportunity for women in the community to connect, network and take part in something positive. The space also encourages new ideas to come forward, opening the door for even more fun and engaging activities in the future.





RUCHOOK CULTURAL FESTIVAL. NAPRANUM 2026



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



VACCANT POSITIONS



TRAINEE ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

RANGER (IDENTIFIED)

SENIOR RANGER (IDENTIFIED)

COOK - NAPRANUM AGED AND DISABILITY SERVICES

BUILDING SERVICES MANAGER

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**



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS



WESTERN CIVIL & EARTHMOVING

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.

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



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: ruralmmsservices@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

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