NAPRANUM ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

JUNE ISSUE 2026



Eight young people from the PCYC Youth Leadership Team, who consistently demonstrate the values of Teamwork, Passion, Commitment, Leadership and Respect, recently travelled to Brisbane.

Their five-day trip included a range of educational and creative experiences, guided tours of the Queensland Museum and Museum of Brisbane, and an exciting visit to Lone Pine Sanctuary.

We are incredibly proud of their ongoing commitment and the positive example they continue to set for their peers and the wider community.

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REWARDING EFFORT, CELEBRATING SUCCESS, AND CREATING MEMORIES

Our Youth Leadership Team recently came together for a special evening to acknowledge and celebrate their Elders.

From planning and preparation through to cooking meals, welcoming guests and engaging in meaningful conversations about culture and life in Napranum, the young leaders played an active role throughout the night.

They showed maturity and respect, creating a space that was thoughtful, engaging and full of pride. The evening provided an opportunity for young people to listen, learn and connect with Elders, gaining valuable insights through shared stories, experiences and cultural knowledge.

The event highlighted the importance of strengthening relationships between generations and ensuring that the wisdom, traditions and values of our Elders continue to be passed on to the next generation. It was encouraging to see our young leaders step up with confidence, take responsibility and demonstrate genuine care and respect for those who have helped shape our community.

The evening was a wonderful reflection of leadership in action and showcased the bright future of Napranum through the commitment, pride and dedication of our young people. We congratulate all members of the Youth Leadership Team for their efforts and thank our Elders for sharing their time, knowledge and guidance. Together, they made the evening a memorable and meaningful celebration of community, culture and connection.









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RADIO NETWORK

WORDS FROM CEO



Hi everyone,

What a busy and positive month May has been for the community. There's been a lot happening with Council continuing to represent Napranum in Cairns and Brisbane.

Earlier this month we attended the Indigenous Leaders Forum, where leaders from different communities came together to share ideas, discuss challenges and talk about ways we can continue creating stronger futures for our people. These gatherings are important because they give communities like Napranum a voice and help build relationships that can lead to better services, support and opportunities back home.

One of the biggest highlights this month was our recent Community Meeting. Council staff have already begun following up on many of the matters raised and will continue working alongside residents and service providers to address concerns where possible.

Some of the issues discussed included noise complaints, ongoing late-night disturbances, green waste removal, fencing and animal containment. These are matters that affect the comfort and safety of families across community, especially for Elders, children and people needing rest before work or school.

We encourage everyone to continue looking out for one another and to report ongoing disturbances through the proper channels so they can be officially recorded and responded to. Reporting incidents helps Police and Housing work together more effectively when ongoing issues need attention. Community cooperation plays a big role in helping create safer and more respectful neighbourhoods for everyone.

Alongside the concerns raised, there were also many exciting ideas shared about the future of Napranum.

One of the strongest messages from the meeting was the desire for a dedicated Napranum Cultural Centre — a space where your stories, language, history and traditions can be preserved and shared with future generations. Community members also spoke passionately about supporting local artists, promoting cultural tourism and creating On Country experiences while creating employment and economic opportunities for local people.

These ideas reflect the pride your community has in culture and identity, and Council is excited to continue exploring ways these visions can grow.

A particularly proud moment during the meeting was confirming that Napranum is now officially recognised worldwide as Napranum. Hearing the applause and seeing the smiles around the room was something special. This recognition is about more than just a name — it's about identity, pride and ensuring your community is properly acknowledged everywhere.

Importantly, this also strengthens emergency response and disaster management processes by ensuring Napranum can be clearly identified during emergencies and natural disasters. It's a practical improvement that helps keep community safer.

There has also been ongoing work happening behind the scenes around future foreshore developments, cemetery extension planning and discussions surrounding the Napranum Early Childhood Centre. Supporting families, children and future generations remains a strong focus for Council.

We also encourage locals to keep an eye on the employment opportunities currently available through NASC. Building local employment and supporting our people into meaningful work is something Council is very passionate about.

And finally, the cooler mornings have definitely started settling in around Napranum. It's been nice seeing families back out fishing, spending time together on the foreshore and enjoying the outdoors before the heat kicks in later in the day. These moments — being out on Country, sharing stories, catching a feed and spending time with family — are such an important part of community life.

As always, thank you to everyone for your support, ideas and ongoing community spirit.

Please continue looking after yourselves, your families and your neighbours.

Mark Kelleher

COMMUNITY EVENT



NAPRANUM ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

NAPRANUM
PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE
Traditional Fishing Competition

MONDAY, 8 JUNE 2026

The Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council advises community members that **Monday, 8 June 2026** is a **Napranum Public Holiday** in recognition of the *Traditional Fishing Competition.*

COUNCIL OFFICE CLOSED

The Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council Administration Office will be **closed for the day** and will reopen on **Tuesday, 9 June 2026.**

SCHOOL BUS NOT OPERATING

Please note that the **school bus service will not be running** on **Monday, 8 June 2026.**

TRADITIONAL FISHING COMPETITION

Community members participating in the competition are reminded to:

- Follow all competition rules
- Remain within designated competition areas
- Prioritise safety on the water and shoreline

PLEASE REFER TO THE MAP FOR DESIGNATED COMPETITION AREAS



COMMUNITY EVENT

NAPRANUM TRADITIONAL FISHING COMPETITION

Monday, 8th June 2026

Please refer to the marked areas on the map for allocated competiton locations.

- **Fishing** activities are permitted only within **Napranum**.
- **Spear hunting** is permitted only at **Wallaby Island** on **Kerr Point Dr**, near **Lake Patricia**.

All participants are asked to remain within the designated areas and follow competition guidelines at all times.





NAPRANUM TRADITIONAL FISHING COMPETITION SHIRTS!!



There will be Fishing Shirts available to purchase on the day or from the Napranum Council Office.

Adults $50
Children up to 16yrs Free T-Shirts available on the day.

If you would like to Pre-Order your Fishing Shirt please come into Reception to pay. This will be a CASH ONLY Purchase.

NAPRANUM ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
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COMMUNITY EVENT

Napranum Traditional Fishing Competition 2026

MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2026

8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

EVENT SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION Registration Fee: $10 Child and $20 Adult (CASH ONLY)	**8:00 AM – 9:00 AM**
OPENING CEREMONY & SAFETY BRIEF	**9:15 AM – 9:30 AM**
TOURNAMENT FISHING TIME Tournament Concludes at 3:00 PM.	**9:30 AM – 3:00 PM**
WEIGH-IN WINDOW Final Weigh-In: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM.	**10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**
AWARD CEREMONY Tie Breaker Rule: In the case of a tie, the winner will be determined by the first angler to weigh in.	**5:00 PM – 5:30 PM**
CLOSING	**6:00 PM**

For more information, please contact the Events Coordinator Nadine Dick on 0428 198 664 or email events@napranum.qld.gov.au

*Napranum residents only

COMMUNITY EVENT

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month – Community Colour Run



As part of Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month activities in Napranum, community members came together on Thursday, 14 May, for a vibrant and enjoyable Colour Run that promoted awareness, unity, and positive community connections.
The event was well attended, with participants of all ages taking part and enjoying the fun-filled atmosphere. Following the Colour Run, everyone gathered for a community BBQ, with our Rangers and Communities, Culture & Economic Development Team providing valuable support to help make the day a success.



A special thank you goes to Rio Tinto for their generous in-kind support through the supply of white shirts for participants, helping to bring the Colour Run to life. We would also like to acknowledge Nadine from Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council for kindly supplying the coloured dyes used throughout the event.
The Justice Group generously provided a range of prizes, which were presented to participants on the day. The prize presentations were a highlight of the event and added to the excitement and community spirit.



Events such as the Colour Run provide an opportunity for our community to come together, start important conversations about domestic and family violence, and show support for creating safer and stronger families and communities.
Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and contributed to making the event such a positive and memorable part of Napranum's Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month activities.







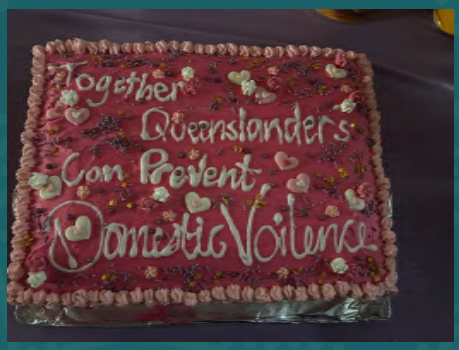
TWAL JUSTICE GROUP

Domestlc and Family Violence Prevention Month

Throughout May, Napranum came together to recognise Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month, raising awareness, promoting respectful relationships, and encouraging important conversations across our community.







A range of events and activities were held throughout the month, providing opportunities for community members, families, young people and service providers to connect, learn and stand united against domestic and family violence. These events helped shine a light on the impact of DFV while reinforcing the message that everyone deserves to feel safe, respected and supported.







We extend our sincere congratulations and thanks to all organisations, community groups, staff, volunteers and individuals who organised events, supported activities, started conversations and helped raise awareness throughout the month. Your commitment to education, prevention and community wellbeing plays an important role in creating positive change.

Together, we continue to build a stronger, safer and more respectful community for everyone.









WHAT'S HAPS IN NAPS



This course provides practical information on recognising the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems, including depression, anxiety, psychosis and substance abuse issues.

Participants will also learn how to respond to mental health crises such as panic attacks, suicidal thoughts, severe effects from alcohol or drugs, and aggressive behaviours, while supporting individuals until professional help is available.

This is a valuable opportunity for community members, workers, volunteers and anyone interested in strengthening their mental health awareness and support skills. By increasing understanding and encouraging early intervention, Mental Health First Aid training helps create safer, stronger and more supportive communities.

The free training will be held at the Weipa Storm Shelter on 22–23 July 2026 from 8.30am to 3.30pm. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Anyone interested is encouraged to register or contact the organisers for further information.

Western Cape College recently hosted a wonderful Community Afternoon at the Napranum Foreshore, bringing together students, families, carers, and staff for an afternoon of fun, connection, and community spirit.

Attendees enjoyed a range of activities including football, basketball, arts and crafts, face painting, and a free sausage sizzle.

The event provided a relaxed opportunity for families to connect with secondary school teachers and students outside the classroom while strengthening positive relationships between the school and community.

A big thank you to Western Cape College staff, students, families, and community members who attended and helped make the afternoon such a great success. Events like these continue to build strong partnerships and celebrate the importance of community involvement in supporting our young people.

Bring your family down on Tuesday to meet the WCC secondary teachers.

We hope to see you there!



COMMUNITY EVENT

FOUNDATION DAY

Saturady, 27th June 2026
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Napranum Foreshore

COMMUNITY INVITATION

Join us for Napranum Foundation Day as we come together to celebrate the history, culture and community spirit.

CELEBRATE WITH US

A day of culture connection and pride.

ALL WELCOME

Bring your family and be part of the celebration.

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WCCCA
our country...our future

KLUTHUTHU CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Kluthuthu Christian College is entering an exciting new season of growth in 2026.

With steadily increasing enrolments, the College is preparing for its first major expansion phase—focused on enhancing both facilities and transportation services to better support our students and community.
A key milestone in this journey is the successful approval of a QIS BGA Capital Grant of $1.3 million. This funding contributes to a significant $2.3 million building project, proudly supported by additional College investment.

The development includes:

- Three modern, flexible learning areas
- Dedicated withdrawal spaces
- A new staff room
- A covered outdoor learning area
- External access improvements
- New furniture, equipment, and site works
- Professional planning and construction services

Construction is now underway and progressing throughout 2026, marking a transformative step forward for Kluthuthu Christian College. The College acknowledges the financial assistance of the Commonwealth in respect of the Approved Project.
This growth reflects our commitment to providing high-quality learning environments that nurture student success—now and into the future.



The College has also successfully secured funding of $185,000 for a 4WD 22-seater bus to support the transport needs of our growing student population and acknowledges the financial assistance of the WCCCA and the support of Elders of Napranum in making this achievement possible.
The bus has now been purchased and is currently in Cairns undergoing final mechanical checks before joining our fleet.



PCYC NAPRANUM

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE REMEMBRANCE MORNING TEA

We honoured National Domestic Violence Remembrance Day with a morning tea, remembering those whose lives were lost to domestic and family violence, and showing support for those affected.
We were extremely proud of our youth from Kluthuthu Christian College, Napranum who attended and sang two beautiful songs in honour.
We thank community members, Elders and leaders for their attendance in supporting and raising awareness that those affected by domestic and family violence are not alone.







JUNIOR AFL COMP

So proud of our deadly AFL players turning up on Monday night. Watching these young stars compete in the Junior AFL competition with such passion, respect and pride is truly something special



PCYC NAPRANUM

BRAKING THE CYCLE CHANGING GEARS PROGRAM

Following a short break, our Braking the Cycle/Changing Gears Program has resumed with the appointment of a new Coordinator. Many participants have resumed their safe driving journey with support from our dedicated volunteers.

Please contact Quinn on 0419 224 376 if you would like more information about the program or to register as a participant.



TOUCH FOOTBALL ~ YOUNG GUNS

What a team! A dedicated older group of youth are participating in the Weipa Touch Football Competition. It was recently made special now that they are playing with their deadly new singlets with thanks to Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council

Our Young Guns are creating lasting memories every Wednesday night.



PCYC NAPRANUM

Youth Support Service

PCYC Napranum



Youth Support Services

What
Supporting youth to:
- Re-engage back to school, with family and the community
- Maintain a healthy and productive lifestyle
- Build their guidance and resilience to cope with everyday life situations
- Learn new skills to find employment and maintain positive relationships.

Who
Young people from 8-21 year olds in the surrounding areas of Napranum
*8-11 year olds are welcome if they have a sibling who is 12 years or older and is a client

When
Monday to Friday
9.00am to 5.00pm

Where
129 Napranum Road, Mission River, 4874

Contact
Drop in or phone for more information
PCYC Napranum
Youth Support Coordinator
P 0419 816 121
E bobette.aken@pcyc.org.au

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Queensland Government

PCYC QUEENSLAND

Building safer, healthier communities through youth development

pcyc.org.au

PCYC NAPRANUM

BREAKFAST CLUB PROGRAM

Our 12-seater bus leaves PCYC at 6.30am every school day and travels around Napranum to pick up students. Students who attend the program will receive breakfast and lunch.

Please be patient with bus pickups, as we have many students to collect with only one bus. The final pickup will take place between 8.00am and 8.15am.

Please make sure your child is ready for pickup when the bus is travelling through the community, as it can be difficult to return while collecting many students on time.

Thank you for your support.

Please contact Sgt Rhonda Spence on 0438 297 788 for more information on our Breakfast Club Program and student pickup.
PCYC NAPRANUM IS A FUN AND SAFE SPACE FOR ALL YOUTH



Napranum, it's always great to catch up!

I've been working hard, advocating for the Far North this past month, both across the region & also down in Parliament House.

The biggest news from the Budget is that there is a national Local Infrastructure Fund of $2 Billion announced – this money will be used to subsidise roads, sewerage, connectivity and everything necessary to prepare sites on which to build new houses. I have been happy to tell Mayor Chevathen about the scheme and that he should prepare to apply soon.

Beyond that, there were other commitments that should bring great benefits across the Cape, including:

- $55.5 Million across the nation for the CLONTARF Foundation to continue their youth mentorship programme.
- $53 Million for First Nations Dialysis Units.
- $37.2 Million to support an additional 75 remote stores across the region with the Resilience and Efficiency Package, strengthening First Nations community stores against supply chain interruptions and natural disasters.
- $27.4 Million as part of the Low-Cost Essentials Subsidy Scheme that reduces the cost of 30 staple grocery items in remote First Nations communities by 30 to 50%. This funding will go to 225 local stores across 4 years.

I always value hearing your voices, and if you want to get in touch with my team at any time, you can call us on 07 4051 2220, or email matt.smith.mp@aph.gov.

My friendly and helpful staff will be on hand to help you out.

BUSINESS FOUNDATIONS



BUSINESS FOUNDATIONS

Free Business Advice

Business Foundations offers free business advice for anyone who would like to start a business or grow an existing one.

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Kiri Tabuai

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We are HIRING

Current positions vacant at Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council

- 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.

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

Alternatively, you can drop in to the office to speak with our friendly staff about the vacant positions listed above.

Employee Assistance Program
1300 687 327



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COMMUNITY NOTICE

NO FIRES

LIGHTING FIRES IS ILLEGAL AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

ESPECIALLY AS THE GRASS AND FOLIAGE DRIES OUT!!!!!

LIGHTING FIRES CAN CAUSE:

- LOSS OF PROPERTY – HOMES AND BUILDINGS
- DAMAGE TO COMMUNITY AREAS
- SERIOUS INJURY OR HARM TO PEOPLE
- THREATS TO WILDLIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT



KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

DO NOT

LIGHT FIRES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT NAPRANUM

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT CONCERNS:
Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council
(07) 4090 5600

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OUR COUNTRY.
OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

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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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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

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