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Welcome

This annual report provides the opportunity to report back to council clients, both internal and external, of our performance for the year under review.

Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council through its Mayor, councillors and staff provide services to the residents living in Napranum community. Napranum, meaning ‘meeting place’, is located 819 kilometers North West of Cairns on the western side of the Cape York Peninsula. Napranum is home to approximately 1000 Indigenous people who are descended from as many as 40 different groups from around Cape York Peninsula.

As a fully-fledged local Government Shire Council, the council is required under the Local Government Act 2009, to prepare and adopt an annual report for each financial year. In addition, the report is also required to have a section on community financial reporting in a form that is readily understood by the community members.

This annual report provides a snapshot of the council’s performance, including the significant achievements made during the reporting period from the 1st of July 2015 to 30th of June 2016. It also highlights some of the challenges encountered during the reporting period as well as a guide to what lies ahead.

The annual report provides the council with the opportunity to report back to council clients, both internal as well as external, of our performance for the year under review. It is an important accountability tool in the council corporate governance framework to enable objective assessment to be made on the efficiency, effectiveness and overall operations at the council.

This annual report and other useful information on the council will be available on the council website at www.napranum.qld.gov.au

We welcome your feedback and suggestions on our annual report. Please direct your comments to Chief Executive Officer email ceo@napranum.qld.gov.au.
Maps of Napranum
We have planted a seed of hope for Napranum. There is hope for the future. Together we can make a difference, hand in hand BUILD! Point to the sun.
- Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council Motto

1. **Community Ownership**
   We take responsibility to create a community that belongs to us.

2. **Accountability**
   All our actions are transparent, seen, felt and heard.

3. **Community Engagement**
   Listening and hearing with mutual respect...
   Creating a sense of belonging

4. **Fairness**
   Community in unity and focused effort.

1. **Working Together**
   1000 deadly voices singing the same song.

Our Legacy is the creation of a sustainable community based on choice, trust and respect!
- Council Vision
As the Mayor of the Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council it is my pleasure to present the annual report of the Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council for the period 1st July 2015 – 30th June 2016. On behalf of the Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council I would like to pay my respects to the traditional owners of the land in which we continue to share our lives and develop on behalf of the Community.

During this financial year we have faced many challenges and I commend Council staff for all the hard work and commitment they have displayed to get us through the hard times and to help achieve a number of positive outcomes.

This year Council faced uncertainty with the appointment of a Financial Controller in early 2016. I am pleased to say that with strong leadership of the newly appointed administration and dedication and hard work from all Council staff, Council has been able to rectify the financial uncertainty and have gone on to receive an unmodified audit report for 2015/2016. Council are now in a strong position to ensure continued growth in the Community and have implemented stringent processes to ensure sound transparent financial accountability into the future.

This year saw the appointment of a newly elected Council. As a Council we are very clear in our vision for the Community and aspire to foster strong cultural wellbeing, a healthy and safe Community with strong relationships, a skilled and educated Community and an economically progressive and prosperous Community.

I am proud and honored to take on the role of Mayor of this Community and as a new Council we are committed to ensuring transparency and accountability, consistency in decision making and ongoing Community consultation.

Some of the Key areas of focus for the coming year are:

- Introduction of Community “Have your Say days”
- Development of new 5 year Community Plan
- Reconnection and development of strong working relationships with local traditional owner groups
- ILUA negotiations
- Introduction of new Local Laws
- Focus on Economic development
- Improved infrastructure in Community
- Improved governance and accountability

I am looking forward to working with the Community to ensure as a Council we make a positive difference for the people of Napranum over the coming four years.

Rex Burke
Acting CEO’s update

I would like to pay my respects to the Traditional owners of the land in which I am blessed to work and acknowledge and thank the previous Council for all their wonderful work and for their faith to appoint me to represent them in the role of acting CEO during a difficult time in early 2016. I would also like to thank our new Council for their strength, patience and guidance in what has been a less than ideal start to a new term in Council.

Our newly appointed Councilors attended their first Council meeting of the term to be faced with the news that a Financial Controller had been appointed to Council and that the road ahead of them could be long and tough. It is a testament to the strength of the new Council that they approached this news with strong determination to support the process and work hard to ensure Council continues to deliver services to Community and builds its capacity over time.

With a tumultuous 2015/2016 behind us it is a good time to reflect on our achievements and an opportunity for me to thank all the wonderful Council staff that have rallied over the last 6 months to pull us through this difficult time. With the dedication and commitment of everyone on staff, Council has continued to successfully deliver services to the Community. We have continued to provide our Childcare, Preschool and Aged Care Services and deliver our upgrade and maintenance programs. Council has also successfully completed the construction of 5 seniors units through the NPARIH program.

I would also like to acknowledge the departments and organisations that have supported Council over the last 6 months especially through our recent challenges and the Council staff that have worked tirelessly to turn Councils finances and financial reporting around putting us in a much stronger financial position going forward. I am very pleased to say that Council have obtained an unmodified audit for 2015/2016 and are focused on further improvements to continue building our strength in this area.

Lastly I say with confidence that the Napranum Community can be assured their Mayor and Councilors are highly dedicated and committed to serving their Community to the best of their ability and have a strong focus on Community consultation, accountability and transparency.

They are highly committed and focused on the wellbeing of the Community and building an economically prosperous Community, with a big focus on job creation and supporting the development of local business. I envisage great things happening for Napranum under the leadership of this Council over the next 4 years.

Julie Guest
Napranum’s History

Napranum is a small community on the Cape York Peninsula in remote Far North Queensland. Formerly known as Weipa South, Napranum was established in 1898 by Moravian missionaries on behalf of the Presbyterian Church.

The Protector of Aborigines at the time, Archibald Meston, protested against the establishment of the mission on the grounds that the people were healthy and could adequately sustain themselves. Despite this, the mission went ahead inland near York Downs station to avoid contact with luggers who were notorious for kidnapping Aboriginal people to exploit in their diving operations.

Very restrictive legislation was enacted by the state of Queensland in 1911, giving the ‘Protector’ exceptional powers. It stated in sections 10 and 17 that:

“The Chief Protector shall be the legal guardian of every Aborigine and half-caste child, notwithstanding that any such child has a parent or other relative living, until such child attains the age of 21 years.” And, “The Chief Protector may cause any aborigine or half-caste to be kept within the boundaries of any reserve or Aboriginal institution, or be removed from one reserve or institution and kept herein.”
Jan Roberts notes that the only other people treated like this were criminals and the insane. The ‘Protector’ was also given the right to confine (or expel) any such person within any reserve or Aboriginal institution, and the right to imprison any Aborigine or half-caste for 14 days if, in the Protector’s judgment, they were guilty of neglect of duty, gross insubordination or willful preaching of disobedience. It also gave powers to the police to confine Aborigines to reserves to “protect them from corruption”.

This latter power was used by Comalco in 1957 to justify the removal of Weipa Aborigines.

In 1932 the community had to relocate to its present site, at Jessica Point, because of malaria. At this time most of the people were Awngthim, but soon different tribes and clans were brought from Old Mapoon (when the people were forcibly removed and the settlement burnt down on 15 November, 1963), and other communities.

In 1955 a geologist, Henry Evans (1912 - 1990), discovered that the red cliffs on the Aboriginal reserve, previously remarked on by the early Dutch explorers and Matthew Flinders, were actually enormous deposits of bauxite - the ore from which Aluminum is made - and to a lesser extent tungsten.

The “Comalco Act of 1957” revoked the reserve Old Mapoon in 1966 with continued attempts by Comalco to relocate the whole community elsewhere.

The company then built a new town for its workers on the other side of the bay. Napranum eventually received Dogit status, and has its own community council separate from the Shire of Cook.
About Napranum
Facilities and Services

Health

The Shire has a Queensland Health Primary Health Care Centre, which provides basic health care services. More serious cases are referred to the Weipa Integrated Health Services. The hospital facility contains primary health care, emergency and medical imaging, day surgery, acute care accommodation, aged care accommodation, mortuary, support services, administration, staff accommodation plus a co-located ambulance service with on-call accommodation for Cairns.

Alcohol Restrictions

Napranum is what is considered under the Queensland Government liquor licensing as a restricted area with zero carriage limit. This means that the community is totally dry and no alcohol is allowed. No local brew is allowed as well. For more information please see the alcohol reforms page at www.atsip.qld.gov.au

There are serious penalties for breaching the alcohol limits. Police have the power to stop and search all vehicles, boats etc. coming into a restricted area.

Weather

The climate of Cape York Peninsula is tropical and at times hot and humid. The tropical wet season runs from November to April and the tropical dry season from May to October. Temperatures average 29 degrees C.

Shopping

All residents do their major household shopping in Weipa. Napranum has Supermarket that is open 7 days a week.

Post Office Services

Council provides a small post office in Napranum, which distributes mail only. The community post office which is located in the council building is open on weekdays from 9am to 2pm.

Napranum Aged & Disability Services

Napranum Aged and Disability Services (NADS) conducts community outreach for aged clients (over 50 years of age) and those with disabilities (up to 50 years of age). Most clients live in Napranum, although we also service limited clients in Weipa. The Council staffs up to 6 independent living units based at the Centre. Currently there are 3 clients residing in these units. There are a total of 9 clients with disabilities (Queensland Community Care), 30 Commonwealth Home Support Program clients and 11 Commonwealth Home Care Package clients. The Centre delivers a range of services including: meals, social support (individual and group), transport, assisting clients with shopping, medical appointments, personal care and domestic assistance.
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Education

The Napranum Early Childhood Centre operates with two licenses under the Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council. The centre is currently licensed to cater for 83 children.

The Centre has a 3 unit Preschool and Kindergarten which is affiliated with C&K. The 3 units cater to prep aged children as well as 3 and 4 year olds.

The Centre also has a 4th unit that offers an approved Long Day Service to the community, catering to children from 6 months to 3 years old.

All school-aged children from Years 1 to 12 attend Western Cape College Weipa Campus located in Weipa, 13 km from Napranum.

Some Secondary school students leave the community and attend boarding schools and other alternative school programs.

Other Facilities

Napranum has a football oval and community hall. Other facilities include the PCYC, PaL (Parents and Learning), Justice Group, Men’s Group, Act for Kids, Napranum Safe House, Basketball Court, Tennis Court, Boat Ramp and the Saint Barnabus Uniting Church.

Our Council

The Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council has five elected representatives who are responsible for formulating council policies, corporate plan, operational plan, adopting council budget and making decisions to achieve council goals. The shire is undivided for electoral purposes. Each councillor represents the overall public interest of the whole area, although council has adopted a portfolio management system.
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Accommodation

Accommodation is available in Weipa (approximately 13km away). It is strongly recommended that visitors who intend to visit Napranum make reservations at least one month before the date of arrival as there is high demand for accommodation during the winter when many visitors from the southern states arrive for holiday and fishing. The following are contract details for Hotels and Motels in Weipa.

**Weipa Caravan Park and Camping Ground**
Location: Newbold Drive
PO Box 652 | Weipa QLD 4874 |
Australia
Phone: (+61 7) 4069 7871
e-mail: reception@campweipa.com.au

**Ash Palms**
2/3 Alstonia Drive,
Weipa  QLD
Reservations:  PHONE 07 40699860

**For service: Weipa Mobile**
0429699860
FAX: 07 40699713

**Sodexo**
Evans Landing Mining Camps
Limited accommodation available with three meals per day included.
Phone (07) 4069 7481
Bookings only by email
Weipa.spq.AMECAA@sodexo.com

**Western Cape Centre**
Phone: 07 4090 6800
Fax: 07 4069 9522

**The Anchorage**
Landline (07) 4069 7535
Mobile 0427 697 535
Email: jungleskirmish@bigpond.com

**The Heritage Resort**
Weipa QLD 4874
phone (07) 4069 8000
fax (07) 4069 8011
Email: heritage.resort@bigpond.com

**Albatross Bay Resort**
Contact Us
Phone: 07) 4090 666
Fax: 07) 4069 7130
Email:
admin@albatrossbayresort.com.au
The Mayor and councilors are elected by all voters in the shire. Elections are conducted every four years. A Bi Election was held on the 31st October 2015 to replace the Mayor who resigned mid term. A new Council was elected at the last election that was held on 19 March 2016.

Councilors provide the most direct form of representation to the community. Each brings an individual perspective to the decisions council must make on behalf of the community. Background information on each of the councilors as well as details for each councilor is provided in the following pages.

Acceptance of the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor and Councilors are signified by their declaration of office. This declaration requires the elected members to fulfill the duties of office by acting faithfully and impartially to the best of their judgment and ability and to agree to uphold the council code of conduct. In addition Councilors are required to complete a set of forms on Councilor’s interests. To represent the community effectively Councilors are required to attend ordinary monthly council meetings and any other special meeting and to vote on all matters that require a decision or abstain from taking part in the discussions and voting on issues where they have conflict of interest. The role of the Councilors and the Mayor is set out in the Local Government Act 2009.

Council authority is exercised as a whole, with decisions being made by the council in the best interest of the community. In this regard the Act provides guidance to the Mayor and Councilors on what their roles and responsibilities are and the code of conduct expected of them to observe. The code of conduct provides for penalties ranging from reprimand to disqualification from office. All these are intended to safeguard against the misuse, abuse and miscarriage of power and authority by the elected members.
Cr Philemon Mene is the Mayor for Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council. He was elected to the position in April 2012. Prior to being elected he worked for Rio Tinto and within various positions of the Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council. His Portfolios on Council include Municipal Services, Small Business and Training and Development. Mayor Mene resigned from the position of Mayor in October 2015.

Cr Rex Burke was elected into Council in April 2012. This is his first term as a Councilor in his community. He has lived in Napranum most of his life. He is currently employed as a warehouse officer with Rio Tinto Weipa. His portfolios on the Council are Housing and Environment. Cr Burke was elected as Mayor at the Bi Eelection held in October 2015.

Cr Mary Ann was elected into Council at the May 2014 by-election. This is Mary Ann’s second term as Councilor. Mary Ann is a highly respected elder of the Napranum Community, she represents the Community on the WCCCA board and is also chairperson of the Napranum Indigenous Community Justice group. Mary Ann has also graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Community Development from Macquarie University in Sydney. Her Portfolios on the Council are Education and Social Services.

Cr Rhonda Charger was elected into Council at the March 2013 by-election. Rhonda has lived in Napranum all her life and this is her first term as a Councilor in her community. Her Portfolios on the Council are Health, Sports and Recreation.

Cr Margaret Adidi joined the Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council at the conclusion of the April 2012 elections she was appointed as Deputy Mayor on 16 October 2012. Cr Adidi is currently employed by My Pathways. Her Portfolios on the Council are Administration and Alcohol Management.
Elected as Councillor 2012, Re-elected as Mayor in 2016. Cr Burke has lived in Napranum most of his life, he previously worked as a Warehouse Officer with Rio Tinto Weipa but resigned from this position when he was elected as Mayor in the by-election on 31/10/2015.

First time councillor. Cr Wirrer-George says that now is definitely the season to participate and contribute at this level. She is from a predominately performing arts background and has a bachelor of education, master's in education and has recently qualified for a PHD. She also has 5 book publications. Napranum is home for Cr Wirrer-George

Elected as Councillor in 2016. This is Cr Schuh’s first term as Councillor. Cr Schuh previously worked for the Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council as Preschool Director. She has lived in the Weipa Napranum Area all her life and has a bachelor degree in Education.

Elected as Councillor in 2016. This is Cr Bosuen’s second term as Councillor she was originally on Council back in 2000. Cr Bosuen has lived in Napranum all her life.

Elected as Councillor 2012, Re-elected as Councillor in 2016. Cr Charger has lived in Napranum all her life.
Amos Njaramba

Mr Amos Njaramba was appointed the Chief Executive Officer on 22 May 2012.

Mr Njaramba resigned from Council in May 2016.

Julie Guest

Ms Julie Guest was appointed to the position of Acting Chief Executive Officer on 3 February 2016.
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Councillors Profiles: 2016-2020

**Housing and Environment**

Mayor Rex Burke

**Health, Sports, Recreation, & the Arts**

Deputy Mayor Fiona Wirrer-George

**Administration and Alcohol Management**

Cr Ethel Bousen

**Municipal Services, Small Business and Training and Development**

Cr Sonia Schuh

**Education and Social Services**

Cr Rhonda Charger
Council Departments

Warehouse Management

There is now a ‘Warehouse Management System’ in place now which ties in to MYOB at the general office. This makes accounting for materials used for specific jobs to be tracked more efficiently and accurately. An experienced store manager, who has improved the standard of the facility markedly while bringing more of an understanding to the tradesmen of the procedures required for the procurement of materials now manages the warehouse.

At stocktake time, the building department is advised for pre-arrangement and tradesmen are allocated to assist with the material stocktake in their specialised area of expertise.

Recognising that the building compound itself requires a drastic clean-up, a yardman has been appointed to tackle that issue.

Administration

The Administration department provides the following Services to the Council

- Maintaining Council records,
- Filing,
- Personal assistant to the CEO and council
- Post office services
- Recruitment
- Training and other community support services.
- Facilitation of the Events Committee

The following Frontline Services to the Community are provided through Council Reception

- Enquiries
- Permits
- Community Hall Bookings
- Identity Letters
Housing and Maintenance
The Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council has signed a tenancy management agreement with the Department of Communities and the Department is responsible for managing the tenancy agreements.

There are about 250 social housing dwellings in the Napranum community. The size of the houses, range from one bedroom units to seven bedroom houses. The maintenance division of the Council maintains all houses in response to instructions from Building Asset Services.

There were Full Upgrades of varying degrees, Internal & External Paint Upgrades, Vacant Maintenance and Occupational Therapy Upgrades completed in the community during last financial year, as well as the everyday general maintenance jobs. Switchboard upgrades on houses are continuing and will be ongoing as the need arises. This financial year there is over $3.5m worth of Partial and Full Upgrades, Disabled Modifications, Vacant Maintenance, Painting Upgrades and Minor Works to be attended to through BAS.

Finance
Finance department provides a wide range of services to internal and external clients of the council. The finance section comprises of; Payroll, Grants administration, Budgeting, Receivables and Payables management, Banking and treasury management, Purchasing, Power card and permit sales, and General Accounting.

IT Department
The Council implemented a new server system in 2015.

The new server uses a standard Microsoft Server Systems. The advantages of the new server are;

- Remote connectivity is available and this allows staff members to work offsite
- The new server has helped in enabling mail, phone, storage and accounting system applications to run faster. The new server allows Napranum employees to be more productive. By keeping up with today’s high memory demands, employees will be able to accomplish their tasks much faster.
- The phone system has improved and we have moved to an Alcatel

Bus Services
The Council has a fleet of five buses comprising of three school buses and two community buses which includes one 4 wheel drive bus for out of town gatherings.

The school bus runs to Western Cape College Weipa Campus runs four times daily catering for the school children from the community.
IT Department

- All Microsoft Server Systems have built in features and advanced technologies to make them run more efficiently and trouble free. No system is perfect but the new features of these operating systems allows them to use the hardware and memory installed and really give the extra power you need.

- The former server had run its lifecycle and constant breakdowns existed nearly on a daily basis. Most of the issues can be resolved externally saving the council travel costs of technicians.

- The phone system has improved and we have moved to an Alcatel phone system which is less static and compatible to our server. This has improved our communication with stakeholders to Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council over the past year.

Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council also over the 2015/2016 financial year implemented the Warehouse Stock Management System. The system is used to keep count and report how Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council uses its building stock on a daily basis on different jobs.

Future plans would be to connect the server to all the 5 Napranum Aboriginal Shire sites to improve data sharing all around the council. We also will be trying to market Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council’s successes and stories on a Social Media Platform engaging with all stakeholders with applications like twitter, facebook, Instagram, blog and the Napranum Website.

A standalone computer has been installed and configured for the Aged Care Facility. A connection to Telstra’s wireless broadband service has been set up for the department. New software from ROCS system has been implemented on the site so the user can report to Government departments easier. The system is totally portable and the user can work from any location with Telstra connectivity.

The council’s continually seeks ways to improve productivity and security of its information. A new Unified Threat Management device (UTM) has been implemented in the Council’s office to keep up with the ever increasing risk of Cyber-attacks and viruses. The latest in Antivirus and email protection solutions have also been deployed. The 3 systems complement each other and minimize the security threats.

Cemetery

The Council provides a community hearse for funerals.

There is a cemetery in Napranum and the council assists community members in their sorry business.
Environmental Health

This program aims to protect the health of the community through improved Environmental Health and Animal Management practices.

Environmental health covers the prevention, assessment, correction and control of adverse environmental factors that affect public health by promoting, creating and maintaining healthy environments.

Our environment includes natural environments such as land, air and water, as well as built environments such as houses, buildings, and other infrastructure.

Essential Services

Essential services division is responsible for the management of the water supply and sewerage within the community, making sure that both services are maintained to minimise disruptions.

Water
To monitor and maintain the community water supply to provide clean, safe drinking water.

Sewerage
To monitor and maintain the community Sewerage System to provide a healthy environment for all community members.

Water and Sewerage samples are taken and sent to Cairns Regional Council Laboratory Services for analysis every month and daily tests are done for pH and Chlorine levels in the water supply. All of our reports on the water and sewerage services are recorded and forwarded to the water supply regulator, Department of Energy and Water Supply.
Five new houses were completed in the 2015/2016 financial year at the Senior’s Village (Wa-Tyne Street).

The houses were constructed by NASC employees and contractors were engaged for specialised trades.

Building Asset Services was the funding body and Project Superintendents’ for the new houses. Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership assisted with the allocation of lots and subdivision.
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At Napranum Early Childhood Centre (NECC), we pride ourselves in acknowledging and respecting culture, background and history of each individual child and their families and ensuring that each of these individual needs are respected and considered in all aspects of our service.

We believe children learn best through play and need to develop understanding and respect for themselves and others.

NECC has 5 units – Yarr A and B (approved LDC service) 6mths – 3yrs, Alandhak 3yrs-3½yrs, Kyembal 3½ - 4 1/2 yrs. (Approved Kindergarten program), Thungghanh 4 ½ - 5 1/2 yrs.

Our service is proud to maintain 100% qualified local Indigenous staff at the centre that is qualified as well as studying certificate 3, diploma and Bachelor studies. The centre caters for over 90 Indigenous and Non Indigenous children ranging from ages 6mths - 5 1/2 years old.

The Napranum Early Childhood Centre, operated by the Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council, has been operating as a community kindergarten and preschool for 40 years, and is affiliated with the Crèche and Kindergarten Association of Queensland, (C&K) indicating that a centre has reached prescribed high standards in relation to buildings and facilities, safety, qualifications of staff and delivery of educational curricula.

Being an early childhood centre within a remote Indigenous community we face many challenges, one of these being to ensure our children are not ‘left behind’ with regards to Literacy and Numeracy advances. We are required to provide learning experiences learning outcomes within the National Quality Framework, governing the National Curriculum.
Achievements 2015

July
- 13th July Term 3 starts – Pre school/Kindy
- QKFS funding received
- Director attends RIPD training in Brisbane

August
- Census form submitted for the Early Childhood Education and Care Census
- TAFE teacher visits
- NECC staff participate in the LEAPS (Learning, Eating, Active Play and Sleep) workshop
- 7th – 9th August NECC staff participate in the Remote Indigenous Professional Development workshop RIPD
- Police visit for safety talk
- Director submits Pre-Prep progress report
- NECC participates in Paint Weipa red reading day
- Director submits NECC 2015 Queensland Early Childhood Education and Care Services Census form

September
- Western Cape College parent teacher interviews held at NECC
- 4th September NECC hold their Father’s Day PIZZA Morning tea with 12 dads attending
- Child Protection Week – 9th September NECC hosted annual ‘White Balloon Day’
- 18th September Term 3 ends – Preschool/Kind
- SRA funding submitted
- 16th September Director participates in the Stronger Smarter Early Childhood Reference Group teleconference
- 1 new staff appointed for day care
- Pre prep progress report submitted
- NECC staff attend WHS induction
- Quarter 3 QKFS enrolment date spreadsheet submitted

October
- 5th October Term 4 starts
- Cooking for lunch program for preschool and daycare, meals on wheels and HACC clients moves to HACC Village
- NECC receive school resources to the value of $1000 from the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion
- 14th October Apunipima hearing team visit NECC
- 9 Thungganh children attend the Prep transition visit to Western Cape College
- Western Cape College testing day for year 1
- Director attends meeting with the Cairns Chamber of commerce
- NECC school photo day
Achievements 2015

October
• 1 Staff member attends the RIPD (Remote Indigenous Professional Development mentoring program in Brisbane
• 23rd October NECC hold Halloween Disco for preschool and day care children
• NECC staff set up display for DOGIT day celebrations
• Visit by Will PA Jones EC Advisor Curriculum: Cape Gulf FNQ The Crèche & Kindergarten Association Limited
• NECC staff attend information session with Disability services QLD

November
• Fencing to the Cultural area is completed
• Western Cape College parent interviews takes place
• 5th November NECC hosts Wet and Wild Day
• 21st November NECC Staff update CPR and First Aid
• 26th November –Thungganh Graduation, 16 prep children will begin year 1 in 2016
• Western Cape College enrolment day for year

December
• 9th December end of year Christmas Party Break Up - Santa delivers presents to all enrolled children.
• 10th of December Director submits NECC annual report for 2014-2015 period
• Director Sonia Schuh resigned as Director
• Patricia Schuh appointed as new centre director
• Daycare is appointed their own centre manager
• NECC – all staff meeting
• 11th Dec - Preschool section closed for the x-mas holidays, school resumes 25th January 2015
Achievements 2016

January

- 25th January Term 1 starts,
- 55 enrolments across 4 units
- 1 new staff appointment for preschool section
- Welcome morning tea for parents and children

February

- NECC Team Meeting
- 23 parents attend Family Friday make and take day
- 2 fulltime staff appointed for daycare.
- Meeting with community Rangers to develop a ranger program to assist with the walkabout program
- Visit to Weipa Community Care
- NECC team meeting
- QLD Dental team introduces the healthy teeth program to NECC children.
- 3 staff attend Deakin UNI intensive

March

- 3rd of March NECC Team meeting
- Preschool newsletter went out
- Minister Visit
- 16th March Brave Harts roll keep safe adventure program
- 17th of March NECC Team meeting
- 19th – 20th Director attends C&K conference in Cairns
- Preschool staff assist with council election
- Easter break up party
- Meeting with Western Cape College regarding Prep in 2017 as Minister announces prep year being compulsory in 2017
- ALP interviews with Western Cape College
- Western Cape College parent teacher interviews held at NECC
- TAFE teacher visits students at NACC
- Easter Break -2nd April term 1 ends - Preschool/Kindy
- Last day of term 1 on the 24th March
Achievements 2016

April

• 11th of April term 2 starts
• Preschool staff attend RAATSICC meet and great day
• Preschool children commence library program. All children visit the community library fortnightly to borrow out books.
• NECC closed for sorry business in community
• All staff participate in the Read and Play Workshop with the Parents and Learning (PaL) team
• Croc Wise information session with preschool children
• Preschool invite HACC staff and clients to the centers Anzac activities. All children with HACC visited the Napranum war memorial to lay Reith’s
• 19th of April Preschool participates in Western Cape College school cross country
• 21st of April NECC team meeting
• 26th NECC Programming and planning meeting

May

• Director attends Health Action Team meeting
• NECC team meeting
• 6th of May NECC hold their mother’s day morning tea with 27 Mother’s attending
• Meeting with the Light House Christian college regarding P-3 school
• 10th of May NECC programming and planning meeting
• 1 new staff appointment as a casual Teacher for preschool section
Achievements

2016

May

- Preschool play host to Western Cape College students for their reading tour
- 19th May NECC team meeting
- 24th Programming and planning meeting
- TAFE teacher visits NECC staff
- Queensland Health Speech pathologist visits
- NECC staff participate in the triple P training with disability services

June

- C&K CEO Michael Tizard visits Napranum Preschool
- NECC staff feature in the Department of Education, Training and Employment recording of good practice in the early childhood field
- NECC staff feature in the Department of Education, Training and Employment support resources for early childhood education and care service providers.
- NECC participate in the LEAPS interview
- 7th June NECC programming and planning meeting
- 16th June NECC team meeting
- Prep children participate in the Western Cape college year 1 transition program
- 21st June NECC programming and planning meeting
- NECC invite elders to a sing along at the preschool for NAIDOC week
The Napranum Land and Sea Management Program has been running since 2010. The rangers undertake land management work on the Napranum DOGIT. The Napranum DOGIT covers an area of 202,000ha and is governed by the Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council.

The land and sea country of the Napranum DOGIT is of high natural and cultural conservation value being home to a number of threatened and endangered plant and animal species and is home to the traditional lands of the Algnith, Anathangayth, Mpakwithi, Thaynakwith, Wathayn and Yupungathi clan groups.

Funding for this program is generously granted by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet through the Working on Country Program and Cape York NRM.

Traditional Owner Engagement

Steering committee meetings are held monthly at the ranger base in Napranum. Representatives from the Algnith, Anathangayth, Mpakwithi, Thaynakwith, Wathayn and Yupungathi clan groups are in attendance at all meetings and traditional owners provide their input into the work plans of the rangers. In 2016 one ‘on-country’ meeting was held for the Yupungathi People at Pennefather Beach where tourism aspirations, beach access and cultural heritage management issues were discussed. In 2016 the rangers assisted the Thaynakwith people to apply for and successfully receive funding to revive the Bouchard Program which is a culture camp for school aged children to be held at Bouchard in 2017.
The Nanum Wungthim Rangers have a comprehensive weed management plan which guides the weed work that they undertake each year. In 2015/16 the rangers worked towards eradicating Gamba Grass at Billy's Lagoon. They continued work to control Sicklepod at Billy's Lagoon and Grader Grass at 20 Mile. Leuceana control is an ongoing project being undertaken around the community of Napranum.

All weeds are controlled or eradicated using chemical and mechanical methods and the rangers have gained their ACDC qualifications. These qualifications ensure that their work practices are safe and within the law but it also provides them with the opportunity to undertake any contract weed spraying work that becomes available in the region.

The main feral animal of concern within the Napranum DOGIT are wild pigs. These pigs not only predate on turtle nests but also contribute to the ecological decline of wetlands and hunting grounds. The rangers expend a lot of effort in controlling the number of pigs with the ultimate goal being eradication of the species.

Turtle Conservation

The rangers visited Pennefather Beach twice a week for 3 months from mid-July to mid-September to conduct daytime patrols where they recorded the numbers of nests laid, number of nests predation and they erected physical barriers to protect the nests from further predation by pigs and wild dogs. The rangers patrol a section of beach 46km long.
Visitor Management

During 2016 permits to visit the Napranum DOGIT were not issued on the request of Traditional Owners who are concerned about the unregulated access to the DOGIT by visitors.

The rangers have been working with the Steering Committee and the Council members to develop a new Local Government Law governing access to the DOGIT and a new permit system which will be made available to visitors and residents in mid 2017.

Community Education

Given the high natural and cultural conservation value of the Napranum DOGIT and the ease of accessibility to this area it is important for the rangers to undertake community education activities.

In 2015/16 the rangers erected a number of signs warning visitors of the dangers to turtle conservation of driving on beaches and additional signs advising visitors that Napranum DOGIT lands are owned and managed by Traditional Owners. The ranger coordinator participated in a number of media events including filming of a documentary about the dangers of ghost nets floating in the Gulf of Carpentaria. Funding from the ranger program was used to print information pamphlets to be issued with visitor permits in 2017.
Turtle Conservation

The rangers have a long term relationship with the Australian Quarantine Service (AQIS).

The rangers have an annual fee for service arrangement with AQIS whereby the rangers undertake a number of community animal health, feral animal health and plant animal health surveys within the community of Napranum and across the wider DOGIT.

These surveys assist AQIS to determine any animal or plant health risks that may affect the Australian Agricultural Sector and/or Australian public health.

Fire Management

The rangers currently have a comprehensive fire management plan. During 2015/16 burning season the rangers implemented the priority actions identified in this plan. The aim of the plan is to prevent wildfires such as the one shown in the photograph from burning through the Napranum DOGIT each year.

Priority actions for the year included burning a fire break along the Billy's Lagoon Road to Stones Crossing. This fire break is intended to stop wildfires entering the DOGIT from the east. Additionally, the rangers burnt away from a number of vine thickets to prevent them from being burnt out. Similarly, the rangers used back burning to protect all outstations on the DOGIT from being burnt out in the late dry season.
Napranum Aged and Disability Services (NADS) conducts community outreach for aged clients (over 50 years of age) and those with disabilities (up to 50 years of age). Most clients live in Napranum, although we also service limited clients in Weipa. The Council staffs up to 6 independent living units based at the Centre. Currently there are 3 clients residing in these units. There are a total of 9 clients with disabilities (Queensland Community Care), 30 Commonwealth Home Support Program clients and 11 Commonwealth Home Care Package clients.

The Centre delivers a range of services including: meals, social support (individual and group), transport, assisting clients with shopping, medical appointments, personal care and domestic assistance. Clients participate in activities based at the centre e.g. bingo, hoy, craft, physiotherapy, movie afternoons and church services. There are also outings such as: cultural events, picnics, community centre visits and fishing.

The Centre encourages visitors and welcomes carers to take part in activities. The main aim of the service is to encourage clients to remain independent for as long as possible and stay in their own homes on community.
Meals on Wheels are delivered to clients from Monday to Friday. The busy kitchen also provides meals to day care (25 children) and preschool (65 children). Catering is also supplied to the wider community when staffing allows.

The Centre employs a manager, 5 fulltime community care staff and 3 part time kitchen staff. Three staff have already completed Cert III in Aged Care and all other staff will also be given the opportunity to complete this qualification.

In June 2016 five new ‘seniors units’ were completed (adjacent to the existing facility) and keys were handed over to new occupants. All new tenants are clients of our service. The units have been modified to support the elderly and those with disabilities.

During the 2015/2016 financial year, fee for service for Meals on Wheels was rolled out within the community. A new manager was trained to take over from the previous manager (due to health reasons). Initial applications were made for NADS to become an NDIS service provider. Further improvements were implemented in order for the service to comply with relevant aged care and disability standards.

All clients have been assessed to comply with aged care’s ‘Client Directed Care’ model’. This has taken over 2 months of full time work to ensure that all clients have been assessed and relevant care plans completed.
As a fully-fledged local government council, Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council is required to provide certain types of information in its Annual Report. Our statutory performance report includes the annual report, incorporating general purpose financial statement, community financial report, and relevant measures of financial sustainability, total remuneration paid to each councilor during the year, administrative action complaints, overseas travel, expenditure on grants to community organisations and progress made on the preparation on the long term community plan.

S182 of the Local Government Regulations 2012 - Preparation of annual report states that:

(1) A local government must prepare an annual report for each financial year.

(2) The local government must adopt its annual report within 1 month after the day the auditor-general gives the auditor-general’s audit report about the local government’s financial statements for the financial year to the local government.

(3) However, the Minister may, by notice to the local government, extend the time by which the annual report must be adopted.

(4) The local government must publish its annual report on its website within 2 weeks of adopting the annual report.

S186 of the Local Government Regulations 2012 – Councillors states that:

The annual report for a financial year must contain particulars of;

(a) for each councillor, the total remuneration, including superannuation contributions, paid to the councillor during the financial year; and

(b) the expenses incurred by, and the facilities provided to, each councillor during the financial year under the local government’s expenses reimbursement policy;
Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council councillor’s remuneration payments 2015-2016

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(c) the number of local government meetings that each councillor attended during the financial year;

Senior Staff Remuneration/ Payments to contractors

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(d) the total number of the following during the year -
(i) orders and recommendations made under section 180 (2) or (4) of the Act
Our Performance: NIL
(ii) orders made under section 181 of the act.
Our Performance: NIL

(e) the number of each of the following during the year-
(i) the name of each councillor for whom an order or recommendation was made under section 180 of the Act or an order was made under section 181 of the Act;
Our Performance: NIL
(ii) a description of the misconduct or inappropriate conduct engaged in by each of the councillors;
Our Performance: NIL

(iii) a summary of the order or recommendation made for each councillor;
Our Performance: NIL

(f) the number of each of the following during the financial year –

(i) complaints about the conduct or performance of councillors for which no further action was taken under section 176C(2) of the Act;
Our Performance: NIL

(ii) complaints referred to the department’s chief executive under section 76C(3)(a)(i) of the Act;
Our Performance: NIL

(iii) complaints referred to the mayor under section 176C(3)(a)(ii) or (b)(i) of the Act;
Our Performance: NIL

(iv) complaints referred to the department’s chief executive under section 176C(4)(a) of the Act;
Our Performance: NIL

(v) complaints assessed by the chief executive officer as being about corrupt conduct under the Crime and Corruption Act;
Our Performance: NIL

(vi) complaints heard by a regional conduct review panel;
Our Performance: NIL

(vii) complaints heard by the tribunal;
Our Performance: NIL

(viii) complaints to which section 176C(6) of the Act applied.
Our Performance: NIL

S188 of the Local Government Regulations 2012 - Overseas travel states that:

(1) The annual report for a financial year must contain the following information about any overseas travel made by a councillor or local government employee in an official capacity during the financial year:

(a) for a councillor—the name of the councillor;
(b) for a local government employee—the name of, and position held by, the local government employee;
(c) the destination of the overseas travel;
(d) the purpose of the overseas travel;
(e) the cost of the overseas travel.

(2) The annual report may also contain any other information about the overseas travel the local government considers relevant.

Our Performance: NIL
No overseas trip was undertaken by any Councillors or staff during the year.
Senior Staff Remuneration/ Payments to contractors

189 of the Local Government Regulations 2012 - Expenditure on grants to community organisations states that:
The annual report for a financial year must contain a summary of:
(a) the local government’s expenditure for the financial year on grants to community organisations; and
(b) expenditure from each councillor’s discretionary fund, including—
(i) the name of each community organisation to which an amount was allocated from the fund; and
(ii) the amount and purpose of the allocation.
Our Performance: NIL
There was no expenditure on grants to community organisations during the year.

Meetings Attended by Elected Members

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Council Registers

The Local Government Regulation 2012 requires council to keep a list of registers. During the year, the council maintained the following registers:

**Personal interest of Councillor**
To record certain financial and other personal interests of the councillor

**Minutes of council meeting**
To record all resolutions made by the council of ordinary and special meetings

**Policy register**
To record all policies adopted by the council

Fees and charges and rates
To record charges set by the council

**Purchasing policy**
To document the procedures to be followed for the procurement of goods and services

**Asset register**
To record names including details of all council assets

**Delegations register**
To record the delegations made by the Council and the CEO

**Annual report**
To document the financial position and to report on achievements and the attainment of objectives set out in the corporate and operations plans

**Corporate and operational plans**
To document goals, strategies, and performance indicators set by the council for the period of the corporate plan and in the case of the operations plan for the year

**Budget**
To record the proposed expenditure and revenues required to implement the council strategies and goals for the year

**Administrative and action complaints**
To record the administrative action complaints made to the local government

**Complaints referred to the department**
Complaints made and referred to the department
Community Financial Report

The information provided in the Community Financial Report is designed to allow readers to quickly grasp the fundamentals of Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council’s financial performance and its financial standing. This report has a very important role in making sure that the Council is accountable to the community making them aware of how well Council utilizes resources and safeguards its assets. The Financial Statements are often difficult to understand for readers that don’t have an accounting background; we hope this report will go a long way in removing the mystery and complexity of these documents.

In the Financial Statements the **Statement of Comprehensive Income**, in simple terms, sets out all the money Council has received and deducts all the money it needs to pay out. The figure that’s left over (the net result) is available to buy new assets or set aside as savings (reserves) for future planned projects. The **Statement of Cash flow** and **Statement of Changes in Equity** aim to show these matters.

Income raised in the year ended 30 June 2016 was as follows:

Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 30 June 2016

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<td>Sales revenue</td>
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<td>Grants, subsidies, contributions &amp; donations</td>
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<td><strong>Total revenue</strong></td>
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In financial statement, expenditure is split into two types namely:

**Recurrent expenditure** which is the day to day costs of running the Council and is all expenditure other than money spent on new assets and repayment of loans.

**Capital expenditure** is money spent on new assets. It is separated in this way as Council has more choice in when and how this money is spent.

### Expenses

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Financial Sustainability Ratios

Council’s performance at 30 June 2016 against key financial ratios and targets:

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<td>Operating surplus ratio</td>
<td>Net result (excluding capital items)</td>
<td>-16%</td>
<td>Between 0-10%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Asset sustainability ratio</td>
<td>Capital expenditure on the replacement of assets (renewals) divided by total operating revenue (excluding capital items)</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>Greater than 90%</td>
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<td>Net financial liabilities ratio</td>
<td>Total liabilities less current assets divided by total operation revenue (excluding capital items)</td>
<td>-15%</td>
<td>not greater than 60%</td>
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Audit Report on Audited Financial Statements

Council’s Financial Statements are required to be audited by the Queensland Audit Office or delegate. The audit of Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council is contracted to Grant Thornton. The Auditor provides an audit report which gives an opinion on whether the Financial Statements present fairly the Council’s financial performance & position. The Auditor issued a clean report (Unqualified) audit opinion for the 2014/15 financial year. A complete version of Council’s audited Financial Statements for the 12 months ending 30 June 2016 are attached and are also available at our website: www.napranum.qld.gov.au.