



### **FOOTBALL RESULTS.**

The result of the game held at Lockhart River was Mapoon (38) Lockhart River Roosters (14). Mapoon had to forfeit the games against Coen and Aurukun. Apparently there was a misunderstanding of the starting time and our boys arrived late. We'll be catching up with them we guess, some time down the road. The recent game against Lockhart River Scorpions was won by a very big margin, Mapoon (52) Lockhart River (20).

Also, there was a much longer wait for the jerseys than was thought, and we are advised that it would have taken eight to ten weeks from the date of the order to have them made up. They have now arrived and the Mapoon team played their first game against Napranum in the new outfits. Unfortunately that game was lost against the brothers in at Napranum, and we look forward to taking them on again with our full fleet.

### **OFFICIAL OPENINGS**

The Mapoon Council and the community will look to officially open a number of the new facilities in place around Mapoon. These include: -

**MAPOON COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MAPOON HEALTH CLINIC  
MAPOON COMMUNITY STORE  
MAPOON CAMPUS (SCHOOL)  
MAPOON HACC OFFICE**

The Council is still awaiting nominations for the naming of the School and the Clinic. These can be given to the Chairman or the CEO Jason Pflugst for consideration by the community at a future meeting.

As this year is the 40th Anniversary of the removal of the Mapoon people, the Mapoon Council is earmarking November month, 2003 as the time for the proposed celebrations. A steering committee for the celebrations was previously nominated and should be gathering soon to discuss the proposed details and planning for the events.

**LAURA CULTURAL FESTIVAL IS ON  
20TH, 21ST & 22ND JUNE, 2003.  
\$25.00 ENTRY FEE**

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**MAPOON  
ABORIGINAL  
COUNCIL**

**DATE  
20th June, 2003.**

**ISSUE NO 5**

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**NEXT COUNCIL  
MEETING IS ON  
IN JUNE 2003**

### **WOMEN'S ISSUES**

A meeting of the Mapoon women was staged at the Council Offices on Thursday 1st May, 2003. It was good to see the interest shown by the Mapoon women and the attendance of Elders and young women alike. A committee was formed, being:-

**Chairlady - Zoe Driscoll  
Deputy Chair - Cidella Baker  
Secretary - Jessica Guivarra  
Dep Secretary - Mildred  
Wilson**

Let us hope that all this attention to our concerns will improve the quality of life for all the people out here at Mapoon .

We hope everyone had a very happy Easter. Thank you very much for supporting our P&C raffle. You've probably heard the results – Josh Caltabiano 1<sup>st</sup> , Deb Madua 2<sup>nd</sup> , Alison Kettle 3<sup>rd</sup>. The money raised will help Roberta Harvey go to Cairns for netball at the end of the month.

More fundraising will be happening around the community to pay for sport and school trips. Jason Tilberoo has been selected to play AFL at the Gold Coast early in June. The older students are also busily working on planning an educational trip to Cairns in Term 3. Please support the raffles in place at the and the donations towards at the store.

Some of you came to the Netball on Saturday morning and bought the yummy cakes and biscuits made by our school mums. The spectators did a great job of cheering on the girls from Mapoon, Aurukun, Napranum and Weipa. This is what the kids had to say about it:

*On Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> , the girls Aurukun played netball on the for the girls to learn about Cairns. Mapoon won 3 games end, every Netball girl got a the Netball girls want to thank netball.*



*from Mapoon, Weipa, Napranum and oval at Mapoon Campus. We had the games netball and for Miss K to select players for and lost 1 game and drew 1 game. At the sausage sizzle and an icy cup for free. All everyone for coming to watch us play netball.*

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PARADE**

**TUESDAY MAY 6 2003**

Hold on to those balloons!  
Hold on to those banners!  
Start the parade!



We're almost there! Down Red Beach Road, past the Clinic, stop at the school, and release the balloons.



**The BBQ Lunch was great. Thank You Women & Men of Mapoon.**

## MARIJUANA.

(Also known as GUNJA / PATCHA / NYARNDI / SMASH / WEED / POT / HOOTER / HEMP)

Now, these days, if you see many people gathered around a bucket or Coca-Cola bottles filled with water, it doesn't necessarily mean that everyone is having a drink, it is more likely they are having a smoke. It is a shame that many of the Mapoon youth are buying 'STICKS' or 'FOILS' of marijuana at \$50.00 a hit. Now this is about one quarter of a normal CDEP wage, and if two 'sticks' are bought every week, this amounts to \$100.00 a week going up in smoke, about half a normal CDEP wage. These costs average out to \$2,600.00., or \$5,200.00 a year for the not so average smoker. Over ten years this amounts to \$52,000.00. This cost can take you around the world twice every year on a wonderful holiday.

Now the costs of a bag of marijuana can range from \$250.00 an ounce to \$350.00 or \$400.00 an ounce. This is a huge amount of money to be spending on gunja, and many have the habit of recouping their money back by 'sticking' them up and re-selling them back to community members at \$50.00 a hit. What a rip-off, but they will still go and buy it. But who has gotten rich from this practice. Nobody has. And this is some of the reasons that others are looking to grow the plants out at Mapoon. The Rangers will be on the look-out for any crops that might be grown out here at Mapoon also, and these will be destroyed if found.

This is not to mention the time and effort spent by smokers running about looking for the gunja, running into town or bringing it from Cairns or the Pascoe River, bothering Council for cars for other gammon reasons but really out looking to score some marijuana. With all the sporting minded people who live out at Mapoon, it can be guaranteed you that the smoking of marijuana will catch up with you very quickly, and will affect your game.

Smokers and suppliers of marijuana should be and sometimes are aware of the following facts: -

- A. **Unlike harder drugs which get you physically dependant, dope gets you psychologically dependant. This means that you come to need the drug and you feel very depressed if you can't get it. People often feel they are 'hanging out' and then become very angry and irritable with family members and others for no reason. This can lead to family fighting and violence.**
- B. **Smoking of 'skunk' or 'hydro' can be very dangerous because it can be mixed with other poisonous drugs. As the user, you have no control over this.**
- C. **There is a serious danger if large quantities of marijuana are smoked as this can lead to a type of mental breakdown where the person hears and sees things that are not real. This is otherwise known as a psychotic breakdown. This can lead to the person needing to attend a mental hospital for treatment and can lead to life-long effects.**
- D. **The THC levels in one 'CONE' of marijuana is equivalent to smoking one packet of cigarettes.**
- E. **\$50 a 'stick' is twice as expensive here than other centres such as Cairns, Townsville and Brisbane for only a smaller portion of the drug.**
- F. **Smoking generally leads to many other serious health issues during your life-time, including death.**
- G. **Contagious diseases such as TB can be caught through people sharing the same smoking utensils, such as BONGS, BUCKET BONGS, and CHILLUMS etc.**
- H. **Driving under the influence of Marijuana and other illicit drugs is a serious danger to other traffic and people on the road, and the affects are deceiving, equally as alcohol can be.**
- I. **Smoking of a 'cone' of marijuana destroys cells within the brain every time, leading to forgetfulness and an inability to think clearly.**
- J. **Supplying or smoking marijuana is a serious offence, and can be punishable by imprisonment.**
- K. **Supplying of illicit drugs to a minor (under 18 years) is a very serious offence.**

**HARD DRUGS IN MAPOON WILL DEFINITELY BE REPORTED TO QLD STATE POLICE.**

If you are concerned about your own or somebody else's use of dope, for confidential independent advice, ring ATODS., Weipa on 40 906 262.

## HOUSING NEWS.

**Housing Applications:** - Mapoon Residents who have lodged their Housing Applications with the Council are encouraged to come regularly and renew these applications, particularly when they have a new addition to the family. Applications should show all the persons (including children) who will be staying in the house, as well as the parents and any additional relatives (grand-parents, nephews & nieces, cousins etc).

**Fencing:** - Many of the houses now have new fences, which make the yards look fantastic and keep all the horses and other animals out. They are certainly making a big difference to the homes. Many residents will now be able to keep their dogs and animals restricted to their yards also.

**Yard Maintenance:** - It is not the policy of the Council to mow all the yards of the residents of Mapoon. Council can consider to loan the Council mowers for residents to mow their own yards and can assist with slashing of high grass with the tractor and slasher.

Those pensioners and others who are registered with the community HACC program can receive some assistance from them to do the mowing and clearing etc.

**Repairs and Maintenance:** - All residents who want some repairs and maintenance to the house require to fill out forms at the office.

## JARDINE RIVER FERRY.

General Hours of Operation: 8.00am - 5.00pm.  
Managers: Louis & Sandy Guinan.  
Contact: 40 691 369

The new management of the Jardine River ferry have asked that all persons traveling to the NPA region advise them if they intend to travel outside of these hours by telephoning ahead if they seek transport across the river outside of the normal hours of operating. The Roadhouse and fuel is available in the hours of 8 am to 5 pm.

## USE OF YOUR BANK CARD.

Management wish to advise card users of the costs involved of regularly using your bank card for purchases. The bank tends to charge for the use of the cards when they are over-used often and this can lead to charges mounting up at the end of the month and then the large deductions occurring. This can play havoc also if you have other deductions coming out of your card for personal reasons.

It has been recommended that employees consider receiving some of their pay in cash to be able to buy items in cash and stop using the card regularly. The shop is unable to issue cash out at most times and this can be an inconvenience sometimes to you during the week when you may need cash. It will also limit the need to attend Weipa township to make cash withdrawals.

Employees wishing to have cash and or cash/bank for the weekly pay will require to note this regularly on their weekly timesheets.

## **DANGERS FOR CHILDREN IN THE WORKPLACE**

The Council is concerned for children that have been brought with their parent/s to the workplace. Council advises all workers that children are not permitted in any workplace because there are many dangers to them that are involved in the workplace and they are not under any Worker's Compensation or insurance cover like the adult workers are.

Children also restrict the working practice of the adult worker, and can slow down the workplace. Parents are reminded that workers are not available for baby-sitting during their working hours, and staff are not free to mind children at any time while they are working.

## **MEN'S GROUP MEETING**

The Monthly meeting of the Mapoon Men's Group was held on **Tuesday, 6th May, 2003** at the **Mapoon Council Chambers**. Invited guests included the Weipa Police and Dale Hurst from Apunipima Cape York Health. A BBQ Lunch was provided by Council and prepared by the Mapoon women after the march against Domestic Violence had finished.

**ALL MAPOON MEN WERE WELCOME**

### **CENTRELINK HOURS**

If you have Centrelink business, below are the days and hours that apply.

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

**9.30AM—11.30AM ONLY**

Staff are not available outside of these hours to tend to any Centrelink business.

All general inquiries and lodgement of forms to go to Ms Daisy Caltabiano or Ricky Guivarra in her absence.

### **MAPOON STORE HOURS**

Shop business hours are as follows: -

**MONDAY TO THURSDAY**

**8.00AM—4.30PM**

**FRIDAY**

**8.00AM—12.00PM**

**SUNDAY**

**9.00AM—12.00PM MIDDAY**

**CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

### **COUNCIL OFFICE HOURS**

Council business hours are as follows: -

**MONDAY TO THURSDAY**

**8.00AM – 4.30PM**

**FRIDAY**

**8.00AM — 12.00PM  
MIDDAY**

**CLOSED ON WEEK-ENDS  
AND ALL PUBLIC  
HOLIDAYS**

### **WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY WORKSHOP**

The Workplace Health and Safety workshop was well attended by the Mapoon workers.

A lot of valuable information was gained from this workshop, and all the workers should be mindful of this information and apply it to their work practices.

The participants in the workshop will be given a certificate of achievement. This can serve as a further reference in their favor, and we suggest that they be kept handy and used to your benefit if applying for other

### **TIMESHEETS**

Management reminds all workers that their timesheets require to be lodged and signed by every Tuesday afternoon for preparation of the wages.

Persons who fail to lodge their timesheets will not be paid for that period. Supervisors are required to oversee their work crew timesheets and sign off to them.

Timesheets are expected to be filled out correctly stating the hours worked and the type of work that was carried out daily.

**PLEASE REMEMBER  
NO TIMESHEET, NO PAY.**

### **MAPOON WOMEN'S GROUP NOMINATIONS**

Elections for Mapoon Women's Group Management Committee will take place on Tuesday, 24th June at 4.30pm on the verandah of the Mapoon Health Clinic.

The Women's Group nomination forms can be picked up at the Store or the Council Office and after nominating persons, they are to be placed in the nomination box at the Council Office.

All women in Mapoon are welcome to attend. There will be tea & coffee served with some light refreshments.

### **COMPUTER TRAINING SESSIONS.**

Computer Training sessions have been planned for Council Staff and the Mapoon Public. Public Access Computers will be set up for access by the Mapoon Community and training commenced on the 28th April, 2003 for Mapoon Council Staff. Council office staff are receiving much appreciated training in particular areas.

### **LEARNERS PERMITS & DRIVER'S LICENSES.**

Assistance for the licenses and learners permits is being provided by Council. A list is being kept at the office and persons interested in obtaining their license should have registered their names down. Obtaining a Driver's License can increase your chances of getting better work and relieving the few registered drivers available.

## MAPOON COMMUNITY VISITS.

**ATSIC** - ATSIC Officers Richard Aspinall (Regional Manager), Delwyn Williams and Daphne Naden visited the community on Tuesday, 15/04 to discuss funding issues with the Council and CEO.

**SPORT & REC QLD.** - Ms Kim Robertson (Senior advisor with Sport & Rec Qld and granddaughter of Jack & Jessie Callope) attended the community also on the 15/04, introducing Jason Ramsamy, the new Cape York advisor with Sport & Recreation Qld. Their discussions were centred around their funding program and the position of Sports and Recreation Officer with the Mapoon community and a variety of Sports and Recreational activities. The program applications closed on 2nd May, 2003.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT** - Ms Jennifer Salam and a working companion visited Mapoon on 17th April to consult the community and take referrals in the matters of community Domestic Violence. They will be making regular visits to our community.

**PAINTERS** - The painters have returned to Badu Island and have painted three houses. They were here for a few weeks before returning. Desmond Pitt-Nicholls happened to go back to Badu with them.

**DATSIP** - The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy visited the community on Tuesday 29th April, 2003 to discuss proposals to the make-up of our Justice Group and to develop in consultation a community Alcohol Management Plan.. They are planning a series of return visits

## FARM NEWS.

The Bulldozer has been here stump ripping. The fencing has now been 99% completed. The main irrigation lines for the orchard block are installed underground. Stick picking has been completed on the orchard block and the trees have arrived to our nursery from Cairns. Two Hundred and Fifty fruit trees of numerous varieties, a wide variety of exotic and tropical fruits were planted.

The workers at the Farm are the two trainees, Les Hall and Ian Ngallametta, David Grego, David Reid, Donny Mamoose, Aaron Driscoll, Stephen Jia, and Vivien Swain. Ian Ngallametta has been promoted to supervise the farm crew. Bruce Zell from FNQ Training in Cairns has been delivering much valued training to all the men engaged with the farm. The vegetable patch is now being prepared for planting.

## SCHOOLING ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Congratulations to all the Mapoon Youth from Mapoon and Napranum who were awarded Captaincy at the West Cape York Campus in Weipa for 2003. We know that the trust put with our young people in this instance is well-placed and we hope that each of the appointed youth will live up to the responsibility placed upon them. Those appointed were: -

<b>Dallon Guivarra</b>	<b>School Captain</b>	<b>House Captain</b>	<b>: Evans</b>
<b>Thala Wallis</b>		<b>House Vice-Captain</b>	<b>: Dyufken</b>
<b>Melissa Douthat</b>		<b>House Captain</b>	<b>: Dyufken</b>
<b>Heidi Booth</b>		<b>House Vice-Captain</b>	<b>: Evans</b>
<b>Tyrone Billy</b>		<b>House Vice-Captain</b>	<b>: Flinders</b>
<b>Telita Namai</b>		<b>House Captain</b>	<b>: Flinders</b>

RANGER NEWS

Fencing has been completed at Dog Reef area to prohibit vehicles from driving down onto the beach area from that point.

Many tourists are now looking to Mapoon, with a few of the regular Aurukun visitors now opting to come to Mapoon due to the Alcohol Management Plans in action within Aurukun Community.

HEALTH CLINIC NEWS

The Pediatrics visits have now been reinstated. They are available for consultation in Weipa Hospital and will be referred in by the Mapoon Clinic as required.

Sharon Booth is doing Chronic Disease Management, Women's Health, Women's Sexual Health and will be doing much consultation with clients in these areas. Michael Murphy is doing Men's Sexual Health, Aged Care and will be involved with the immunization program. They have been appointed the program managers and need to be further skilled up.

The community is invited to express their wants and needs to Michael and Sharon, who will channel these back to perfect the program as their health resources will permit.

THINK

If you think you are beaten, you are. If you think you dare not, you don't.  
If you like to win, but you think you can't, It is almost certain you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost, For out of the world we find,  
Success begins with a fellow's will - It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you are outclassed you are. You've got to think high to rise.  
You've got to be sure of yourself before You can ever win a prize.

Life's battles don't always go To the stronger or faster man,

WELCOME HOME

It is good to see Aunty (Mother/Sissy/Granny) Olive Mooka returned from the south to her home in Mapoon. Welcome back Mrs Mooka and we hope to catch up on all the old news with you. Also happy to have seen brother Eddie Woodley, Chairman of the Cape York Peninsula Regional Council back out at Mapoon visiting.

Simon Harvey arrived home after a long stretch in Adelaide recovering from his ailment. Glad to see you back Simon, with all his fishing gear. We know the family are very happy to see you home too. Hear with the fishing that he was straight into it.

## DEATH NOTICE

**Deemal, Phillip.** - Late Chairman of Hopevale Community.  
Passed away at Cairns Base Hospital on Wednesday 16th April, 2003.

Funeral Service was held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hopevale on Thursday 24th April, 2003.

For many who knew the late Chairman of Hopevale, the ACC and indeed the community of Hopevale have lost a great indigenous leader, an extraordinary Councillor, a man of passion and deep understanding for what really makes a community work.

**DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE HOPEVALE COMMUNITY  
FROM THE PEOPLE OF OLD MAPOON**

## IN MEMORY OF

**Luff, Victoria (nee Toeboy)** - Much loved and respected elder of the Mapoon community.

Granny Vic was born in Mapoon and had spent her final years in the Senior Citizens home in Napranum.

Granny Vic was laid to rest near the Sunrise Creek area of the Southern Pine River region on Saturday 24th May, 2003. She is survived by two of her three daughters, many grand-children and great grand-children.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE  
FAMILY OF GRANNY VICKY LUFF.**

## CHURCH SERVICE NOTICE.

### CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD.

**WEDNESDAY YOUTH SERVICE: 7.30PM NIGHT SERVICE**

**SUNDAY SERVICE: 10.30AM MORNING SERVICE  
7.30PM NIGHT SERVICE**

**ALL SERVICES HELD AT THE MAPOON HEALTH CLINIC.**

**FOR FURTHER INQUIRIES CONTACT: PASTOR MALCOLM KOITAP - 40 909 114**

**Ephesians Ch. 6 Vs 1-4: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your Father and Mother, which is the first commandment with promise., that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth., and you fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."**

**ALL WELCOME**

**BIBLE WORD: THE CHILDREN.**

**Matthew: Ch 18. Vs 10. (Vs 1-14) "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."**

**Proverbs: Ch 22. Vs 6. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."**

**Proverbs: Ch 17. Vs 6. "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers."**

**SEE ALSO: Deut: Ch 4, Vs 10., Exodus: Ch 21, Vs 22., Psalm: Ch 8, Vs 2., Psalm: Ch 114, Vs 9., Psalm: Ch 127, Vs 3 - 5., Gal: Ch 3, Vs 26., 1 Tim: Ch 5, Vs 4., Titus: Ch 2, Vs 4.**