



This little poem was found in an old recipe book containing old time recipes. It was known as the PWMU Cook Book., which was purchased by the mother of local school teacher Ms Melanie.

MAPOON

May those who buy this little Book find it's contents a boon;
And as they work it's dainties up, Remember far Mapoon!
Prevent as much as in them lies, the dying out too soon
Of Queensland's Aborigines—By helping on Mapoon!
Our duty stares us in the face—Our hearts should beat in tune;
Nor mar by want of harmony, the Mission at Mapoon!

What wonderful little treasures surprise the Mapoon community and it's people. If any persons have similar articles written about Mapoon and would like the community to know them, you are welcome to put them into the editorial office of the Yartime Newsletter and we will definitely consider to publish them for all to see. Old recipes from olden times are also welcomed.

MAPOON ABORIGINAL COUNCIL

DATE
25th September,
2003.

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**NEXT COUNCIL
MEETING
IS ON IN
OCTOBER**

CAPE YORK LAND & HEALTH SUMMIT AURUKUN 4TH—9TH AUGUST, 2003.

SUMMIT THEME "UNITY & STRENGTH."

The Land Summit at Aurukun was well attended by the Mapoon people. It was good to have the representation of people like Johnny Paul, Mariah Pitt and Harriet Flinders. Benny Ware, Peter, Walter & Ricky Guivarra, Lou Akenson and Jason Pflingst also attended the summit. The local Land Council Representatives, William Busch and Georgina Blanco were also present. Mrs Blanco was in charge of the catering.

The Prime Minister John Howard and the Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Phillip Ruddock, attended the summit on Wednesday, 6th August and addressed the members gathered. He announced special funding that was allocated by the Federal Government for the Family Violence strategy.

Phoebe Day gave us inspiration with her corroboree dancing. Walter Guivarra played the guitar on talent night. We were happy to see that the summit was well respected and persons did not turn up under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

MEETING NOTICE

MAPOON COMMUNITY JUSTICE GROUP

DAY: MONDAY
DATE: 13TH OCTOBER, 2003.
TIME: 10.00AM - 12.00PM
WHERE: HEALTH CLINIC

The meeting has been appointed to discuss the results & outcomes of the Mapoon community Alcohol Management survey undertaken and also the regulating of the Justice Committee. A tentative Agenda has been prepared and is available at the Council office.

MAPOON COMMUNITY VISITATIONS

Director General—TERRY HOGAN: Every community in Qld has a Director General appointed by the government to oversee and champion the concerns of their respective communities. Terry Hogan and Rowan Foley and his entourage with John Adams from Cape York Partnerships visited to hear concerns of the community.

DATSIP—EDDIE BULI & ANN KEARNEY: Attended the community to discuss the forming of the Mapoon Community Justice Group. Further follow-through community meetings were held at the Clinic where it was hoped all the community attended and voiced their opinions. Discussions also centered around the forth-coming Alcohol Management Plan for our community. Further consulting is ongoing in the Mapoon community on this issue.

COL DILLON: Mapoon was privileged to have had a visit from Col Dillon, one of the highest ranking Aboriginal Police Officers in the country. Now retired, Col is working with the State Government in the formation of the local Community Justice Groups. Col also attended the meeting on the 23/07/03 at the Clinic.

WCCCA Meeting: On Monday 14/07 and Tuesday 15/07, the WCCCA group had a trust meeting in the Mapoon Council Chambers. WCCCA stands for the West Cape Communities Coalition Agreement.

Queensland Police: The Queensland Police visited to discuss a number of issues, and also undertaking an investigation into the disappearance of a Father & Son from a fishing vessel on the Coleman River. Any persons with any information on the disappearance is encouraged to come forward. While they were here, the Police also took the opportunity of undertaking some regular traffic duties as well as catch up on other outstanding business.

Thomas Hudson & Operations and Maintenance Program: Thomas Hudson visited the community on Wednesday 23/07/03 to check on progress of the Operations and Maintenance Program, particularly the Mapoon Farm, which is a project sponsored through the ACC.

SOME OF THE MYTHS ABOUT FAMILY VIOLENCE.

Kids aren't affected by family violence.

Alcohol is the cause.

Family violence is only wife bashing.

She knew what she was getting into.

It means he loves her.

The relationship will get better.

She can always leave him.

It's just what men do.

She likes it.

He/she can't help it—violence runs in their family.

It's no one else's business.

Abusers are violent in all relationships.

He needs to do it to let off steam.

It's a black problem.

She deserves it.

He won't change.

He is incapable of loving.

It is a part of the culture.

It is a mental problem.

The white man made us like that.

HOUSING NEWS

A number of houses have now been completed and are awaiting the final laying of the floors. Soon they will be occupied with our young Mapoon families. The new homes all seem to be coming with their new fences and how smart they are all looking.

We remind tenants that any damages to your home need to be reported immediately, as well as any repairs and maintenance such as leaking taps, loose hinges and doors etc. Requests forms for any repairs and maintenance to your homes are available at the front office desk of Council. For safety reasons, Council recommends that every house always has a strong and lengthy hose, with adjustable nozzle, to assist you in any emergency with any fire occurring in or around your home.

Congratulations to Danny & Josephine Parry and Dianne Nicholls upon occupying their new homes. Many thanks to the tenants for your co-operation regarding the housing inspections which have been carried out over the last weeks.

MAPOON HEALTH CLINIC NEWS

In the past couple of weeks persons have been coming to the nurse's home's in the night and waking them for a lift home. This behavior is not acceptable as the nurse is on call for medical reasons only.

AFTER HOURS AND WEEKENDS ARE FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY.

Community members must be responsible for having enough medications to last them, over the weekend. Each home should ensure that they have a supply of Panadol and Band-aids to cover minor problems. Both these items are available from the Mapoon Store or Woolworths.

BRUSH YOUR TEETH REGULARLY TO AVOID DENTAL DECAY.

The Physiotherapist attends the clinic fortnightly Tuesday. Persons wishing to see the physio should contact the clinic and make arrangements for an appointment.

The Doctor attends the community every Wednesday of the week. The Dentist arrives in October for 3 & 1/2 days and Pauline asks for those in need of dental treatment to register now for an appointment with him.

DOWN AT THE MAPOON FARM

The Farm has four (4) Trainees attached to the project, they being Ian Ngallametta, Les Hall, David Grego and Vivien Swain. Ian, Les and David attended a conference of the Organic Producers of Qld in Cairns on 31/07—2/08/03. They gained much experience and made many new contacts in the industry. There are thirteen (13) employees altogether at the Farm.

Fencing and pig-proofing has been completed. Irrigation to the dripper system is completed on block 1. Planting of the assorted vegetables and root crops is ready to begin. The clearing of sticks and stumps for bed preparation is complete. Ground cover will be planted in the orchard soon. Various Fruit trees have arrived and are being planted.

Don't forget to contact the farm crew should you wish to discuss the planting of any crops you may like to see growing at Mapoon and you may be interested in purchasing through the store.

MAPOON STORE NEWS

The store now has a great range of bicycles for girls, boys, women and men. They also have in stock some deadly looking and sounding guitars for all the musical minded, as well as a range of new stock of toys in stock.

The shop training program is up and running. Three (3) trainees are receiving on the job training with the shop for retail qualifications from Certificate 2 to Certificate 4. New faces at the front counter include Priscilla Hudson and Jason Tilberoo who have taken some control over the new cash register.

Sadly, some inconsiderate and vengeful person/s have taken their vengeance out on the shop front window and may have attempted to enter the store. For the public's information, the store is fitted with a modern security alarm system and is constantly monitored.

SHOPLIFTING IS AN OFFENCE AND PERSONS FOUND STEALING WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW.

Mapoon School News



Term three is going to be an exciting blend of sport, the arts and travel. We enjoyed listening to the Queensland Youth Orchestra's Big Band on the verandah of the Health Clinic on the second day of term.

Steve Castley the artist has helped all the students with public art projects. The Red and Yellow groups painted a mural of the swamp which fits in really well with the Ocean and Mangrove scenes of last year. Blue group drew pictures of themselves and Steve put these on ply panels that can now be seen on the outside of the office and classroom.

Maurice Heim the potter is due to work with the students in the middle of August and this should again produce excellent work. Parents and family are most welcome to come down and visit and watch the kids at work with the clay.

Also in August we will be attending an Arts Council performance at Napranum Campus.



Rugby League coaching will be taking place over five weeks starting on Monday 28 July. Gareth Smith is organising this and the kids are really keen to get into it. Many children have already paid their \$10 to receive a kit that includes a mini-ball, bucket hat and water bottle. Rod Whittle the regional junior director will also be visiting on the day that the sessions start.



The AFL Crusader Cup will again be held in Weipa on the 14-15 August and Mapoon will be sending in a team made of boys and girls from the older part of the school. Good luck and play well and fair.

Our trip to Cairns planning is going very well and we are now looking at activities to do on our stay. So far it looks like a trip to the reef could be on the cards as well as visiting the new lagoon, shopping, netball, Sugarworld and school visits.



In Term 2 blue group were hard at work on the endangered species rich task. We began by reading "Where the Forest Meets The Sea" by Jeannie Baker and began to look at the Daintree Rainforest and the animals that live there. We took a special interest in the Southern Cassowary and built our own life size model, we later named him "Speedy" as we know Cassowaries are fast runners. We also decided that he was a boy, as we knew that the male Cassowary looks after the eggs and chicks. You can see him in this picture looking after his eggs. Each week we sold popcorn at school to raise enough money to adopt a Cassowary at the zoo. We have sent away our letter, pictures and money and are now waiting on a reply.

Many thanks to all who supported the raffles and fundraising for Jason Tilberoo (jnr) and Roberta Harvey and Dallan Guivarra who travelled south for a range of sporting activities. It is good to see the Mapoon people coming together to support their community youth.

RANGER NEWS.

The Rangers have been undertaking a Turtle survey along the Mapoon beaches. This included counting all the turtle nests and dead turtles and crabs caught up in old fishing nets. Quite a few nets have been washed up on the beaches, and three hundred and seventy six (376) nets have been counted. These will all need destroying very soon to stop other wildlife getting caught up in them or having them washed back out to sea to do further destruction. Out of the ninety-one (91) nests counted, over eighty (80) nests have been dug up by feral pigs.

A crocodile survey has also been undertaken by our Rangers from Cullen Point to Tharng Creek. Five large crocodiles have come out of big swamp and gone into the dog reef area over the past two weeks.

Rangers are concerned about the amount of rubbish that has been left around the sites, especially the mission house area and dog reef. This is after attempts by the community members to clean up these sites on previous occasions. Broken glass and used nappies are a serious health hazard to others visiting the area, and to locals and children alike. Please be mindful of the needs and concerns of other community members and take all your rubbish home with you.

A meeting of the Land and Sea Management with Traditional owners and historical people from Mapoon is called for Tuesday, 14th October, 2003 at 9.30am at the Council Chambers. All interested parties are invited to attend.

KUTCHA EDWARDS VISITS MAPOON.

Kutcha Edwards musician/songwriter from Melbourne visited Mapoon to work with the school children during the school holidays. Kutcha is a well known Indigenous recording artist. He was voted Deadly Vibe Male Recording artist of the year 2001. Also voted National Aboriginal NAIDOC Person of the Year 2001. He has travelled to Mexico and China with his music. He is involved in the Victorian Koori Music mentoring program and has had Paul Kelly as his mentor. He is also lead singer with the band Blackfire.

During his visit here along with Fiona Dean they both worked with the children to write songs and record a CD of their song/s. The children have produced really deadly songs and these will be put together with a film clip. Future recording artists in who we might see in the top ten in the future.

Many thanks to Kutcha and Fiona for their commitment and enthusiasm for this program. Also many thanks to the supervisors especially Wally and Jessie Guivarra , Daphne, Chrissie, Neomie, Frankie, Margo, Lola and Shannon. Special thanks to Desmond Pitt who watched over the drinks and Sandy and Jack who helped with the sandcastles. It has been inspiring to see these young boys mixing in and being supportive with the young children.

Many thanks to the Mapoon Council who supported this program with Education Queensland and Queensland Health. A very strong example of partnerships.

So keep and eye out for the launch of the CD/s and film clip.

MAPOON MEN'S ISSUES.

A meeting held on Tuesday 22nd July, 2003 for the Mapoon Men's Group was to elect two (2) delegates to represent the Men's Group on the Mapoon Community Justice Group. Ian Ngallametta and Cameron Hudson were voted to sit on the Mapoon Community Justice Group. Five stand-in delegates also were elected and were yet to confirm their acceptance. A follow up meeting was held on the verandah of the contractors donga and a BBQ lunch was enjoyed on 30/07/03.

Issues also of possible funding areas that the Men's Group may be able to tap into to get a bit of a show on the road for the Mapoon men. The men were asked to come back to a future meeting with ideas for activities, where the group could make application for funding for such activities. Some of the activities and resources include: -

Cricket set	Archery set	Boats	Vehicle	Camping gear	Horses
Sporting gear	Board games				

Dale Hurst, working with Apunipima Cape York Health service, visited the community on a number of occasions, assisting with Men's issues. Dale is seeking a core group of men from Mapoon to impart particular training to in the basics of Anger Management. This should be a good start towards us settling our own affairs internally before having to go outside for help in these areas.

Men's issues can involve: - Court support and referencing., Prison visitations., Counseling and Anger Management., Family & Fathering Programs., Prison release and probationary support., Social and Moral support., Sports and Recreation needs., Brotherhood.

Three Mapoon men attended the National Men's Conference in Cairns on 8th & 9th of September, 2003. They were Cameron Hudson, David Grego and Ricky Guivarra. It was a good opportunity to meet indigenous men from all around the country and discuss common issues of concern. Hopefully, the Men's group may be able to play host to a number of these men's groups from different areas and states of Australia, and also pay these groups a visit, whether they are in New South Wales or South Australia etc. Discussions at the conference included Fathering Projects, Prison Health and Hygiene, Drugs and Alcohol etc.

A men's meeting was planned for Tuesday, 23rd September, 2003 at the Council Office. All young men and boys from the Mapoon community were welcome to attend this important meeting. Dale Hurst had attended to talk with the men present. Should any men want any matters listed on the Agenda for discussion at the future meeting, please contact Ricky Guivarra at the office and he will have the matters listed for everyone's attention. A lunch was served to all those in attendance.

QUOTES WE CAN CONSIDER.

I'VE LEARNED: -

That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

That money doesn't buy class.

That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

That it's those small daily things that make life spectacular.

That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

MAPOON JUSTICE GROUP.
MAPOON ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT PLAN SURVEY.

The Mapoon Community Justice Group has nominated the name of the local group to be called the Ruggapoin Community Justice Group. A number of nominations to the Justice Group have already been considered and lodged with the State Government for approval. These nominations are directly from the representative groups in Mapoon, they being: - Tjungundji., Taepathiggi., Yupangati., Warranku., Thanakwith., Historical., HACC., Men's Group., Women's Group., Parents & Citizens (School)., Health Clinic., Mapoon Council. All names nominated will be listed for Public display soon and community feed-back.

The committee has decided to undertake a survey of the community to ask about the amounts of grog coming into the Mapoon community and the type of grog that is being drunk by community members. This will assist the committee to make a good alcohol management plan that would suit Mapoon and our circumstances here. We ask all community members over the age of 18 years to assist us by filling out this form and returning them to the Council Office as soon as possible. Your comments will be much appreciated and considered before the Alcohol Management Plan is put into place. Survey Forms are available from the Council Office, HACC office and the Mapoon Store.

ELECTORAL OFFICE ENROLMENTS.

All residents of Mapoon are requested to ensure that their enrolment details are correct and that you are registered for the forthcoming Mapoon Council Elections to be held next year. Enrolment forms are available at the Council Office and can also be ordered from the Electoral Office.

Persons who are not correctly enrolled with the Electoral Office will be unable to vote at any forthcoming elections, including State and Federal elections, and will not have a say in the formulating of the new Council through the next local elections.

Cape York Digital Network.

Cape York digital network internet café

Trainee co-coordinator Sarah Barkley

Attention residents of Mapoon. Just to inform you that there is an internet café here if interested.

It is a good experience for the community and even for myself

The internet café provides all sorts of internet browsing and looking up web sites and playing games.

Even doing your own online banking and all sorts of other stuff

Having a video conference with correctional center. There is a fee to pay if interested

So come in and have a look around and don't be afraid of asking any questions

So just come in and talk with the CYDN Co-ordinator Trainee for more information.

An opportunity is also available for a two (2) day worker to work with Sarah on the internet computers.

Your C.Y.D.N Co-coordinator trainee : Sarah Barkley.

CENTRELINK HOURS

Monday to Friday

9.30am - 11.30am only

No staff are available to tend to Centrelink issues outside of these hours.

Contact Centrelink Agent Daisy Caltabiano or relief agents, Ricky Guivarra or Beryl Woodley for any of your Centrelink business.

TIMESHEETING AND PAYS

Council reminds all workers that your timesheets require to be lodged with the office by Tuesday afternoon at the latest for your salary to be paid to you for the week . Salaries are paid out in cash at 3.00pm on Thursdays. No pays can be given any persons on your behalf unless an authority to collect the pay is signed by yourself.

NO TIMESHEET - NO PAY

McGinness, Pumeri. (Joseph)
Passed away peacefully in Cairns Base Hospital on Friday 11/7/03., aged 89 years. Beloved father of **Elsie, John and Sandra.**

Joe McGinness was a stalwart in the molding of Aboriginal Affairs in this country and instrumental in the mounting of the 1967 Referendum on Aboriginal Affairs. He was also in the vanguard of the push to bring the Qld Government & Comalco to account for removing the Mapoon people.

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 KAITAP - 40 909 114

ACTS Ch. 2. Vs. 38., "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

ALL WELCOME

BIBLE WORD:

GOSSIPING.

Leviticus: Ch. 19. Vs 16. "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people."

Proverbs: Ch. 18. Vs 8. "The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go done into the innermost parts of the belly." (See also Prov: Ch 26. Vs 22.)

Proverbs: Ch. 21. Vs 23. "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from trouble."

Proverbs: Ch. 26. Vs 20. "Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth."

Matthew: Ch. 12. Vrs 36-37. "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

SEE ALSO: Luke. Ch. 6. Vs 37., Eph. Ch. 4. Vs 29., 1 Tim. Ch. 5. Vs 13., James. Ch. 3. Vs 8.