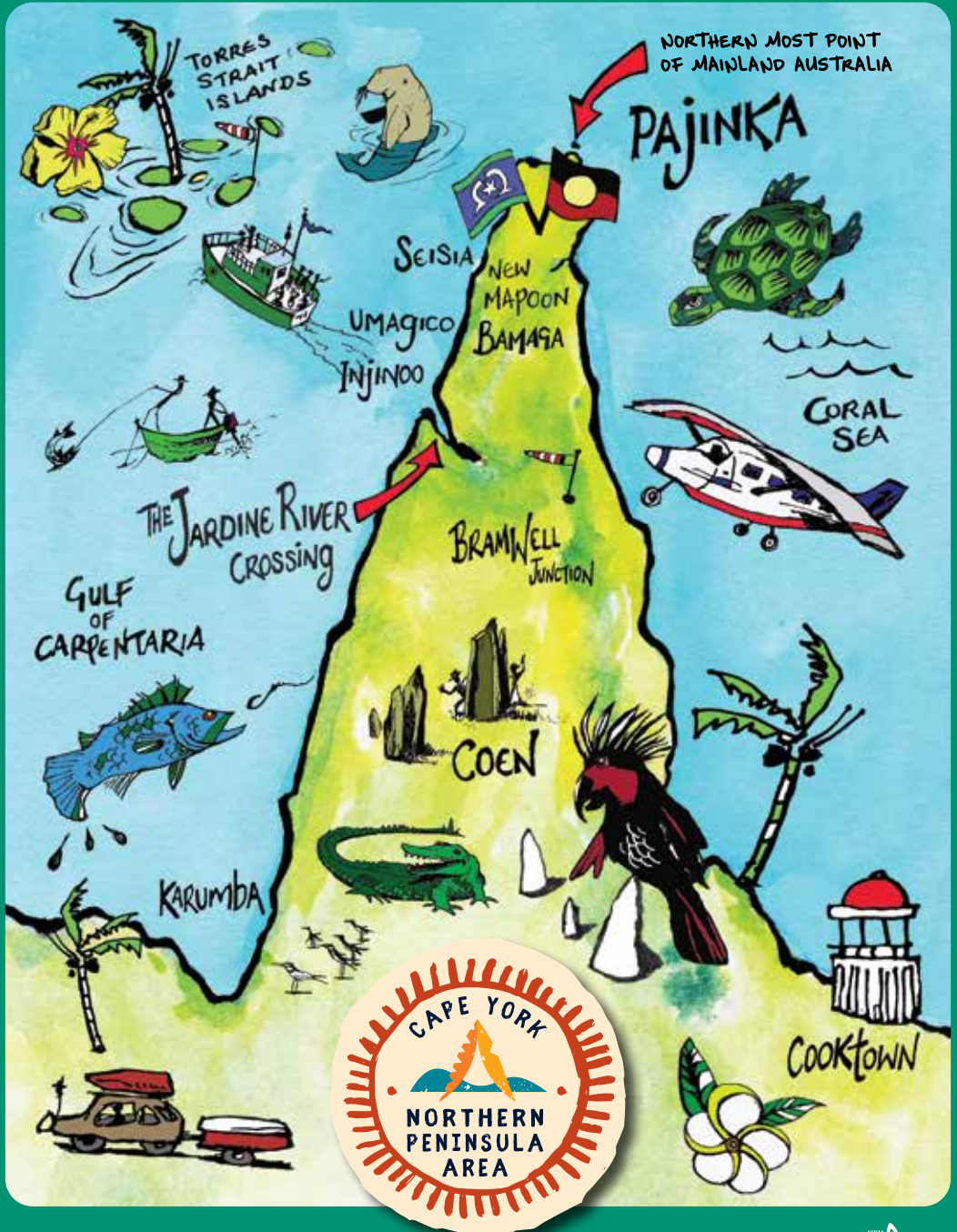


NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA



JARDINE RIVER AND BEYOND



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE **ANGKAMUTHI, ATAMBAYA AND GUDANG YADHAYKENU** TRIBAL GROUPS OF THE NORTHERN CAPE YORK GROUP IN WHICH WE CONDUCT OUR BUSINESS ON TODAY.

WE RECOGNISE THE UNIQUENESS OF THIS REGION AND THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANSHIPS THAT THE APUDTHAMA PEOPLE HAVE OVER THEIR LAND AND SEA COUNTRY. WE HUMBLY RESPECT THEIR HISTORY AND PAY HOMAGE TO THE ELDERS, PAST, PRESENT AND EMERGING.

IT IS THROUGH THIS MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING OF APUDTHAMA COUNTRY THAT WE OPERATE OUR SERVICES AND ASK OUR VALUED PARTNERS TO RESPECT THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THIS COUNTRY.

RESPECTING COUNTRY

Welcome to the NPA. We ask that you respect our customs, local laws and traditional Lores to ensure NPA remains a strong and special place for future generations to treasure and enjoy.

This booklet includes information for visitors, tourists and new residents about the NPA Communities and our local culture and history. It also includes information about the local businesses and events in the NPA as well as visitor behaviour expectations.

PLEASE TREAT OUR REGION
AND CULTURE WITH RESPECT.
LEAVE NO TRACE.

Cape York is a dream destination. Visitor numbers increase every year, and most take good care of the place.

Unfortunately, a small minority cause serious problems including illegally accessing private land, camping in culturally and ecologically sensitive areas, lighting illegal fires, dumping rubbish, relocating, removing or stacking of rocks, graffiti, erecting plaques and spreading weeds. These unwelcome behaviors are offensive to the Traditional Owners, Custodians and Local Residents and could lead to visitor restrictions and track or camp closures.

Please look after this incredibly special region which means so much to all who live and travel here.

WHAT MAKES THE NPA SPECIAL?

The Northern Peninsula Area (locally referred to as the NPA) is the area North of the Jardine River and is made up of five First Nations communities, settled by clans from across Cape York and the Torres Strait. There are three Aboriginal communities; Injinoo, Umagico and New Mapoon, and two Torres Strait Islander communities, Seisia and Bamaga.

You are visiting the only place in Australia where the merging of these two First Nations cultures can be experienced on Country. Please keep in the forefront of your mind that you are a guest on Apudthama Country.

Title deeds for Pajinka lands (The Northernmost Point of Australia) were handed over to the Gudang Yadhaykenu Aboriginal Corporation for and on behalf of the people in 2017. The handover recognises the connection to land in accordance with traditional laws/lores and customs across multiple generations whilst also enabling new opportunities for the Gudang Yadhaykenu people in culture and tourism to be developed.



Photo: Kerrie Hall

INJINOO FORMERLY KNOWN AS COWAL CREEK

LANGUAGES: Traditional language is Injinoo Ikaya. The predominant language is Cape York Creole (Injinoo dialect); English is also spoken.

POPULATION: 496 (2021 Seisia, Census Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people QuickStats | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au))

The first established settlement in the NPA region was of four semi-nomadic tribes, who came together in peace to settle Injinoo at the mouth of Cowal Creek (meaning Small River).

These clans were the **Angamuthi, Atambaya and Gudang Yadhaykenu** clans. Their descendants, the people of Injinoo, are the traditional owners of the land. The people of Injinoo still practise traditional **land and sea hunting rights** and cultural ceremonies, including traditional dance, song and cooking.

Together with the local custodians the Apudthama Land Trust is a board of elected community members that manages the NPA Land and Sea Rangers based in Injinoo. The land and sea rangers are responsible for the management of local natural resources in the Northern Peninsula Area. The rangers provide a vital service in managing country and the intergenerational transfer of knowledge and skills from Elders to their young people.

Injinoo Lookout is the site of the original settlement and still holds cultural significance. Located close to the waterfront, the old site looked out toward the Arafura Sea, on the western side of the top of Cape York. The mouth of the Jardine River is to the south and can be accessed via boat from Injinoo Boatramp or via 4wd track from Mutee Head.

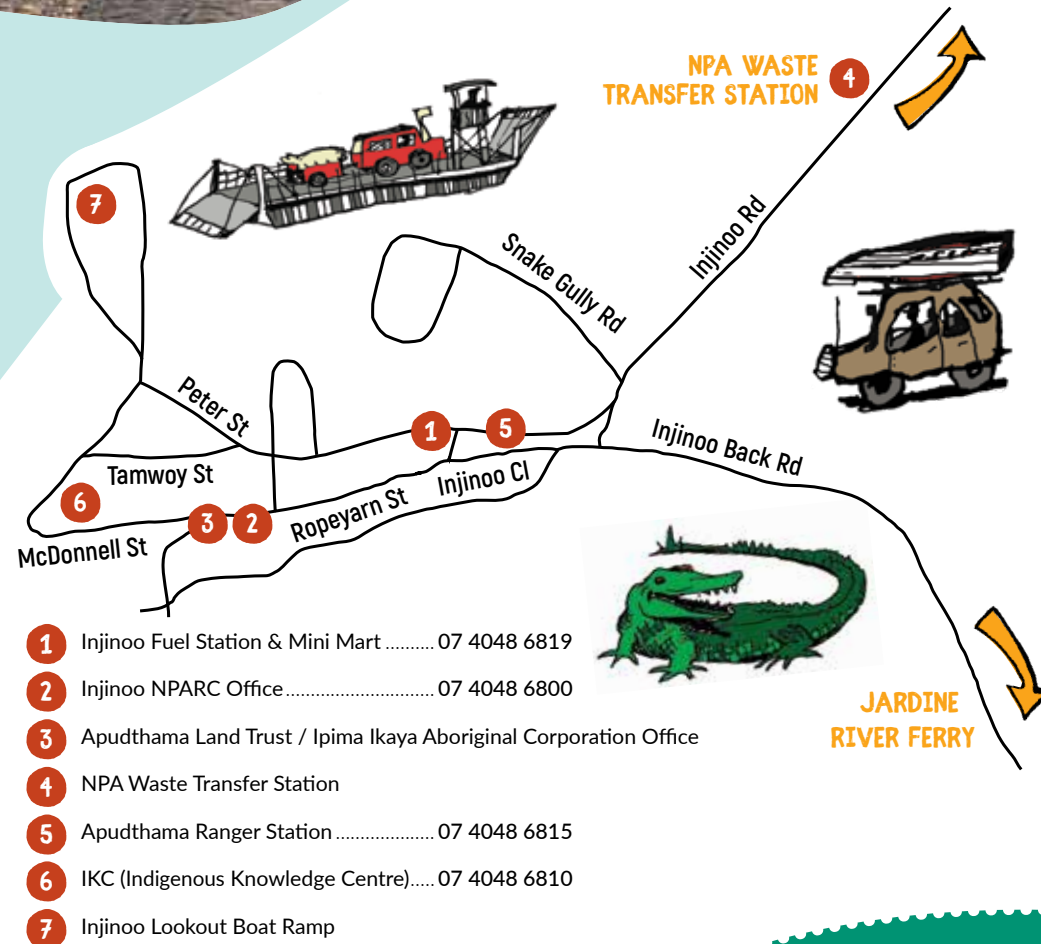




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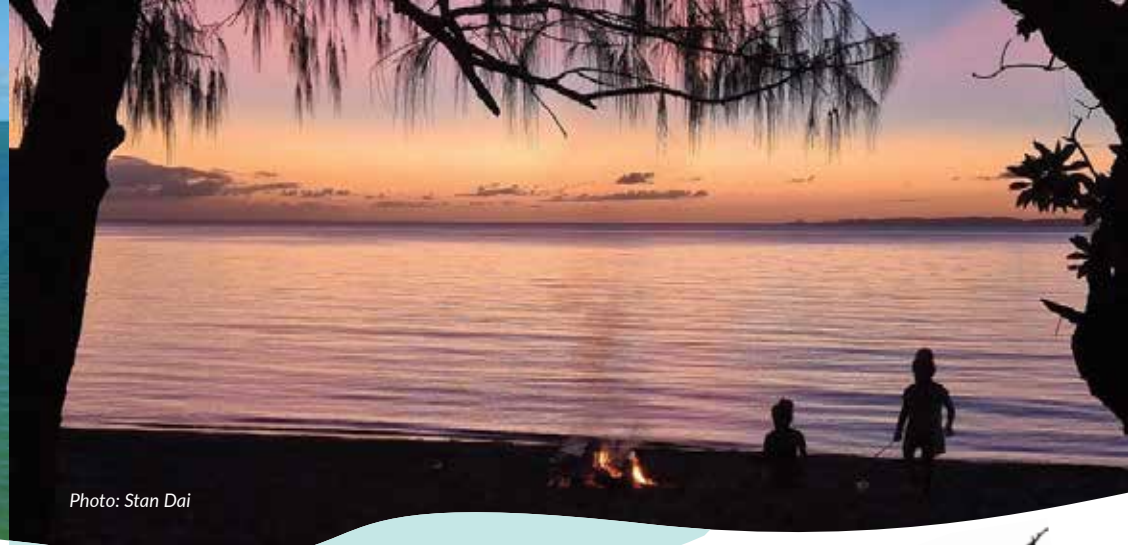


Photo: Stan Dai

UMAGICO (ALAU)

LANGUAGES: Traditional community language is Kuku Ya'u of Lockhart region. Also spoken is Torres Strait Creole, Alau Creole, and Kalaw Lagaw Ya (from Western Torres Strait, Mabaug Island, Badu Island, Moa Island).

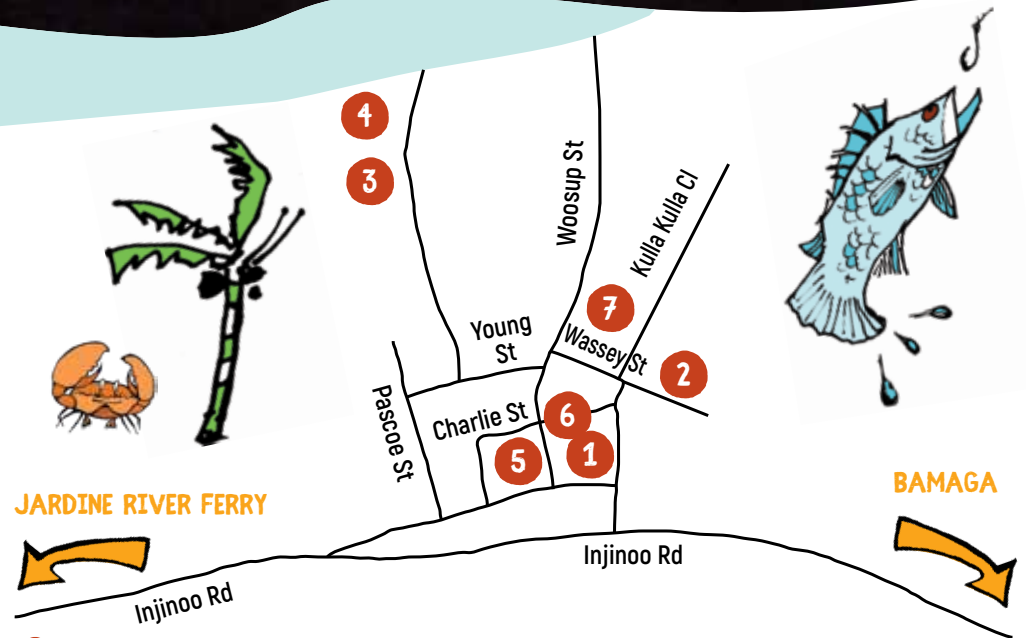
POPULATION: 394 (ABS 2021 Census)

The historical founders and pioneers of Umachi'ku (Umagico) community are the people of East Coast Lockhart region. Meaning "Black headed python", in the language of Lockhart, Umagico was formerly known as 'Alau' in the local Aboriginal language.

When the people of Lockhart River and Coen were forced from their own land, they were given permission by the Traditional Owners, the people of Injinoo, to settle in Umagico. During the 1940s families from Moa Island, the second largest island in the Torres Strait, also moved to Injinoo – and later to Umagico - for improved living conditions, such as fresh water.

Other families from the Torres Strait Islands followed to the area, some settling in the new community of Umagico. Known as a 'place of springs', fresh spring water is plentiful in the coastal landscape, which is host to lily ponds and billabongs. In the wet season, the Cape York Lily fills the bushland.

The magical beachfront at Umagico is host to a popular campground for visitors. Alau Beach presents fantastic views of some of the Torres Strait Islands and the northern coastline towards Pajinka. The serene white sand beach is perfect for a stroll or a spot of fishing. Umagico also has a local supermarket for fresh fruit, vegetables and daily needs.



- 1 Umagico Supermarket 07 4048 6920
- 2 Umagico Community Hall 07 4048 6900
- 3 Umagico Budget Lodge 0400 693 012
- 4 Alau Beach Camp Grounds 0400 693 012 / 07 4069 3029
- 5 Umagico NPARC Office 07 4048 6900
- 6 IKC (Indigenous Knowledge Centre) 07 4048 6914
- 7 Contractors Accommodation 07 4048 6800





Photo: Francis Elu

BAMAGA (ICHIRU)

LANGUAGES: Kalaw Kawaw Ya, Torres Strait Creole and English.

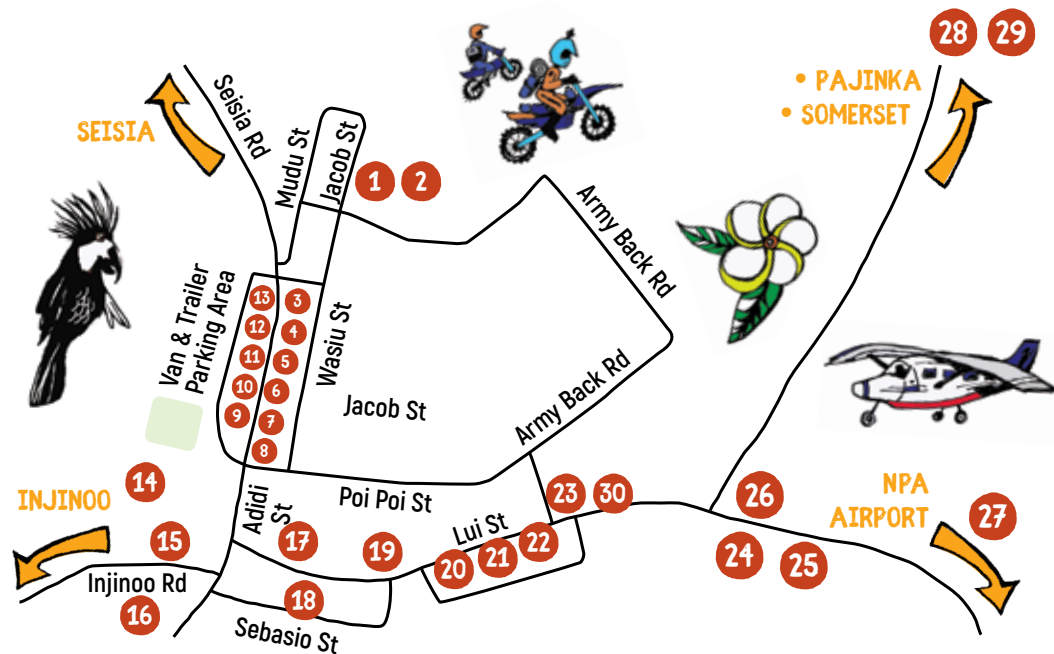
POPULATION: 1197 (ABS 2021 Census)

When the people of Saibai Island began to fear for their future supplies of fresh water, a few families decided to relocate to the mainland. Saibai Island is a small Island (approximately 6km x 20km) of alluvial soils washed from river systems of the neighbouring islands of Papua New Guinea, only 5km to the North.

The original inhabitants of Saibai are the Koeibuway (Ker-bu-y) and Moegibuway (Migi-bu-y) peoples and they are acknowledged as the Traditional Owners of Saibai. Melanesian in origin, they lived in village communities following traditional patterns of hunting, fishing, agriculture and trade for many thousands of years before contact was made with the first European visitors to the region.

Saibai Island is prone to flooding, often contaminating fresh water supplies with seawater from storm surges. In 1948, a government reservation was created for the people of Saibai Island wishing to migrate to the mainland. The Injinoo people granted permission for them to settle in their area now known as Mutee Heads, as construction of the Bamaga township was underway.

By 1954, the majority of construction was completed and more Saibai Islander families moved to the mainland to settle in Bamaga. The community was named after its founder, Bamaga Ginau.



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| 1 Bamaga Community Hall 07 4090 4100 | 17 Cape York Peninsula Lodge 07 4069 3050 |
| 2 Public Pool..... 07 4069 3659 | 18 Public Toilets |
| 3 ANZAC Memorial Park | 19 Police Station..... 07 4090 4500 |
| 4 Bamaga NPARC (Main Office).... 07 4090 4100 | 20 NPARC Workshop..... 07 4090 4126 |
| 5 IBIS Supermarket..... 07 4048 6500 | 21 NPARC Stores..... 07 4090 4128 |
| 6 Bamaga Pharmacy..... 07 4083 0224 | 22 Coys Budget Motors..... 0467 724 775 |
| 7 Bamaga Dreamtime..... 07 4069 3222 | 23 Cape York Traders..... 07 4083 0446 |
| 8 Bam Bam Bakery & Takeaway | 24 BOC Gas Agent |
| 9 Bamaga Tavern 07 4069 3256 | 25 Bamaga Auto Marine 0467 724 775 |
| 10 IKC (Indigenous Knowledge Centre)..... 07 4090 4138 | 26 BP Bamaga & Mini Mart..... 07 4069 3275 |
| 11 Post Office..... 07 4090 4122 | 27 NPA Airport..... 07 4090 4134 |
| 12 Centrelink | 28 The Croc Tent 07 4069 3210 |
| 13 Primary Health Care Centre..... 07 4069 3200 | 29 Cape York Camping 07 4069 1722
Punsand Bay |
| 14 Yusia Ginau Memorial Oval | 30 Public Dump Point |
| 15 Public Toilets | |
| 16 Bamaga Hospital..... 07 4069 3166 | |



Artist: Peter Kulla Kulla/Photo: Kerrie Hall

NEW MAPOON (MANDIGNU)

LANGUAGES: Traditional language is lost. Main languages now spoken include Torres Strait Creole, New Mapoon Creole & English.

POPULATION: 418 (ABS 2021 Census)

Mapoon Mission (now known as Old Mapoon), located north of Weipa, was established in 1891 by the Presbyterian Church on traditional lands of the Tjungundji people. Other clans taken to the mission include the Mpakwithi, Taepithiggi, Thaynhakwith, Warrangku, Wimarangga and Yupangathi. People from the Gulf area and descendants of South Sea Islanders also were relocated there by Presbyterian missionaries.

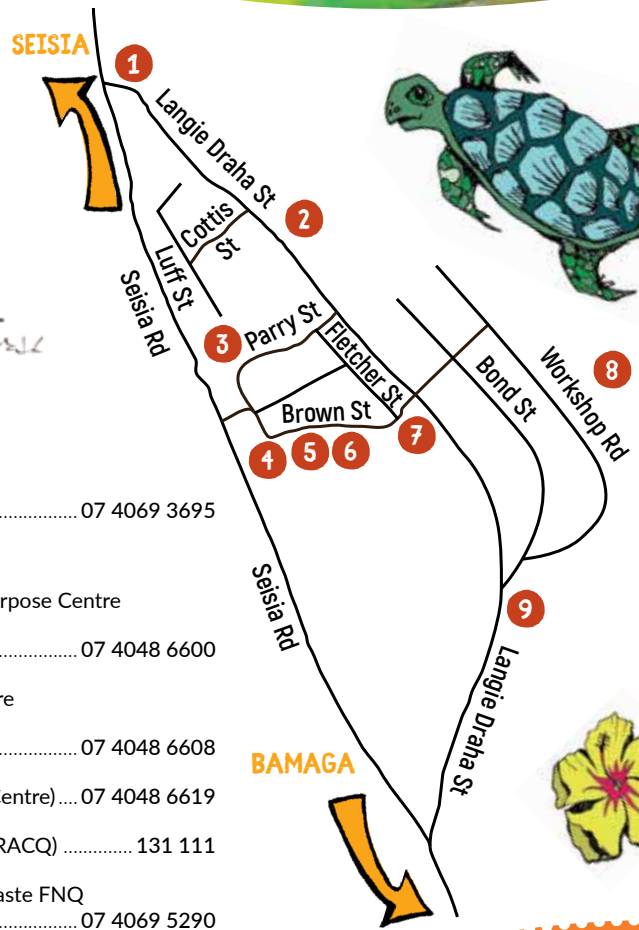
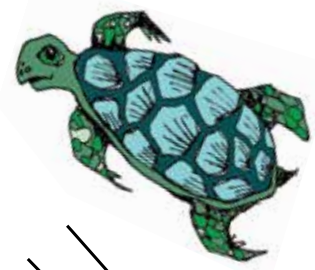
The people of Mapoon were forcibly removed from their homes and mission housing in the 1960s, to allow for Bauxite mining to commence in the area. Some families went south to resettle around Weipa, Normanton and Cairns region, while others moved north to a resettlement in the NPA - named New Mapoon.

Though traditionally people from the coast, the New Mapoon settlement was chosen as appropriate due to the freshwater spring located at the back of the community. Indeed, the area was traditionally named after 'Mandignu', meaning 'Place of Spring'.

The people of New Mapoon still have very strong ties to their homelands, and some have moved back to resettle in the area of their original community. They still practice culture through telling the stories of their ancestors and homelands through art, song and dance.

Find the New Mapoon Historical Centre - next to Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council office, to learn more about the history of the clans who now call New Mapoon home.

Visit the NPA Art Centre & Gallery at New Mapoon - next to the historical centre. Visitors can learn more about local cultures and their arts and find traditional and contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artworks on display for sale in the gallery. Open Tues-Thurs 10am-12/2-4pm, Fri 8-3pm. Tel: (07) 4048 6608.



- 1 Cape York Ice/Tackle & Accommodation..... 07 4069 3695
- 2 Playground
- 3 New Mapoon Oval & Multipurpose Centre
- 4 NPARC Office, New Mapoon 07 4048 6600
- 5 New Mapoon Historical Centre
- 6 NPA Art Centre & Gallery..... 07 4048 6608
- 7 IKC (Indigenous Knowledge Centre).... 07 4048 6619
- 8 Cape York Vehicle Recovery (RACQ) 131 111
- 9 Containers for Change/Auswaste FNQ (Mon-Wed 7-4pm) 07 4069 5290



Photo: Jade Wood, Wanderingwoods_downunder

SEISIA (ITHUNCHI)

LANGUAGES: The main language spoken in Seisia is Torres Strait Creole, however English and Kala Kawa Ya (Ka-la-ka-wa Ya) are also spoken.

POPULATION: 297 (ABS 2021 Census)

The most northern community on the Australian mainland, the final community settled in the NPA is Seisia. The Saibai islanders preferred to live by the sea, so as more families followed during 1947-1951, in pursuit of fresh water and land, they resettled at the site of the old Red Island Point.

The name Seisia is made up from the first letter of names of the first families of the community - Sagaukauz, Elu, Ibuai, Sunai, Isua and Aken. The families dwelled close to the shoreline and planted coconut trees to stabilise the seafront land. The tallest coconut trees today mark where the first homes were originally located close to water wells.

The area where the wharf is located now was once utilised by the army in WW2. Seisia Wharf once exported local agricultural produce to the outer Torres Strait Islands, but now provides the region with essential supplies via shipping - and is also the departure point for Charter Operators and Ferry Services to the Torres Strait Islands. During tourist season (May-October) Peddell's Ferry departs Seisia daily for Thursday Island.

Seisia foreshore is a popular place to enjoy vivid sunsets and a favourite local fishing spot. Adjacent to the wharf, a boat ramp provides boating access to local islands, waterways and marine tourism. Long, white sand beaches provide hours of coastal scenic strolls or enjoying tropical picnics under shady groves.



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| 1 Seisia Service Station.....07 4069 3897 | 7 IKC (Indigenous Knowledge Centre).....07 4069 3690 |
| 2 Seisia Holiday Park07 4203 0992
- Seisia Kiosk.....07 4069 3285
- Free Bird Arts & Craft | 8 Oasis Contractors Accommodation.....07 4069 3254 |
| 3 Seisia Wharf & Public Toilets | 9 Seisia Waterfront BBQs |
| 4 Seaswift Depot &07 4069 3933
Cargo Office | 10 Loyalty Beach Campground & Fishing Lodge.....07 4069 3372 |
| 5 Dump Point -
Seisia Holiday Park Guests Only | 11 Seisia Supermarket.....07 4069 3218 |
| 6 Seisia Fishing Club | |

SERVICES

Important Numbers

Queensland Safety Emergency Services:
 Fire, Police or Ambulance 000
 Coastguard 000
 SES 132 500
 Bamaga Hospital 07 4069 3166
 Bamaga Police 07 4090 4100
 NPARC Reception..... 07 4048 6614

Australian Volunteer Coastguard

Flotilla 25 operates from Cape York Ice & Tackle. They have Emergency Grab kits which are available for loan free of charge for locals and visitors. Remember to take enough fuel to get home and a bit more!

Police

The Bamaga Police Station and local phone number is not manned 24/7. The best way to report an incident or to contact the Bamaga Police in the case of a non-emergency is through Police Link on 131 444.

People should take the usual precautions for their personal safety and well-being as they would anywhere else.

Youth crime is experienced almost everywhere in Australia and the NPA is no different. Advice from our local police is that 99% of the crime experienced in the NPA is opportunistic. People neglect to lock their house, cars, caravans etc.

Never leave valuables within sight through your car or house windows.

For those camping, police suggest to lock your valuables in your glove box and then lock your car, sleep with your keys under your pillow. Limit accessibility, don't be an easy target. Lock it or lose it!

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) - Outdoor Fire Safety

Every year QFES responds to fires that threaten people, property and the environment. Some of these fires escape from smaller fires that are part of permitted activities and some are caused by irresponsible behaviour. Please visit Outdoor fire safety | Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (qfes.qld.gov.au) for more information, understanding and your obligations.

Visitor Expectations

Visitors to the NPA should be aware that although every effort is made by businesses and services there are many factors out of our control. Expectations should be kept realistic, you are 1000 or more kms from the closest regional town, at times that means having to wait much longer than normal for parts or supplies, weak or no phone signal and slow internet speeds.

Like anywhere businesses also experience unexpected staff shortages due to illness or cultural responsibilities and at times communities, events, or businesses may be cancelled or close with little or no notice due to sorry business. Restriction of access to some areas may happen for the same considerations. You may find it is a very different way of life in the NPA to what you are accustomed to and we invite you to slow down, embrace the differences and make the most of your time here.

Accessing Money

- Post Office

ATM Locations

- BP Bamaga
- IBIS Supermarket Bamaga
- Umagico Supermarket
- Seisia Supermarket
- Seisia Kiosk
- Bamaga Tavern



Black Star Radio on 91.9FM

Black Star is a network of Indigenous Community Radio Stations serving the Cape York and Gulf areas of Queensland. Coordinated through the Queensland Remote Aboriginal Media Association (QRAM) based in Cairns. You will hear a well produced selection of music styles, news, weather and Local Information. Our own local presenter producer is live on air from 10am -12 noon daily during the week.

4MW "Meriba Waikai" 1260AM

Tune in to hear local news, enthralling interviews and coverage of cultural, sporting or historical events. Enjoy a variety of music from traditional and contemporary Torres Strait Islander songs to Reggae, Pacific and PNG beats. They also play charting hits as well as classic pop and rock.

TSIMA Radio 4MW is a 24-hour radio service operated by Torres Strait Islanders Media Association (TSIMA). Established in 1985, Radio4MW broadcasts on 1260AM and airs across Zenadth Kes (Torres Strait), the Northern Peninsula Area and as far north as the Western Province of Papua New Guinea. Radio 4MW also streams live on the website and on mobile devices through Radio 4MW's app on iTunes or Google Play.

WATER MESSAGE

The Northern Peninsula Area has a limited treated water supply, we kindly ask that you conserve water use and only fill what you need to use for your stay here. Please do not wash down boats, vans or trailers or fill long range water tanks. Be conscious of Boil Water alerts advertised remotely through stakeholder notice boards or the NPARC website www.nparc.qld.gov.au.

WARNINGS

Crocodile and Marine Stingers

Estuarine Crocodiles inhabit the waterways and oceans in the Northern Peninsula Area. People should be croc wise. Marine Stingers and deadly jelly fish are found in the same waters during the warmer months. Swimming is not advised.





Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC) is the local government organization for Northern Cape York – the area north of the Jardine River, excluding national parks. NPARC is responsible to the five communities of the Northern Peninsula Area including Bamaga, New Mapoon, Seisia, Umagico and Injinoo.

NPA Waste Transfer Station

Located off the main road between Umagico and Injinoo – free to use for all locals and visitors.

Open daily:

**Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.45pm,
Saturday 8.30am - 2.45pm,
Sunday 2pm - 5pm.**

Bamaga Pool

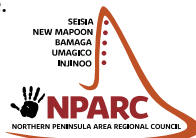
Located next to Bamaga Hall, the public pool is open to locals and visitors

Open: Monday – Saturday.

For more information call: 4069 3659.

IKC (Indigenous Knowledge Centre)

There is a good selection of fiction and non-fiction with many books about the history of the Torres Strait and Cape York. Enjoy the aircon and internet, all visitors and locals most welcome.



Parking

Please observe the no standing signs and do not park on Adidi Street in Bamaga, there is parking directly behind the main street, see Bamaga Map.

Northern Peninsula Area Airport

Located 10 minutes drive from Bamaga, you can fly directly to Cairns and Horn Island. The Airport has agents for Skytrans and Toll Freight.

Jardine River Ferry

Operates 7 days per week

- 7am - 6pm (1 May to 31 Oct)
8am - 5pm (1 Nov to 31 Apr)
- Some days staff break 12pm - 1pm for lunch.
- Ticket includes camping at NPA bush camps in designated areas only: Mutee Head, Roonga Point, Somerset Beach.
- EFTPOS only - No Cash.
- Camping on the River at the Ferry is a lovely option with plenty of shade, toilets and showers. This is an additional cost payable to Ferry Kiosk.
- Cold drinks and ice-cream.
- ✗ Ticket does not include National Park camps
- ✗ Ticket does not include Commercial Campgrounds
- ✗ Fuel is currently not available from the Ferry



Restricted Area

The Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) restricted area covers the communities that make up the NPA Regional Council (Bamaga, Injinoo, New Mapoon, Seisia and Umagico) and includes all public and private places within these communities. This includes the Bamaga/Injinoo Airport and Seisia Wharf.

It does not include Injinoo land south of Cowal Creek or Cowal Creek waterway, but includes its northern banks.

Alcohol Restrictions

The maximum amount of alcohol a person can have in the restricted area is:

- 2 litres of wine (unfortified) and 11.25 litres (1 carton of 30 x 375ml cans) of any strength beer
- OR**
- 2 litres of wine (unfortified) and 9 litres (1 carton of 24 x 375ml cans) of premixed spirits of up to 5.5% alcohol/volume.

This amount is per person on foot, or per vehicle, boat or aircraft regardless of the number of people in it.

There are several licensed premises in the restricted area where alcohol can only be sold for on-premises consumption to residents and their guests, or to a person who is eating a meal on the premises. Where takeaway sales are allowed, no more than the carriage limit can be sold for take away per person or vehicle no matter how many people are in the vehicle.

Penalties

It is an offence to possess or attempt to bring alcohol above the set quantities into the restricted area. Penalties for a first offence are \$51693.

These penalties apply to all people living in, travelling through, visiting or working in the restricted area.

Vehicles found carrying alcohol above the set quantity in the restricted area may be confiscated.



CULTURAL CONSIDERATION IN THE NPA

There is lot of hidden culture in the NPA, both that of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are the original inhabitants of the land and sea for tens of thousands of years. Many of the customs are still practised today and taught to each generation.



Funerals

If you are travelling on roads in the NPA and you see a hearse or a procession of vehicles, pull over when safe to do so, until the procession has passed. It is local custom to remove hats if worn and bow your head in respect.

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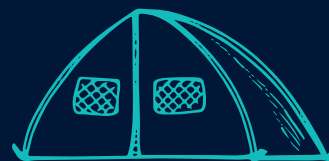
Clothing

Although you are visiting a beach fringed piece of paradise, you will notice that locals dress modestly when in community and businesses and it is respectful for visitors to do the same.



Camping is only permitted in approved areas and within commercial camp grounds.

You will receive a notice of where you can camp with your ferry ticket. The Traditional Owners and custodians of the land respectfully ask that you do not camp outside of these areas as you may unknowingly disturb areas of cultural significance, unmarked graves or ecologically sensitive sites.



Local Language

Language is a major part of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. You will hear locals speaking in native tongue which is broadly called Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Creole and although there are many variations of this, some common language you may hear.



- WA - YES
- YESU/ESSO - THANK YOU
- YAWO - GOOD BYE
- YOUPLA - YOU PEOPLE
- THEMPLA - THOSE PEOPLE
- MEPLA - MY PEOPLE
- WHICH WAY - WHATS HAPPENING





LOCAL NPA 2024 EVENTS CALENDAR



26 JANUARY
Australia Day

25 APRIL
ANZAC Day Commemoration

Dawn service followed by a parade and ceremony at ANZAC Park on Adidi Street in Bamaga.



Photo: Francis Elu

3 JUNE
Mabo Day Celebration

Mabo Day is marked annually on 3 June. It commemorates Mer Island man Eddie Koiki Mabo and his successful efforts to overturn the legal fiction of Terra Nullius, or 'land belonging to no-one'. The Mabo decision acknowledged the traditional rights of Indigenous people to their land and waters, and paved the way for native title in Australia. It also recognised that Indigenous people occupied Australia for tens of thousands of years before the British arrived in 1788.

11 – 13 JULY
NPA Cultural Festival
United Cultures = Strong Future

Join us to celebrate the unique blend of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander cultures. Experience: Traditional dance, cultural workshops, arts & crafts showcase, music and stage entertainment. Special guest acts. This is a drug and alcohol-free event, hosted by the 5 x communities of the NPA every two years. Entry is free.



19 – 20 OCTOBER
Dan Ropeyarn Cup

Annual sports event held at Yusia Ginau Memorial Oval in Bamaga. The Rugby League Carnival brings community, families, friends and talents from all over Cape York and Torres Strait Islands to participate in a variety of games and sport.

DECEMBER (DATE TBC)
Community Christmas Celebrations

Join the local community for the annual Christmas Celebrations, many locals love to light up their homes and garden with Christmas Light displays.



For further information about Community Events please contact NPARC Events Team on 07 4048 6600



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Harvey Hapi, Kitty Tabuai, H Hapi

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Photo: National Library (Pearling Boats, Thursday Is)

THURSDAY ISLAND (WAIBENE) & HORN ISLAND (NGURUPAI)

LANGUAGES: Torres Strait Creole is the dominant language, followed by Kala Lagaw Ya, and English. Meriam Mir is also spoken as there is a large Meriam/Erubian/Ugaram Le community.

POPULATION: 3338

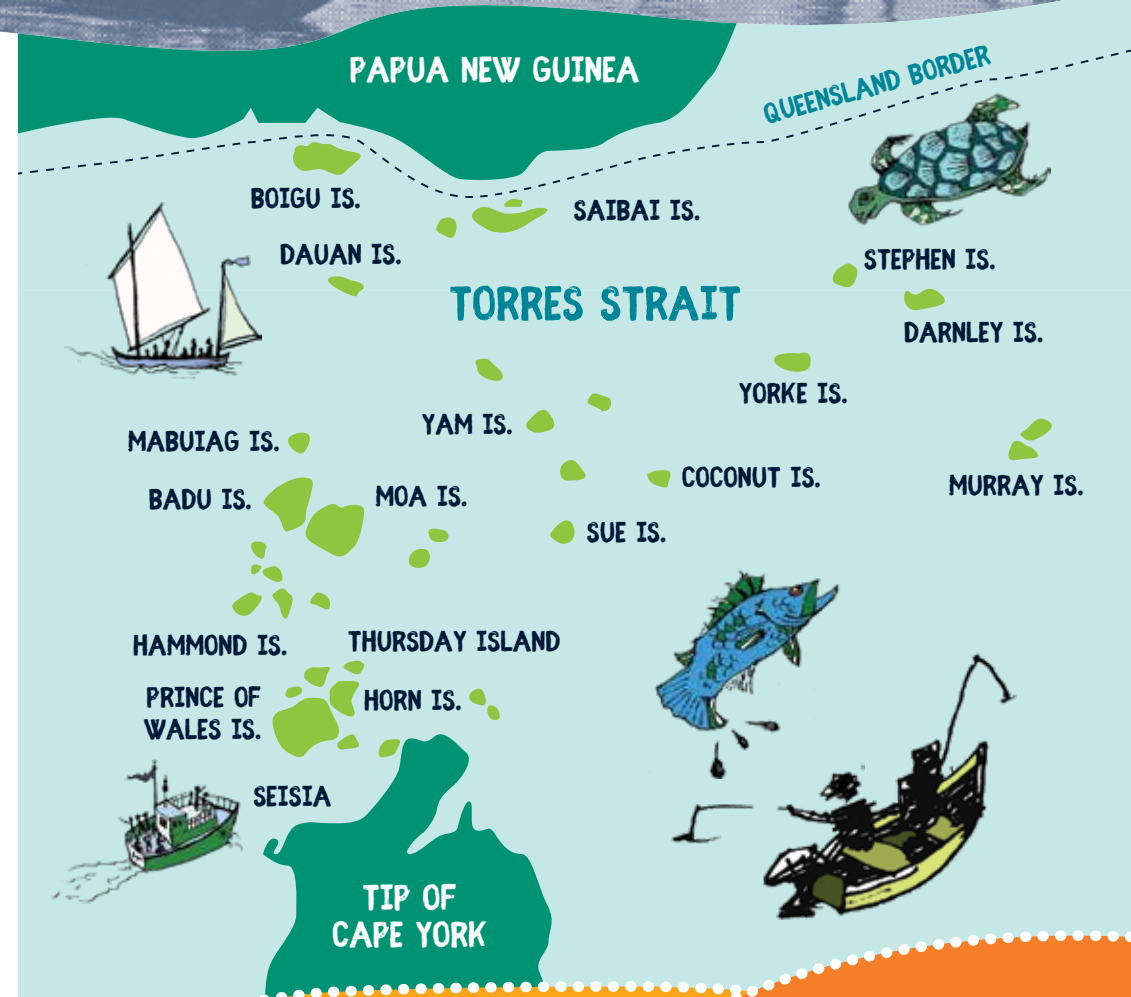
Thursday and Horn Islands, and the surrounding islands, are traditionally owned by the Aboriginal Kaurareg People. During the region's rich pearling days, the cluster of islands were referred to as a Port of Pearls and played a pivotal role during WWII.

Today, this close-knit community is a hub of the region's multi-cultural traditions and history through art and dance. The commercial and administrative hub of Torres Strait (*Zenadth Kes*), Thursday Island is traditionally named *Waibene*, and known locally as 'T.I.'

The island offers a range of accommodation, dining, boutiques, galleries, tours and icons like Australia's top pub. Stroll to Gab Titui Cultural Centre and the heritage-listed Green Hill Fort - check out the Heritage Museum and lookout with spectacular 270-degree views of surrounding islands - a local favourite to catch the sunset.

Horn Island, traditionally named *Ngurupai*, is 10-mins by ferry from T.I. and home to Torres Strait Heritage Museum and Art Gallery. Accommodation, dining, tours and other attractions are available. The island has the region's largest airport servicing daily flights to all island communities, and Cairns.

Cape York visitors can travel to Torres Strait for a day or overnight on Thursday Island or Horn Island via Peddell's ferry from Seisia Wharf - arriving in about one hour. Regular flights are available from Bamaga airport to Horn Island, air travel time is around 15 minutes.



COLOURS OF THE CAPE



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Strait Experience recognises the Traditional Owners of the land on which we operate. We acknowledge the past and present elders of all Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people in the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area and respect the culture and lore of all Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people in the region.



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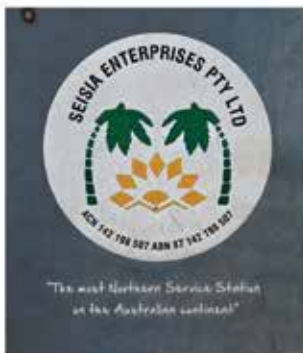
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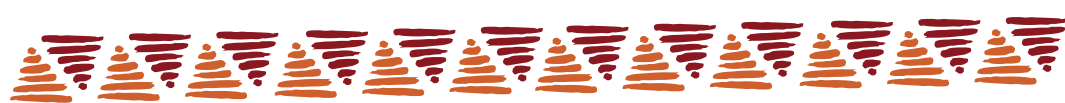
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In 2014, the Federal Court determined that members of the Atambaya, Gudang Yadhaykenu & Angkamuthi tribal groups are the Traditional Owners – and Native Title Holders - of large parts of Northern Cape York and that their customs and laws are fundamental to their traditional system of ownership of the areas.

The areas include 319 300 hectares of national park (Cape York Peninsula Aboriginal land) and 42 799 ha of Aboriginal freehold land: Apudthama National Park (formerly known as Jardine River NP), part of Heathlands Reserve and Jardine River Reserve, and two offshore islands.

Native Title rights and interests are held on trust for the Native Title Holders by Ipima Ikaya Aboriginal Corporation (IIAC), a Registered Native Title Body Corporate. The IIAC empowers the Traditional Owners to make ethical, informed decisions about the use of their land and supports opportunities for economic growth and employment. Apudthama Land Trust also has responsibilities as trustee over Aboriginal freehold land in the Northern Peninsula Area.

The Atambaya Native Title Aboriginal Corporation is the Registered Native Title Body Corporate for land within the Atambaya native title area. The Gudang Yadhaykenu Native Title Aboriginal Corporation has responsibility for the east coast of Pajinka and sea country. Seven Rivers Aboriginal Corporation has land and sea within their determination.

These registered native title body corporates have parcels of land and/or sea country that they hold on trust for their clan groups and work in close collaboration with Ipima Ikaya and Apudthama Land Trust. Please respect any restricted-access areas where signs are posted in Northern Cape York. Learn more: iiac.org.au/native-title

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- Maintain places of importance & areas of significance to the native title holders under traditional laws/customs & to protect those places from harm.
- Hold meetings on the land they are connected to.
- Light fires on the area for cultural, spiritual or domestic purposes.
- Teach others about the physical & spiritual attributes of the area.



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