

Napranum

Napranum is on the western side of Cape York and is approximately six kilometres from Weipa. The community recorded an estimated resident population of about 910 people at 30 June 2007. The average annual growth rate from 2002 to 2007 was 2.3 per cent.

A significant number of Napranum people came originally from Coen, Mapoon, Aurukun and other communities. Napranum also has a population of Torres Strait Islanders, as well as South Sea Islanders and non-Indigenous people.

Services to the community

Community services in Napranum include a health clinic, child care and pre-school programs, Home and Community Care, child safety services and support, a Community Justice Group, a Police Citizens Youth Centre, an ambulance service (from nearby Weipa), and a bus service between Napranum and Weipa to transport children to and from school. There is no police station in Napranum; police services are provided by police stationed in Weipa.

The Queensland Government also provides funding support for drug and alcohol demand reduction and counselling services, youth development, a Sport and Recreation Officer, and family support services. Napranum residents also access a variety of services available in Weipa.

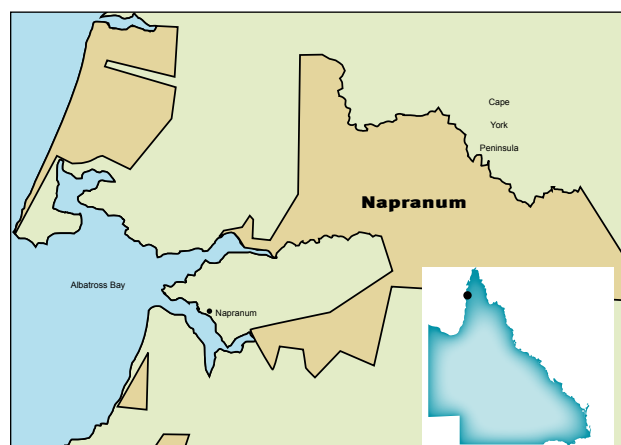
An Alcohol Management Plan commenced in Napranum on 9 June 2003 (see table 1).

The Government Champion for Napranum is Bob McCarthy, Director-General, Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry.

Key initiatives

Napranum (along with Aurukun and Mapoon) is a signatory to the Western Cape Regional Partnership Agreement, which aims to place 50 people into jobs each year over the next five years.

The community has been working actively with the Department of Child Safety to enable the construction of a safe house for children and young people. However progress has been impacted by native title issues. The Department of Child Safety in conjunction with Crown Law,



the Department of Premier and Cabinet, and the Cape York Land Council are developing a resolution strategy.

An Indigenous arts hub is being developed by the Western Cape College, Arts Queensland, TAFE, and the Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry. The hub will be located in the old pre-school building in Weipa.

One of the key achievements during this period has been the continued successful implementation of the Government Champion/Rio Tinto Work Mentoring Pilot Project. The pilot is into its second year. There was a 100 per cent success rate from the last intake.

In partnership with Apunipima Cape York Health Council, Queensland Health is implementing a package of key maternal and child health service enhancements, including child health checks for children in pre-prep and primary school.

The Aggression Replacement Training program - an intensive 10 week program that aims to reduce the risk of young people committing violent offences - is being delivered to young people in Napranum.

Service agreements have been established by the Department of Education, Training and the Arts, for non-school providers of pre-prep schooling in Napranum.

The recording of oral histories of Napranum elders and the reinvigoration of the old Napranum cemetery has progressed as part of the Local Indigenous Partnership Agreement. One of the new projects undertaken is the Napranum history book.

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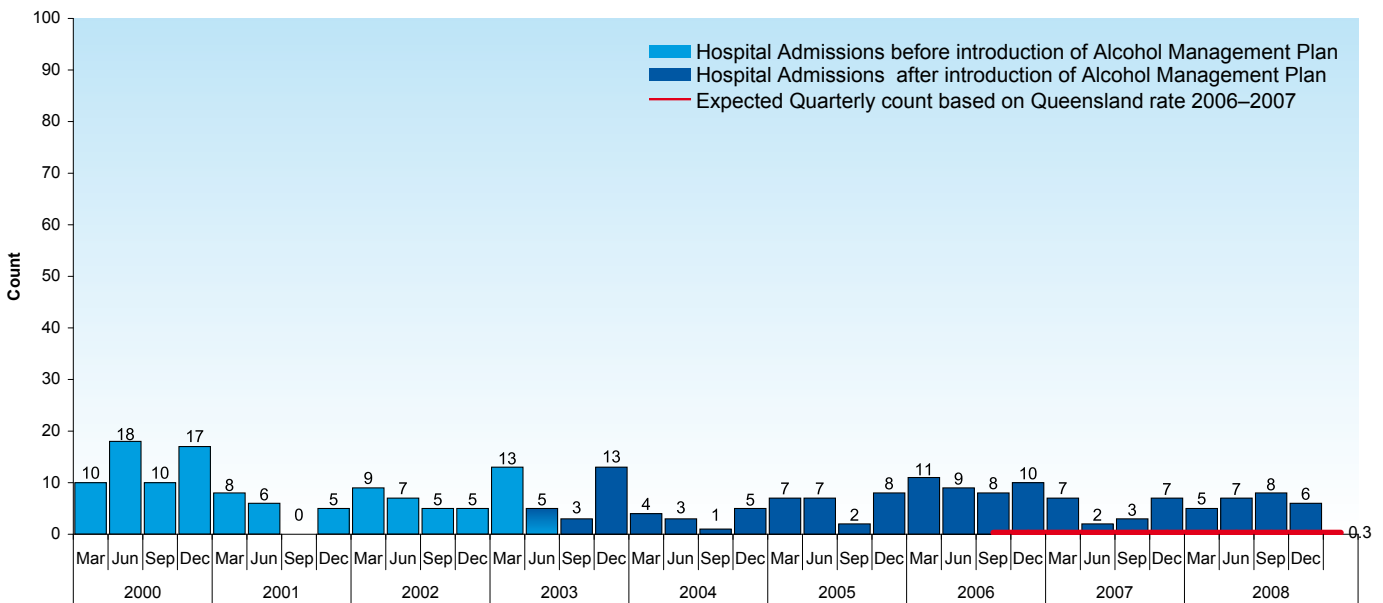
In November 2008, the government announced that there will be no change to the existing carriage limit for Napranum at this time. The zero carriage limit will continue which means no alcohol is allowed in the Napranum Shire. Home-brew is automatically banned in all zero carriage limit communities. The package of additional services to support alcohol reform in Napranum includes health treatment (drug and alcohol) and diversionary services.

Hospital Admissions for Assault

Quarterly counts of hospitalisations for assault for people from Napranum continue to show variability. Counts over the last two years ranged from two up to eight per quarter. There was an average of 6.5 hospitalisations for

assault reported per quarter for people from Napranum over the 12 months to 31 December 2008. This compares with an expected count of 0.3 per quarter (estimated by applying the 2006-07 Queensland rate to the population count of Napranum in 2007).

Figure 43: Quarterly number of hospital admissions for assault, March quarter 2000 to December quarter 2008, Napranum (a)



(a) These data are limited due to a range of factors. They must be read with reference to the notes at the end of this report.
Source: Queensland Health, unpublished data

Figure 44: Number of persons convicted for alcohol carriage offences, March quarter 2007 to December quarter 2008, Napranum.



Source: Department of Justice and Attorney-General unpublished data These data are limited by a range of factors. They must be read with reference to the notes at the end of this report.

Persons Convicted (breaches of section 168B of the *Liquor Act 1992*)

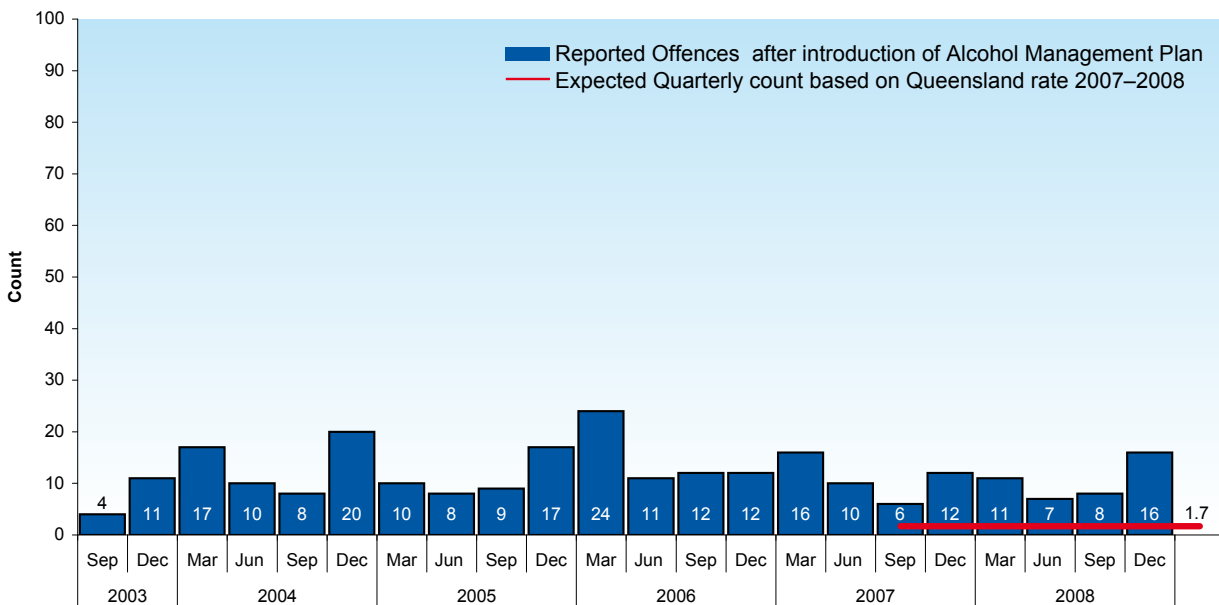
Since the introduction of the Alcohol Management Plan, there has been a total of 333 persons convicted of 576 breaches of alcohol carriage restrictions in Napranum. In the December quarter 2008, two persons were convicted (individuals convicted are not necessarily residents of the community). The number of persons convicted in 2008 was less than half the number convicted in 2007 (21 compared with 55).

Reported Offences Against the Person

There were 16 reported offences against the person in Napranum in the December quarter 2008, the highest number of reported offences against the person since March quarter 2007. There was an average of 10.5 offences against

the person reported per quarter in Napranum over the four quarters to 31 December 2008. This compares with an expected count of 1.7 per quarter (estimated by applying the 2007-08 Queensland rate to the population count of Napranum in 2007).

Figure 45: Quarterly number of reported offences against the person, September quarter 2003 to December quarter 2008, Napranum



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(b) Prior to September quarter 2003, Napranum was reported as part of Weipa Division.

Source: Queensland Police Service, unpublished data

Child Safety

In the December quarter 2008, less than five Napranum children were subject to a substantiated notification of harm or admitted to a finalised child protection order.

Student Attendance

In fourth term 2008, the average attendance rate for Napranum children attending the Weipa campus of Western Cape College was 46.1 per cent. This was the first time term attendance data had been centrally collected for quarterly reporting purposes.