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This week Napranum mayor Roy Chevathen has some good news re grants funding for us as he lets us know whats happening down the road...



Since the last article on Napranum was run in the *Western Cape Bulletin*, the Council, Steering Committee and the Community have been busy.

The Council have put forward a number of submissions for funding and have been successful with a couple.

We now need to ensure programs are well and truly underway before the end of the financial year.

Some of our successes include Wet Season

Program Funding, which has allowed a number of events to happen in the community already.

They included the cleanup of the tennis court, bingo nights and a baby competition which was held in conjunction with the 18 months to four year old health checks.

There are still more community events in the planning.

We have also had the Queensland Arts Council sponsor the Nutjal Indigenous Performing Arts.

This team conducted forum theatre-style performances and a workshop for representatives from various groups from the community.

This was a success and they are hoping to return to do follow up work.

I also think it was a success because a local member Ms Fiona Doyle was part of the performing team.

The Strong Community Life program has also been a success in the community with David Peachey running football clinics and

two indigenous musicians running lyric, dance and music workshops.

With the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program we have secured funding to install a shade shelter at the pre-school, minor upgrade of the sewerage system and an upgrade of our community hall.

With the upgrade of the hall we hope to make it a much better venue for both community and personal functions.

Bus shelters around the community have also had a bit of a facelift, thanks to Job Find; work for the dole program and to the members of Job Find.

Your efforts have been greatly received by our community, so we commend you for that.



Cape collaboration honoured for violence prevention

A partnership of four organisations ranging from footballers to police was recognised at an awards ceremony in Brisbane for their efforts to prevent domestic and family violence.

Community Services Minister Karen Struthers presented The Indigenous Coordination Centre, Queensland Police Service, Crime Stoppers and AFL Cape York Ltd with the Indigenous Award for its *Kids Living Safer Lives* project at the 2009 Queensland Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Awards at Parliament House.

“The wet season has been identified as a time when juvenile violence and crime are often at their highest,” Ms Struthers said.

“*Kids Living Safer Lives* programs encourage participation in diversionary activities for children exposed to domestic and family violence.

“Promoting participation in positive activities has helped reduce violence and

the fear of violence among children in the Aurukun, Coen, Hope Vale, Kowanyama, Lockhart River, Mossman Gorge and Pormpuraaw communities.

The project coordinates a range of initiatives including the award-winning police program *Be Strong Be Heard*, the AFL’s Kickstart lifestyle program, *Violence No Way*, *Crime Stoppers*, *Safe Hands* and *Auskick*.

Ms Struthers said Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month was about sending a clear message to communities that domestic and family violence was unacceptable and should not be tolerated for any reason.

People requiring information and personal support are encouraged to call either DVConnect mensline on 1800 600 636, DVConnect womensline on 1800 811 811 or Kids Helpline on 1800 551 800.

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Counsellor - Cecilia Gilders will be in Weipa next on: Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th MAY
Consultations are held in the counselling room, Office 1, Memorial Square (next to the Assembly Hall)

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