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Cape York Peninsula Lodge's restaurant re-opens after three months

The Cape York Peninsula Lodge restaurant will re-open for sit-down dining on Thursday 2 July with COVID-19 restrictions easing.

The restaurant will be able to accommodate up to 47 diners across its three spaces and will have a soft re-opening this Thursday and Friday before resuming service next week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

With only one seating per night beginning at 6pm, guests will need to book ahead to avoid disappointment – each guest will enjoy a free welcome beverage (soft drink or alcoholic) for the first two weeks of opening. The kitchen will also have its popular themed menu available every Thursday evening, each week featuring a different national cuisine from Italian to Indian for both take-away and sit-down diners.

A revamped, three-course à la carte dining menu will be available for sit-down dining only on Wednesdays and Fridays with a modern European and Asian offering (no take-away available on these nights).

Bamaga Enterprises Ltd (BEL), an Indigenous community-owned organisation, operates the Lodge, as well as Bamaga Tavern and BP Bamaga. According to BEL Chairperson, Robert Poi Poi, the organisation has continued to adjust its operations to best work around COVID-19 restrictions and health guidelines.

“For the past three months, the Lodge has offered themed take-away nights twice per week for the community, as well as catering for take-away roast nights at the BP, and these have proven extremely popular with our locals,” said Mr Poi Poi.



New socially-distanced seating arrangements at Cape York Peninsula Lodge

“This has meant we’ve been able to keep more of our staff in work during this challenging period when we’re seeing no tourists, as well as providing alternative food options for the NPA community.”

Other conditions for guests dining at the Cape York Peninsula Lodge restaurant:

- Payment preference is EFTPOS/payWave to minimise physical contact
- Patrons’ details will be recorded
- Bookings required, including for guests of the Lodge (who will also be able to access room-service dining)
- Last drinks at 7.45pm and the restaurant closes at 8.30pm



Travel to Bamaga and Cape York is still restricted to those within the Designated Area, essential services workers and residents.

For bookings, call (07) 4069 3050.

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About Bamaga Enterprises

Bamaga Enterprises Ltd (BEL) was incorporated on 12 April 2002 and is an independent, Bamaga community company.

The Indigenous organisation aims to support the community through the provision of infrastructure, and by funding local project development, sporting organisations and individuals through donations and sponsorships. BEL is carefully managed so that funds generated can be reinvested into the community.

BEL operates Bamaga BP, Bamaga Tavern, Cape York Peninsula Lodge and BELCON (building and maintenance services).

Bamaga itself is a small town near the northern tip of Queensland in the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA). Bamaga is a gateway to Cape York or 'the Tip' and subsequently attracts many visitors, including tourists, and those from the government and corporate sector.