



New bakery nearly here!

Maggie and Bruce Triffett (right) are here and settled in as the new Bakery couple. They have been busy testing the equipment and, most importantly(!), taste testing for the coffee machine, bread and bread rolls. We hope to see them up and running over the next few weeks.



In August the Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council:

- approved the purchase of an Outdoor Payment System for the fuel pumps and added NQ Petrol to the Council's Pre-Qualified Supplier arrangement.
- approved the purchase of a new Concrete Agitator Truck and Heavy Tipper to replace old and worn-out vehicles.
- made a small change to the Travel Policy
- awarded Robinson Civil Group a contract to provide Plant Hire for our Disaster Recovery works, and Orion Project Consulting were awarded a contract to manage the project.
- approved a change to the Organisational Structure, adding a new Business Development Manager position.

August started with Jeans for Genes' 100 skips a day.

For the first week, our numbers were good, but now it is just 3 or 4 of us skipping it out.

Our temporary airport came to life earlier this month, with all the fencing, windsock, temporary office, generator, airstrip lighting and toilet block all installed in a week.

It was operational for the first flight on Monday, 11 August, when two planes had landed on the temporary strip by 9.30am and one had departed.

It was great to talk with the pilots, who were impressed.

That night, we also had an RFDS evacuation, so everything was tested and a proven success on the very first day.

Works have since begun on our airstrip upgrade, with sand from the beachside of the airstrip ready to build a new foundation for the edges to raise the strip 300mm.

The widening of the airstrip will include a parallel dirt strip, which will allow planes to land if the bitumen strip is ever compromised.

Planning is on the way for six extensions to social houses, four granny flats and two new subdivisions – one to the north and one to the south.

Works are continuing with re-sheeting started on the Kowanyama Road, which is now graded all the way to the Coleman River.

Cairns Hardware brought out some Makita sales reps so we could see some of the new battery-operated tools they have to offer.

We also had Tropical Vets come in for another successful vet visit.

Grant and Contract Manager Graham Poon also visited to discuss our teams' future needs, so grants opportunities can be identified.

A big thank you to Geoff Scott, Sharon Marshall's partner, who volunteered at the Admin Store while in Pormpuraaw for a visit – I am glad you enjoyed the fishing.

Our end-of-year audit is now completed, and we



A word from CEO Janelle Menzies

will be signing off on that with the Audit Committee on Tuesday, 2 September 2025.

A big thank you to the Cairns' Finance Team for putting in 110% again this year to complete our audit within the agreed time frames, and without any audit issues being raised.

Council has also entered into several new and recurring funding agreements.

I have spent a good amount of time exploring new software opportunities as we move into less paper-based processes and lead our Council with more productive software products.



Our Star Employee of the Month was Kira Tsao, who received a lovely bunch of flowers from a happy camper.

Our WHS Star of the Month was Heinz Szilagyi, who recognised his supervisory responsibilities by requesting essential PPE when it didn't arrive as scheduled.



Well done, Kira and Heinz.

Bronwyn has also been doing some great work in the library, which looks terrific, so take a look if you can.

Our Pormpuraaw-based staff have also been on the move: Brett Coleman travelled to Cairns to

complete the first block of his Environmental Health course; Brett Greening and Craig Goggleye travelled to Napranum for the next block of their water training, and; Josie Szilagyi, Noel Tabuai and Syd Bruce Shortjoe travelled to Cairns, Kuranda and Mareeba for various NAIDOC celebrations.

Our new starters this month were Avril Paul and Loveona Ballie, who joined the Aged Care Team, Gavin Zeelie joined the plumbing team, and Leona Worrell joined to Executive Services Team.

Congratulations to Noel Tabuai, who has completed his SES training and now proudly wears the SES uniform.

In early September, there will be consultations around our Masterplan for sports and business precincts, which will mean a new arts centre and council administration building.

Planning is well on the way for the Rodeo in September, and we are looking forward to a great weekend.

See you there!

Janelle

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BLACK STAR

RADIO NETWORK

Garbage Collection During Airport Upgrades

Council would like to request, that while the temporary fencing is in place on Pormpuraaw Street, could all residents please put their garbage bins out for collection on Manurpa Street.

This will allow our garbage truck to access them safely.

Please put your bin out before 7am

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Welcome to our new team members:

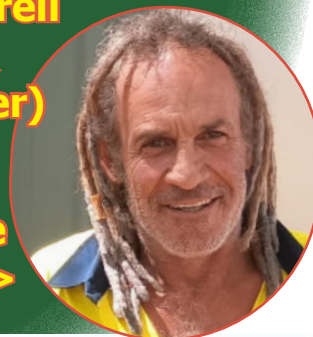
**Avril Paul & Loveona Ballie
(Aged Care Support Workers)**



**<- Leona Worrell
(Exec & HR
Support Officer)**



**Gavin Zeelie
(Plumber) ->**



**Aged Care Support Worker
Recreations and Activities Officer**

APPLY TODAY!

Applications can be submitted at RISE

Please see Todd Sandes - Remote Employment Services Manager

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