

PORMPURAAW



ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

PASC News

May 2025

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Our first Cash for Cans visit since last year was greeted by several residents who had been collecting up big! They will be back on 27 June 2025 so keep collecting your refundable bottles and cans.



Council staff were happy to show their support for this months Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness activities, including the DV Prevention March and Candlelight Vigil. We also had a great night at their Mother's Day event at the Club. **MORE PICS INSIDE...**

Take positive action today to build a safer Queensland.



Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month | 1-31 May 2025

There are easy ways you can get involved to help to end domestic, family and sexual violence in our communities.



Find more information, resources and practical tools via www.qld.gov.au/dfvpmth





Message to Service Providers

Have you met our new Chief Executive Officer Janelle Menzies? If you are visiting Pormpuraaw and providing services to the community, please make an appointment by emailing her at ceo@pormpuraaw.qld.gov.au to have a chat about the services you are providing and how the Council can support you.

Another month has gone in a flash, CEO Janelle Menzies writes ...

Cook Shire have completed their first road grade for the season from the Pormpuraaw Boundary to Musgrave.

We saw our first freight trucks arrive last week.

I sat on a Cape York Road Package teleconference, as there are additional works on the Pormpuraaw Strathgordon road in the Cook Shire, so hopefully we will see more of the road sealed.

Due to a very wet, wet season, we have had to delay the opening of our camping season for a couple more weeks, as the road and camping areas at the Coleman River Campsite and Melleman Campsite are still wet and the roads are unsafe.

Our new garbage truck arrived just in time for the road to be reopened after the wet.

Once we get new bin stocks, we will replace all the broken ones that were damaged by the old truck.

Please put your bin out by 7am on your bin collection days.

We also have our new cement powder truck, full of cement powder, so we are ready for concrete works as we start the next section of road paving.

Our Aged Care services has undergone a quality audit, and we received no non-compliances.

Congratulations to Shelina, Patti, Alfreda and the team, you do a great job.

We also have successfully applied for some additional funding for our Meals on Wheels services.

Brett and Craig from our Plumbing Team have completed the first block of their Cert III in Water Services in Mapoon.

It is always great to see new staff come on board and Council is pleased to welcome Ivy, Rozonda and Tyron to the team.

This month we had a few nominations for Star Employee of the Month, I was unable to choose one, so they will all get a certificate and \$50 voucher.

Bronwyn Sellars hit the ground running and is doing some great programs with the school children after school, at the IKC including making a volcano.

Kristine Ryan had some wonderful feedback from a customer regarding the improved standards at the guesthouse, and the third was Coral Harris, who identified the need for a quick step in the office, took the initiative and ordered them herself.

We also saw some great teamwork in May. The Aged Care team for their outstanding work on their Quality Audit, and our Parks & Gardens team, who requested essential PPE for

Garbage Collection Days

Mon-Wed-Fri – Community Housing

**Tue & Thu – Staff Collection,
Businesses including Women's
Shelter and School**

**Everyday – Essential Collections –
Aged Care & Hospital**



Cert III Water Training graduates in Weipa

hazardous work tasks.

Both these teams will enjoy a special morning tea soon!

How exciting for the 10 families who were allocated a new house and have now moved in.

Our four staff houses will be finished in the next couple of weeks.

Some of you may remember Mr Phillip Monk, who was the principal at the Pormpuraaw State School from 1971 to 1974.

We met his son, Michael, in Cherbourg last month.

They have kindly sent some photos, which are on the next page.

Janelle

At the May Council meetings these things happened:

- At a special meeting on 1 May 2025 council approved a cultural recommendation for 10 new social houses and five house renovations.
- Council cheque signatories were updated, as well as some additional credit cards being issued to staff.
- At the meeting on 28 May 2025 Council adopted some new policies, including a new Policy Framework, a Fraud and Corruption Policy, Travel Policy and updated the Gift and Donations Policy.
- A Drug and Alcohol Management Plan – a requirement of a recent Airport Surveillance Report and Findings – was also adopted.
- Council approved a donation of \$500 each for four students headed for the Sunshine Coast to represent Pormpuraaw in the Cape York AFL.
- Council did not approve a request from Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation to bring in mobile granny flats, due to them not meeting the Class A classification for residential buildings. Council will work with PPAC to find an alternative solution.
- Council propose a change to the Alcohol Management Plan for the carriage limit from outside the community to 30 x 375ml cans of beer or pre-mix with less than 4% alcohol, and takeaway from the PUBSC to stay the same, except on Friday Nights to 30 x 375ml cans of beer or pre-mix with less than 4% alcohol.
- Council approved three Permissions to Reside in Pormpuraaw and make queries on one application.



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Many thanks to Phillip Monk and his son Michael, for sending us these pics, taken between 1971 and 1974 in Pormpuraaw.



Mother's Day 2025



Welcome to our new team members:



Ivy Conrad – Community Justice Group Mentor (left)

Rozonda Kendall – Apprentice Mechanic (not pictured)

Tyron Conrad – Apprentice Plumber (right)



Community Justice Group Mentor
Council Facilities Cleaner
Bakery Manager + Bakery Assistant

APPLY TODAY!

Applications can be submitted at RISE

Please see Todd Sandes - Remote Employment Services Manager

Alternatively, you can contact Jennifer Bartlett on 0417 124 567

or via email: hr@pormpuraaw.qld.gov.au



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