

PORMPURAAW



ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

# PASC News

October 2025



Please be aware there may be images of deceased people in this publication.



Mayor Ralph Kendall, Deputy Mayor Tim Koo-Aga and Councillor Keith Barney travelled to the Gold Coast for the Indigenous Leaders Forum (ILF) and the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) annual conference earlier in the month. At the ILF the Queensland Government and LGAQ signed an Accord which will enhance the way the Government provides support to Indigenous Councils and offer direct access to Ministers. During the ILF and LGAQ Conference, we heard from Premier David Crisafulli, Minister for Local Government and Water Ann Leahy MP, Minister for Aboriginal & Torres Strait and Islander Partnerships Fiona Simpson MP, Leader of the Opposition Steven Miles, and shadow Ministers Nikki Boyd and Leanne Enoch.



A word from CEO Janelle Menzies

Another month has quickly passed and I am heading off on four weeks' annual leave, Janelle writes ...

Robbie Morris, our previous Environmental Manager, has returned as Acting Executive Manager, Operational Services and will also be acting as CEO while I am on leave until 24 November 2025.

Our Cairns Office staff travelled to Pormpuraaw during the first week of October to be part of our Wellbeing Week.

Carla Berbary from *Not a Life Sentence* provided three days of wellbeing sessions to all staff, followed by some Employee Assistance Program (EAP) sessions.

Staff were also invited to attend training on Procurement and Timesheets.

We saw the Bakery open and give us a taste of what to look forward to, but unfortunately, due to circumstances

beyond our control, it will be closed again until further notice.

Our Councillors have been provided with a presentation on the upcoming changes and responsibilities that come with Aged Care reforms, due to be in place from Saturday, 1 November.

Workplace Health & Safety Officer Alfreda Passi is our Star of the Month for ensuring that all the Safety Data Sheets were in good order.

Shout out for an outstanding performance to Grace Tomun, who assisted in cleaning

the ATM room wearing appropriate PPE and helping at the Bakery whilst still undertaking her usual role.

Another special mention to Freddy Holroyd, who was one of last month's winners, and who has used good initiative at the Admin Store while working on his own.

The airstrip re-opening is on track for Monday, 3 November with a celebratory cricket match to take place to test out the strip on Sunday, 2 November, after they do a test landing.

Janelle

## At our Council Meeting on Wednesday, 15 October, Council:

- Approved \$15,000 to the Pormpuraaw United Brothers Sports Club for the community Christmas party
- Accepted the designs for the Sports & Recreation Master Plan
- Added Element Time and AMart as Prequalified Suppliers
- Adopted a policy for the Appointment of the Acting CEO and endorsed Robert Morris into the position while Janelle Menzies is on Leave
- Adopted the June 2025 update on the 2024-25 Operational Plan
- Adopted the Financial Report for September 2025
- Award the designs of six Extensions and four Granny Flats to Erscon
- Resolved to write off the balance to leave a settlement amount of \$23,508.58 for the outstanding amount owed by AB Kiosk.
- Resolved to progress the negotiations of a Contract with Carbon Corporate

## At a Special Meeting on Monday 27 October 2025 Council:

- Agreed to support Community Enterprise Queensland (CEQ) to work towards resolving tenure and establishing a future 20-year lease agreement
- Resolved to include Cummins in the Council's prequalified supplier arrangements
- Endorsed approval of a purchase order for Northern Civil Solutions Pty Ltd
- Approved the quote from Orion Project Consulting, amount to \$1,332,478.00 (ex. GST) for Project Management of the Airstrip upgrade project
- Approved the CEO to negotiate with three tenderers for modular staff housing
- Resolved to allow sale of surplus assets by auction.



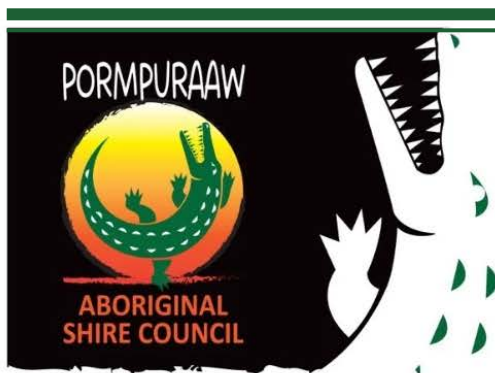
### Welcome to our new team members:

- **Robbie Morris (Acting CEO + Acting Exec Manager Operations)**
- **Chris Birthisel (Aged Care Cook)**
- **Craig Gogleye (returning Essential Services Officer)**

- Senior Plumber
- Recreation & Activities Officer
- Aged Care Support Worker
- Community Services Team Leader
- Cultural and Land Management Officer
- Radio Operator
- Baker
- Bakery Team Leader
- Bakery Retail Assistant/Kitchen Hand

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