

PORMPURAAW



ABORIGINAL  
SHIRE COUNCIL

# PASC News

December 2025

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



## Airforce hops into Pormps for Christmas with cheer!



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I am writing this newsletter as I return from the Christmas–New Year break, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and returns to work in 2026 refreshed, ready to tackle another great year.

In mid–December, we had a visit from our Federal Member, Matt Smith MP, who met with Council and various other organisations within the Community and then enjoyed our Christmas Lunch with the Elders.

Our Star Staff Member of month for December is Chris Brithisel who cooked our most delicious Christmas Lunch.

Star Team of the month were the Workshop Plant Operators who moved more than 20 vehicles from the roadside and resident yards.

And our WHS Star of the month is Cameron Watts for setting an example by following the correct procedure following an incident at the workshop

I attended Christmas Parties at both our Cairns Office and here in Pormpuraaw.

This year, everyone received a Yeti Bottle with their name engraved on it and a store gift voucher.

We also gave our years of service awards for the very first time and acknowledged everyone who had reached milestones.

Congratulations to the staff who have completed 10 and 15 years of service to our community, as well as two staff members who recently celebrated 25 years – the list and the pics are on the back page of this newsletter.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to Council.



*Janelle*



## At the December 2025 Council meeting our elected representatives agreed to:

- Update the Procurement Policy in line with the Local Government Regulations 2012, which came into effect on 12 December 2025
- Add additional fees and charges for rental accommodation at the Independent Living Facility
- Update the Community Grant and Donations Policy to include gifts
- Provide an exemption to the finish floor levels for the six extensions and four granny flats
- Approve a sole supplier from surpluses in the Justice Funding for Cultural Wellbeing & Behaviour Change program
- Approve the purchase of a heavy tipper
- Approve the Lease to PNPM for the Men's Shelter
- Approve two applications to access the housing waiting list
- Approve additional sole suppliers



- Junior & Casual Rangers
- Aged Care Support Workers
- Finance Officer – Accounts Payable
- Environmental Health Worker
  - Executive Assistant
  - Plumber & Gasfitter
- Culture and Land Management Officers
  - Radio Operator
- Recreating & Activities Officer
  - Bakery Team Leader
  - Baker
- Administration Support Officer – Human Resources

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## Air Force hops into Pormps with Christmas with cheer

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In early December, the Air Force Christmas Hop came to Pormpuraaw bearing presents, including toys, sporting equipment and education resources.

The Royal Australian Air Force C-27J Spartan and C-130J Hercules aircraft play a key role in the delivery, which was supported by the Australian Army's 51st Battalion, Far North Queensland Regiment.

The donations were also coordinated in partnership with the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC), who sent two-time Olympic boxing champion Brad Hore and Australian Olympic Committee member Tess Adler along for the ride.

Deputy Prime Minister, Richard Marles said Exercise Christmas Hop was about spreading joy and supporting communities in Far North Queensland during the festive season.

"This initiative reflects the strong connection between our Defence Force and remote communities, and highlights the generosity of Australians who help make Christmas special for every child," he said.

CEO Janelle Menzies said the school and members of the community met with the jet and selected Christmas presents.

"I have also included a photo from ring around the sun which formed whilst the Air Force were visiting," she said.



# Years of Service awards

## 10 Years

- 2024 Joanne Brim (2014)
- 2024 Anthony Charlie (2014)
- 2023 Tracey Graham (2013)
- 2022 James Holroyd (2012)
- 2023 Grace Millindi (2013)
- 2021 Roger Norris (2011)
- 2023 Ina Tyore (2013)
- 2025 Rosemary Tyore (2015)
- 2022 Cameron Watts (2012)
- 2022 Clinton Williams (2012)

## 15 Years

- 2023 Emily Kendall (2008)



## 25 Years

- 2025 Raymond Kendall (2000)
- 2021 Heather Tyore (1996)



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