

PORMPURA AW



ABORIGINAL
SHIRE COUNCIL



COMMUNITY PORMPURA AW SAFETY PLAN 2025/26



Source: Laura Dance Festival.

Pormpuraaw is on the west coast of Cape York about 500 kilometres from the tip of Australia, just south of the Edward River. It is the home of the Thaayorre, Wik, Bakanh and Yir Yoront People.



Pormpuraaw [Pomp-poor-roar] was previously known as Edward River Mission and is situated on the west coast of Cape York Peninsula between the Chapman River and Mungkan Creek. The community is home to two groups of people, the Thaayorre [Thie-Orr] people and the Mungkan people, and includes 16 outstations.

Local Government and Deed of Grant in Trust

community - On 30 March 1985, the Edward River community elected five councillors to constitute an autonomous Edward River Aboriginal Council established under the Community Services (Aborigines) Act 1984. The Act conferred local government type powers and

responsibilities upon Aboriginal councils for the first time.

On 23 July 1987 the council area, previously an Aboriginal reserve held by the Queensland government, was transferred to the trusteeship of the council under a Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT). This enabled the Council to have full local government authority over the trust area of 466,198 hectares. Also in 1987, the Edward River Mission community changed its name to Pormpuraaw, taken from a local dreamtime story in the Kuuk Thaayorre language of the Thaayorre people, about a burnt hut or ‘Pormpur’

On 1 January 2005, pursuant to the *Local Government (Community Government Areas) Act 2004*, Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Council became the Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council. This Act prescribed a transition to comply with the *Local Government Act 1993*. The transition concluded with the full commencement of the *Local Government Act 2009* on 1 July 2009.

Population at 30 June 2023: Source: ABS, Regional population by age and sex, and unpublished data.

Pormpuraaw's estimated resident population was 644 persons.

- 20.7% of the population was aged 0–14 years, compared with 18.4% for Queensland.
- 70.3% of the population was aged 15-64 years, compared with 64.7% for Queensland.
- 9.2% of the population was aged 65 years and over, compared with 17% for Queensland
- Males: 324 (50%) Females 320 (49.7%)

Township of Pormpuraaw

Pormpuraaw Township consists of two neighbourhoods known locally as Mungkan side and Thaayorre side. They are united by schools, shops, administrative buildings and a number of shire council staff housing. The neighbourhoods originated at the time of mission settlement and reflect traditional linguistic and territorial affiliations. The majority of residents on the Mungkan side originate from along or north of the Edward River. The Thaayorre side accommodate speakers of Thaayorre, Yir Yoront and other dialects that lie along or south of the Edward River.

The neighbourhoods of Pormpuraaw broadly reproduce the geographic distribution of clan estates. The two neighbourhoods is divided by the Edward River which broadly divides the Wik speaking clans from those to the south.

- Co-design new Community Safety Plans (CSPs) and other coordinated initiatives and strategies that reduce demand; target illicit alcohol (sly grog and homebrew); build community capacity and readiness; and promote a healthy culture and attitude towards alcohol including through legal liquor licensing options.
- Explore minor changes to carriage limits on a case-by-case basis, pending community and Government agreement, and provided that a Community Safety Plan is in place.
- Revise AMPs to reflect the outcomes and results of co-design and community engagement.



5. About Community Safety and Wellbeing

‘People living in Pormpuraaw community have the right to feel and be safe.’

Pormpuraaw is a community of people immersed in the Thaayorre and the Mungkan cultures and surrounded by natural beauty in pristine country.

This safety plan will draw on the strengths of all our people, cultures, organisations, service providers and businesses to address challenges to safe our community to the way we want to live together - a healthy, thriving and supportive community with a harmonious community environment.

Some of our organisations, service providers and businesses are outlined at Appendix 2.

Safety Planning in Pormpuraaw

It is important that the CSP continues to reflect the voices of the community and address its needs. The plan brings together conversations across our community and build on achievements. The plan will continue over time to be reshaped to response to needs and aspirations.

Community members’ views on community safety including relation to the AMP have been ongoing since 2011. Further community consultations took place in late 2024 and the consultation findings have been tabled with Council for consideration.

Community safety and wellbeing planning will continue to be built on the strengths of the community, evidence of what works and from learning from our actions.

Driving change by understanding the evidence

There is a wealth of research and data which can inform and drive change in our community. The challenge is how we use this information to enable actions, activities and behaviours to shape the community we want.

It is acknowledged that the Queensland Government will continue to monitor the six indicators for safety and wellbeing (Appendix 1). These indicators only tells part of the for the full story can only be achieved with the inclusion of community and experiences communicated. Therefore, as part of Pormpuraaw’s approach we will determine our measures of success.



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Some of the government data available is provided through the ***Pormpuraaw Data Stat Shot dated 15 May 2025.***

Other Data

Episodes of care for alcohol-related mental and behavioural conditions

Source: Queensland Health and Queensland Treasury concordance-based estimates

Refer to the explanatory notes for additional information.

Facilities within this community as of 1 July 2014 are no longer classified as hospitals. From 1 July 2014 until 30 June 2015, data provision from these facilities

was not mandatory; however if episodes of care were supplied from these facilities they were still retained in the Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection (QHAPDC). From 1 July 2015, collection of episodes of care from these facilities ceased entirely. Furthermore, data for several facilities in the Torres

and Cape Hospital and Health Service (HHS) are known to be incomplete from 2010–11 to present. This does not include transfers and admissions of community residents to other facilities.

In 2023–24:

- 10 episodes of care for alcohol-related mental and behavioural conditions were recorded for Pormpuraaw residents, compared with 16 in 2022–23.

- The episodes of care for alcohol-related mental and behavioural conditions rate for Pormpuraaw residents was similar to the Queensland rate.

Table 10 Episodes of care for alcohol-related mental and behavioural conditions

Year Pormpuraaw Queensland

Year	rate ^(a)	rate ^(a)
2022–23	31.9	11.5
2023–24	19.6	11.5

Change from previous period No significant change No significant change

(a) Rate per 1,000 persons, aged 15 years and over

Recorded offences against the person

Source: Queensland Police Service and Queensland Treasury concordance-based estimates

For the purposes of this topic the Pormpuraaw community refers to the Pormpuraaw Police Division.

Break in series: from 1 July 2021 the QPS implemented a decision to enhance the consistent practice of recording criminal offences associated with domestic and

family violence (DFV) investigations across the state within the QPS QPRIME computer system. When responding to and investigating a DFV occurrence, police

across the state are now consistently recording all offences identified in the same incident in the QPRIME system. This means that police districts will likely see a

statistical increase in a number of DFV related offence categories – for example DFV related assault, strangulation or wilful damage.

Refer to the explanatory notes for additional information.

In 2023–24:

- 184 offences against the person were recorded in Pormpuraaw – a rate of 285.7 per 1,000 persons.

- If Pormpuraaw experienced the same offence rate as Queensland, there would have been 10 recorded offences against the person.

Table 17 Recorded offences against the person

Offences against the person 285.7 15.8

(a) Rate per 1,000 persons.

Trends:

- Rates trended upward by 35.8% per year, on average, from 2000–01 to 2003–04.

- Rates did not significantly change from 2004–05 to 2007–08.

- Rates did not significantly change from 2008–09 to 2020–21.

Recorded breaches of domestic violence orders

Source: Queensland Police Service and Queensland Treasury concordance-based estimates

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statistical increase in a number of DFV related offence categories – for example DFV related assault, strangulation or wilful damage.

Refer to the explanatory notes for additional information.

In 2023–24:

- 184 breaches of domestic violence orders were recorded in Pormpuraaw – an offence rate of 285.7 per 1,000 persons.

- If Pormpuraaw experienced the same offence rate as Queensland, there would have been 8 recorded breaches of domestic violence orders.

Table 20 Recorded breaches of domestic violence orders

Recorded breaches of domestic violence order offences 285.7 12.0

(a) Rate per 1,000 persons.

Recorded Liquor Act offences: alcohol management offences

Source: Queensland Police Service and Queensland Treasury concordance-based estimates
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 Alcohol management commenced in Pormpuraaw on 5 December 2003.
 Refer to the explanatory notes for additional information.

In 2023–24:

- 42 Liquor Act offences were recorded in Pormpuraaw – a rate of 65.2 per 1,000 persons.

Table 21 Recorded Liquor Act offences: alcohol management offences

Recorded Liquor Act offences 65.2

(a) Rate per 1,000 persons.

Episodes of care for assault-related injuries

Source: Queensland Health and Queensland Treasury concordance-based estimates

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and Cape Hospital and Health Service (HHS) are known to be incomplete from 2010–11 to present. This does not include transfers and admissions of community

residents to other facilities.

In 2023–24:

- 18 episodes of care for assault-related injuries were recorded for Pormpuraaw residents, compared with 14 in 2022–23.
- The episodes of care for assault-related injuries rate for Pormpuraaw residents was significantly higher than the Queensland rate.

Table 11 Episodes of care for assault-related injuries

2022–23 22.0 1.2

2023–24 28.0 1.2

Change from previous period No significant change No significant change

(a) Rate per 1,000 persons.

Child safety: substantiated notifications of harm

Source: Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety and Queensland Treasury concordance-based estimates

Refer to the explanatory notes for additional information.

In 2023–24:

- 7 children aged 0–17 years were subject to a substantiated notification of harm, compared with 7 in 2022–23.

Table 13 Unique children aged 0–17 years subject to a substantiated notification of harm

2022–23 41.2 5.3

2023–24 44.6 5.5

Change from previous period No significant change No significant change

(a) Rate per 1,000 persons aged 0–17 years.

Child safety: child protection orders

Source: Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety and Queensland Treasury concordance-based estimates

Refer to the explanatory notes for additional information.

In 2023–24:

- 6 children aged 0–17 years were admitted to a finalised child protection order, compared with 0 in 2022–23.

Table 14 Unique children aged 0–17 years admitted to a child protection order

2022–23 0.0 2.4

2023–24 38.2 2.2

Change from previous period Significant increase Significant decrease

(a) Rate per 1,000 persons aged 0–17 years.

Youth justice: supervised orders

Source: Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training and Queensland Treasury concordance-based estimates

In 2023–24:

- Less than 5 young people were admitted to supervised orders, compared with less than 5 in 2022–23.

Table 15 Unique young people admitted to supervised orders

2022–23 n.p. 2.8

2023–24 n.p. 2.8

Change from previous period n.a. No significant change
(a) Rate per 1,000 persons aged 10–17 years.

Youth justice: unsupervised orders

Source: Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training and Queensland Treasury concordance-based estimates

In 2023–24:

- Less than 5 young people were admitted to unsupervised orders, compared with less than 5 in 2022–23.

Table 16 Unique young people admitted to unsupervised orders

2022–23 n.p. 3.8

2023–24 n.p. 3.7

Change from previous period n.a. No significant change

(a) Rate per 1,000 persons aged 10–17 years.

6. Pormpuraaw renewed approach to Alcohol Management

The Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council Operation Plan 2024/25 outlines the community's broader agenda in relation economic development and includes strategies relating to how Community want to live together:

Community – The Way We Want to Live Together

- Communicating and engaging ethically, with fairness and respect for culture.
- Promote a healthy supportive and proactive community.
- Develop strategies for a safe community free from violence.
- Ensure services and facilities are available and accessible to all.
- Encourage leadership and stewardship through regular community discussions.



Alcohol Management Plan

Pormpuraaw has had an Alcohol Management Plan since 5 December 2003.

The maximum amount of alcohol that a person can have in the restricted area is:

- 4.5 litres (12 x 375ml cans) of any combination of beer and premixed spirits in which the concentration of alcohol is no more than 4% alcohol/volume.

This amount is per person on foot, or per vehicle, boat or aircraft regardless of the number of people in it.

No homebrew and homebrew equipment are allowed in the restricted area.

There is one licensed premises known as the Pormpuraaw United Brothers Sports Club. Alcohol is available for sale and consumption on the premises and for takeaway, as per conditions of licence.

Alcohol may only be sold or supplied for drink on the club premises or for takeaway to:

- club members
- members of another club with formal reciprocal rights
- guests of a member or reciprocal member, in the member's company.

The Pormpuraaw restricted area is the Pormpuraaw Shire and includes all public and private places.

7. Community Safety Action Plan

Achieving improved community safety and wellbeing will take the whole community working together. It will also require government and non-government services, local organisations and businesses working in partnership to meet community aspirations.

It is acknowledged that community safety and wellbeing particularly as it relates to alcohol misuse is complex and requires a balanced approach. The CSP and other coordinated initiatives and strategies that increase safety and wellbeing, reduce demand; target illicit alcohol (sly grog and homebrew); build community capacity and readiness; and promote a healthy culture and attitude towards alcohol including through legal liquor licensing options.

This plan sets out how the community will work with Government to create proactive solutions to identify community safety issues.

We will know if our community is safer when

- The Community is calm and people live in harmony.
- Children attend school.
- Role Models show good community values.
- We are healthy and well.
- Country is respect and care for.
- Have training, employment and business opportunities for individuals and families.

There is other information available to tell us if our community is safer. Some information can be gained from the government agencies' reports listed below:

- Number of offences being committed including
 - Assault against the person;
 - domestic violence orders;
 - possession of illicit drugs; and
 - alcohol breaches
- Number of children in the care;
- Number of our community members incarcerated (prison and or youth detention); and
- School attendance figures
- Employment and
- Life expectancy.

Key community areas of concern

Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council has raised many concerns about community safety over the past few years, Current community key areas of concern include:

- Sly Grog;
- Unhealthy level of alcohol consumption;
- Drugs use;
- Health Services and rehabilitation;
- Gambling Schools;
- Violence (domestic and public)
 - Substance fuelled violence;
 - Domestic and family violence;
 - Injuries caused by fights on the streets.
- Crimes to property occurring at night in the community;
- Child wellbeing
 - Education
 - Children exposed to fighting and illegal behaviour, including property damage and illicit drug use;
 - Children and young people unsupervised on the streets at night; and
- Loud parties.

8. ACTION PLAN TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY SAFETY IN PORMPURA AW

The Way We Want To Live Together

GOAL: A healthy, thriving and supportive community with a harmonious community environment.

Action area Wellbeing	Fostering the existence of a healthy, thriving and supportive community - Enhance wellbeing and safety in the community		
Community Priorities	Action	Responsibility	Key Performance Indicators
Improve social and emotional wellbeing of all community members.	Deliver regular Mental Health first aid training programs / and AODS services to the community	RFDS / PPAC/justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of Mental Health First Aid Training sessions held and number of participants Men's and Women's Group activities delivered – number of participants Number and type of AOD services delivered
	Support Men's and Women's groups activities which promote healthy lifestyles PPAC		
Health families and respectful relationships	Promote zero tolerance of violence in the community including develop material/events to promote zero tolerance of violence.	PASC/Pormpur Paanthu Women's and Men's groups;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials developed and events planned. Decrease incidents of domestic family violence
	Hold additional 'Domestic and Family Violence Strategy' and 'Ending Family Violence' workshops.	Health services/ATODS/QH Support AH, DWATSIPM, PASC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Support the celebration of our culture and encourage healthy recreation	Provide opportunities for community to create and enjoy art, including dance, music and painting	PASC, health services, women's and men's groups and Elders. Art Centre/ Sport and Rec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased cultural healing and practice.
	Embrace culture and traditional lore, and protect cultural knowledge for future generations		
	Provide sporting and recreation facilities for all community members		



Action area Demand Reduction			
Maintaining adequate social support networks and services -			
Community Priorities	Action	Responsibility	Key Performance Indicators
Provision of activities and resources for young people to reduce substance abuse.	Increase the range of recreational activities for children and youth after hours and on weekends.	PPAC & Sport and Rec PASC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of engagement activities.

Action area Regulate Supply			
A community rid of harmful social temptations			
Community Priorities	Action	Responsibility	Key Performance Indicators
Reduce sly-grog and its impacts	Reduction in house parties, illegal gambling, use of illicit drugs and excessive consumption of alcohol. Encourage Dry Place declarations in community.	PASC, DHPW QPS and tenants/Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decreased in offences against the person Decrease impact on household income Increased seizures of illicit alcohol
	Police for illicit alcohol	QPS	
	Licensees implement point of sale strategies to reduce sly grogging.	Licensees, QPS, OLGR and PASC	
Responsible operation of licenced premises	Pormpuraaw United Brothers Sporting Club to manage and monitor any potential negative impacts due to licensing arrangements to minimise harm and support AMP.	PUBSC, OLGR, PASC, QPS, DWATSIPM, Licensees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular meetings – stakeholder meetings Adherence to responsible service of alcohol and licensing conditions.
	Support the Pormpuraaw United Brothers Sports Club to carry out its duties under the AMP in line with good governance and financial credibility	Licensees, OLGR, and QPS, DWATSIPM	



Action area Harm Minimisation		Maintaining adequate social support networks and services	
Community Priorities	Action	Responsibility	Key Performance Indicators
Community designed and delivered campaign focusing on protecting children from being exposed to alcohol and drug use.	Harm minimisation workshops- community wide education on not showing kids drug equipment.	SEWB ATODS/QH DWATSIPM Pormpuraaw State School (PSS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fewer kids starting up drugs. • Positive feedback about parenting groups and support for parents. • Higher school attendance. • Better school performance.
	Distribute posters/banners around town.		
	Motivational enhancement workshops, offered free from National Cannabis		
Community designed and delivered social marketing campaign focusing on promoting health relationships to reduce violence.	Continue to advertise and deliver Domestic and Family Violence education and awareness initiatives	PPAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in family violence in the community. • Reduction in recorded offences against the person. • Reduction in hospitalisations for assault.
	Continue to deliver Domestic and Family Violence intervention programs – Women’s Shelter / Men’s and Women’s Group support		
	Organise and deliver Domestic Violence Month activities to increase community awareness of the social and personal impacts of domestic and family violence and to promote support available to those affected.		
Children and young people on the streets at night and causing problems (e.g. noise, fighting, drinking).?	Provide night time program of activities for children and young people in the evenings. Introduce a ‘no fighting’ policy for children and youth	Coordinated agency response required – PPAC/ PASC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive feedback about evening activities. • Reduction in young people offending, getting arrested by the police and going to court. • Numbers of children and young people attending weekly evening activities. • Less young people offending, getting arrested by the police and going to court.



Action area: Community Harmony		A focus on continuing education for young and old - Work in collaboration with our fellow community groups to benefit the whole community		
Community Priorities	Action	Responsibility	Key Performance Indicators	
Improve the relationship between government, service providers and the community	Commence community consultations with residents to raise awareness about Closing the Gap.	PASC, DWATSIPM, local, service providers and LDM body.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTG targets • Strategic partnership is endorsed 	
	Facilitate the building of relationships between the community, police and youth	PASC,/PPAC/QPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive community police relations • Engaged youth and community. 	
Youth activities	Pompuraaw service providers engage with youth to develop range of focussed youth activities	PASC/PPAC/Rise Ventures/ RAATSICC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program of youth activities developed and delivered • Youth Summit • Community Events 	
Elder activities	Develop and deliver Seniors Week activities	PASC, PPAC Elders and TO's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors Week activities delivered – number of participants • Reduction in Elder Abuse • Service provider forum 	
	Develop and deliver programs to reduce Elder Abuse			

Action area Education		A focus on continuing education for young and old - Enhance educational attainment		
Community Priorities	Action	Responsibility	Key Performance Indicators	
Improve school attendance	Support the Pompuraaw State School to raise parents/carers and students awareness of the school's "Everyday Counts" initiative.	Lead Principal, Pompuraaw State School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased and stable attendance rates. • Increase parents/carers involvement in learning. • Disengaged students are reengaged. • Noticeably less children and young people roaming streets during school hours. 	
	Continue to deliver a community developed social marketing campaign focusing reinforcing and supporting the value of education.	Parents and Carers and Elders Health and other support services		



Action area Education			
A focus on continuing education for young and old - Enhance educational attainment			
Community Priorities	Action	Responsibility	Key Performance Indicators
	Parenting Program – Family Wellbeing Program to be added in here.		

Action area economic -Training and employment				
To strengthen and grow our local economy, leading to creation of sustainable jobs and business				
Community Priorities	Action	Responsibility	Key Performance Indicators	
Increase employment opportunities		PASC RISE	• Increase in local job opportunities	
	Look for opportunities to increase economic participation outcomes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in local job opportunities • Increase in local business outcomes. 	
Support our community members, young and old, to access education to achieve their full potential.	Work with job service providers to ensure job seekers provided with the skills required to obtain sustainable employment			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents are job ready • Increase participation in training or employment • Should we put in here about an alternative school for senior students?
	Work with education providers to ensure our young people receive the best possible education			
	Work with community to encourage participation in education and capacity building opportunities.			
Local Economy	Create a productive environment to encourage the growth of the local economy			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in employment or businesses



Action area Minor Modification			
Community Priorities	Action	Responsibility	Key Performance Indicators
A schedule for minor modifications to implement current aspirations that were identified in 2024	Confirm community aspirations via community consultations including local stakeholders Latest community survey	PASC,CJG, QPS, OLGR and DWATSIPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A schedule has been developed and completed Community supports approach
•	Request a restricted carriage limit of 30 can mixed alcohol and midstrength per person and proposing this occurs on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday between 4:00pm to 7:00pm – update when Council proceeds with changes.	PASC,CJG, QPS, PUBSC , OLGR and DWATSIPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community supports approach Licensee, CJG and QPS supports approach Restricted Carriage Limit approved
Local education campaign	Develop and implement education campaign to support any modifications. Dependant on new changes.	PASC,CJG, QPS, PUBSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community awareness of modification Reduced number of breaches

Action area Monitoring and reporting			
Community Priorities	Action	Responsibility	Key Performance Indicators
Review the impact of the renewed approach and CSP.	Identify local indicators/measures of success. Harm data to be collected moving forward. Statshots	PASC,CJG, PUBSC, Pormpuraaw Inter-Agency Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current, community informed and responsive approach
	Report progress to community.		
	Modify CSP to address emerging issue and aspirations of community.		
	Review and evaluate plan and apply learning's		
	Communication any modifications		



9. Appendices

Appendix 1 The Review of Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) and the renewed approach to alcohol management. (extract from DATSIP website and factsheets)

Review of Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs)

In 2012 the Queensland Government commenced a review of Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) which consisted of:

Community-specific reviews

Alcohol management proposals were provided to Government from all communities that have alcohol restrictions in place including Pormpuraaw (summarised in the body of the plan). The proposal development process for some communities included community meetings, forming working groups to oversee the review, doing community surveys and working with external parties to facilitate consultation and evaluate their current AMP.

The Convictions Project

The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership engaged the Office of the Government Statistician to compile the Convictions Project in response to community concerns about whether alcohol restrictions were leading to people who would not otherwise have a criminal history entering the criminal justice system. Findings were presented in [Alcohol Management Plan Review - Breach of alcohol restrictions in Indigenous communities and associated contact with the criminal justice system \(PDF, 1.1 MB\)](#). This report was provided to communities on 8 April 2014.

General Review

This review, conducted by PwC Indigenous Consulting, assessed the overall effectiveness of AMPs. It incorporated feedback from 23 members of the public and other key stakeholders.

The Queensland Government finalised a review of (AMPs) in mid-2019, a renewed approach to alcohol management has been developed which builds on the Review's findings:

- AMPs play a valuable role in ensuring community safety, particularly for vulnerable people such as women and children
- Illicit alcohol (sly grog and homebrew) has undermined the positive impacts of AMPs
- Concerted and coordinated efforts are needed to sustainably reduce demand and harm
- Community ownership and local leadership in determining and implementing strategies for managing alcohol misuse and harm is key to the effectiveness of these measures.

The renewed approach prioritises community safety, particularly for women and children, and emphasises a need for AMPs that are community-led and driven and developed and implemented in partnership with communities. Key features of the renewed approach include

- Alcohol management is locally controlled
- Co-designed community-specific plans and strategies that improve safety and wellbeing, reduce demand, address sly grog and homebrew and promote a positive alcohol culture
- Potential for amendments to carriage limits where communities want them and demonstrate the ability to manage the changes
- Emphasis on sustainable solutions.

The renewed approach to alcohol management

Following a review of AMPs finalised in mid-2019, a new approach to alcohol management will be implemented by these communities with support from the Queensland Government.

A renewed approach to alcohol management builds on the Review's findings. It prioritises community safety, particularly for women and children, and emphasises a need for AMPs that are community-led and driven and developed and implemented in partnership with communities.

The refreshed approach continues to include alcohol restrictions, but will be managed locally and include strategies tailored to the unique characteristics and aspirations of each community.

This work is an example of how the Queensland Government is reframing the relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to improve safety and wellbeing in partnership with community.

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What is the renewed approach to alcohol management?

The objective of the renewed approach is to ensure communities and individuals are safe, thriving and self-empowered to manage and reduce alcohol-related harm.

The renewed approach retains carriage limits and is based on a partnership between the Queensland Government and communities to:

- Co-design new Community Safety Plans and other coordinated initiatives and strategies that reduce demand; target illicit alcohol (sly grog and homebrew); build community capacity and readiness; and promote a healthy culture and attitude towards alcohol including through legal liquor licensing options
- Explore minor changes to carriage limits on a case-by-case basis, pending community and Government agreement, and provided that a Community Safety Plan is in place
- Revise AMPs to reflect the outcomes and results of co-design and community engagement.

The Queensland Government has committed \$2.4 million over four years from 2019-20 to support implementation of supply, demand and harm reduction services determined as part of the co-design process with communities.

Implementation

The Queensland Government has already made some legislative amendments to better target ingredients commonly used to make homebrew.

Minor carriage limit amendments have also been endorsed for Palm Island to extend the variety of beverages residents and visitors can enjoy. Changes to community carriage limits in other locations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

DATSIP will support communities with AMPs to develop their local capability to plan and deliver solutions to achieve community aspirations. Implementation will occur progressively based on individual community readiness.

Who is involved?

Key stakeholders	Role
Councils, Community Justice Groups, community members and community organisations	Identify and oversee the achievement of community aspirations and priorities to inform AMPs, Community Safety Plans and service delivery.
Department of Women Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Multiculturalism (DWATSIPM) and other key government agencies	Support communities to identify local aspirations and priorities, enable community to turn their vision into a reality and help build community capacity.

What does the renewed approach include?

Key features	Purpose
Revised Alcohol Management Plans	Develop a revised AMP, including minor modifications to alcohol restrictions, based on the aspirations and readiness of each community.
Co-designed Community Safety Plans	Guide identification of key action areas, community priorities and responsibilities to improve safety and wellbeing.
Targeted strategies to reduce illicit alcohol	Develop strategies to improve the effectiveness of alcohol management by targeting homebrew and sly grog.
A positive alcohol culture	Explore current liquor licensing options that provide for regulated supply of alcohol and reduce demand for alcohol and its related harm.
Community leadership	Improve locally led alcohol management through community leadership and decisions based on community values.
Local Thriving Communities	Ensure the approach aligns with the shared principles of Local Thriving Communities and is taken forward as part of this reform agenda.

Government Indicators

The Queensland Government currently uses six key indicators of harm and wellbeing relating to AMPs.

Number	Indicator	Community safety element
1	Reported offences against the person	Harm (primary indicator)
2	Episodes of care for assault-related injuries	Harm (primary indicator)
3	Breaches of alcohol restrictions	Demand (supporting indicator)
4	Child safety - Substantiated notifications of harm	Wellbeing (supporting indicator)
5	Child safety - Finalised child protection orders	Wellbeing (supporting indicator)
6	Student attendance.	Wellbeing (supporting indicator)