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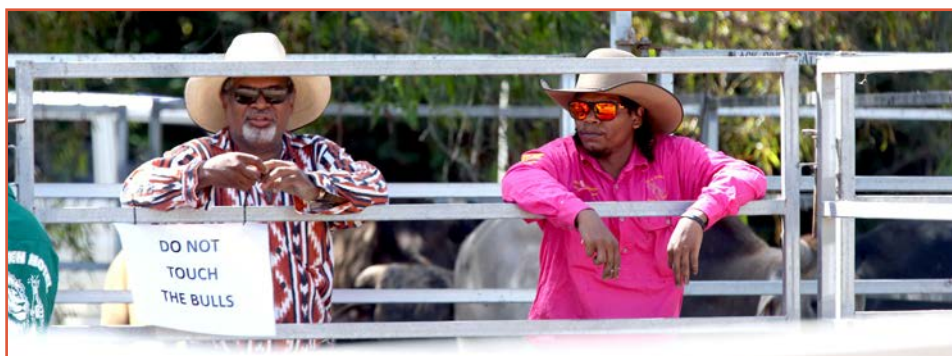
PASC News

August 2026

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



Lesgo Rodeo!



Preparations are already ongoing for the 2026 Rodeo and Ball from 25 September. We hope everyone is looking forward to this exciting community event.

A selection of formal dresses, arranged by Council, will be available to buy in the week leading up to the Ball.

Pics by Christine Howes at the 2025 event.

A word from CEO Janelle Menzies

I can't wait for this year's rodeo, CEO Janelle Menzies writes ...



As another busy month comes to a close, I am pleased to provide an update on Council's progress and achievements.

Strong Financial Performance

Our annual audit has now been completed, resulting in another Unqualified Audit Result, with no matters identified. Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council was also the second Queensland council to have its 2025/26 financial statements signed off, just behind Brisbane City Council.

This marks Council's 14th consecutive Unqualified Audit, since I achieved our first in 2012/13.

Well done to our Finance Team for their dedication, professionalism and hard work in continuing to maintain such a strong financial record.

While I did not undertake any travel this month, Council operations remain extremely busy.

Here are some highlights.

Housing and Community Infrastructure

Construction is about to commence on two staff houses at 27 Matpi Street, along with the granny

flat and housing extension project aimed at increasing social housing options within the community.

Landfill Management & Environmental Works

Arrangements have been made to remove all scrap metal from our dump site over the coming three weeks.

Last week we had a major fire within our white goods pile while the regulator was here, which serves as a reminder we are not allowed to have fires in our landfill.

Council is also about to begin a major tree management project throughout the community.

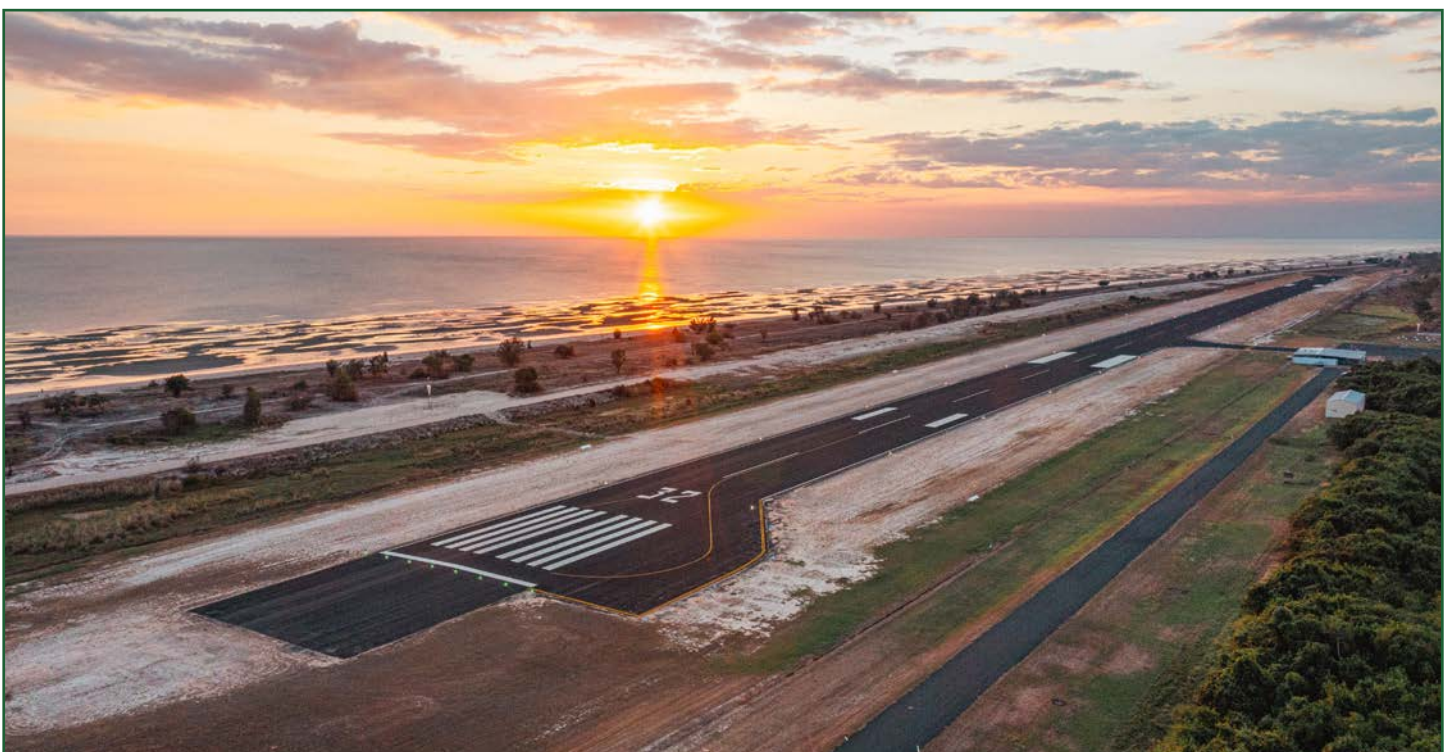
Primary Health Centre Progress

Construction of the new Primary Health Centre is progressing exceptionally well.

Council was awarded the landscaping works and that work will start soon.

Subdivision Projects

We are waiting on environmental approvals to relocate approximately 1,000 orchids before civil works can commence on the two new subdivision projects.



Airstrip Disaster Recovery Funding

Council has funding for airstrip disaster recovery works to address erosion along the runway edges and fund investigations into the causes of runway bubbling during significant storm events.

This work is critical to ensuring any future repairs provide a long-term solution.

Improving Council Efficiencies

Last year, Council invested approximately \$25,000 in Geotab technology across the vehicle fleet.

As a result, Council has successfully secured a fuel tax credit claim covering the previous four years, resulting in a net benefit of approximately \$288,000.

Moving forward, this initiative is expected to generate an additional \$75,000 annually, helping Council continue to subsidise fuel costs for community residents.

Emergency Services Awareness

During the month, Council met with representatives from the Queensland Ambulance Service to better understand the Triple Zero (000) emergency call system.

The information will assist Council in educating community members on how to achieve the best outcomes when seeking emergency assistance from ambulance, police or fire services.

Looking Ahead

Council is committed to delivering essential services, investing in community infrastructure,

improving organisational efficiency and creating opportunities that benefit all residents of Pormpuraaw.

We look forward to sharing further progress in the months ahead.

Janelle



Fuel Bowser Open New Payment System

Thank you for your patience while the fuel bowser was closed.

The **bowser is now open** with a new payment system. You can pay using:

- **Tap & Go**
- **Debit cards (with a chip)**
- **Credit cards**
- **Apple Pay**
- **New compatible fuel cards**

⚠ Please note: **Old fuel cards will no longer work with the new bowser system.**

Have an old fuel card? Visit the Post Office to swap it for a new compatible card.

- Any remaining balance/credit on your old fuel card will be transferred to your new card.

Dump Traffic Disruptions Until the 18 September 2026

Council has **contractors on site at the dump removing the scrap metals** over the next three weeks.

The dump will remain open during this time; users are asked to take **extra care** whilst accessing the dump.

If there is the need for short closures to ensure users and workers safety these will be advertised before the dump is closed.



Council thanks you for your understanding and patience with these works are completed and apologises for any inconvenience.



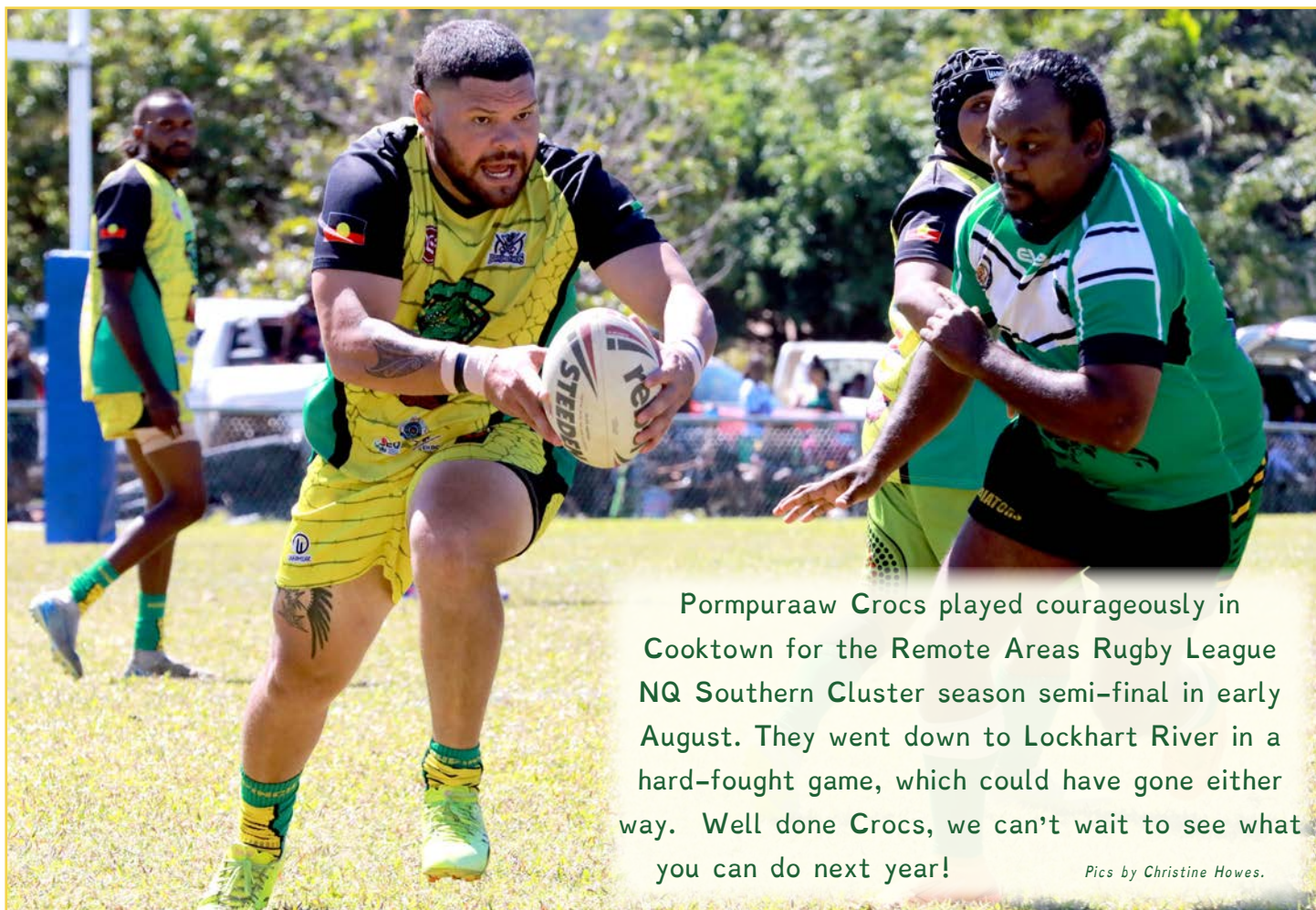
Friday 4 September





Mobile Refund Point
4-9-2026
Pormpuraaw
6.30-11am





Pormpuraaw Crocs played courageously in Cooktown for the Remote Areas Rugby League NQ Southern Cluster season semi-final in early August. They went down to Lockhart River in a hard-fought game, which could have gone either way. Well done Crocs, we can't wait to see what you can do next year!

Pics by Christine Howes.





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AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Council agreed to propose an amendment to the Pormpuraaw Planning Scheme under Section 18 of the Planning Act 2016 to address future housing requirements, funded by the Queensland Government's Supply Scheme Fund.

Council approved the development application at 24 Thinraathin Street for the new Council Chambers.

Council approved a siting dispensation for a garden shed at 128 Manth Street.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Council approved a small rental subsidy for Pormpur Ngamplin Pam Mongthak Aboriginal Corporation.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DECISIONS

Council approved the updated 2026/27 budget and requested increases to capital expenditure, including:

\$100,000	for emergent Plant and Equipment.
27 MAPTI STREET	Increase the total construction value for one two-bedroom and one three-bedroom house.
\$800,000 TO \$1.5 MILLION	Increase in the airport fuel budget.

Council accepted the TechnologyOne tender for a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system.

Council accepted the tender from NQ Petro for the airport fuel proposal.

Council also accepted the Asset Valuation 2026 financial year report and adopted the July 2026 financial report.

POLICY UPDATES

Council approved the following new policies:

Credit Card Policy

Artificial Intelligence
Usage Policy

Working from Home Policy

Council also approved
amendments to:

Procurement Policy,
including issuing a new
credit card

Travel Policy

Annual Wages Increase Policy

GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

Council approved amendments to the Local Disaster Management Plan.

Council noted the Christmas shutdown period from Monday 21 December 2026 to Friday 1 January 2027.

Council agreed to renew the current Register of Prequalified Suppliers to 31 December 2026.

Council agreed to release a tender for operation of the Pormpuraaw Kiosk, to enable operation soon after renovation works are completed.



WE ARE HIRING!

Join our team and help make a difference in Pormpuraaw.

We have a range of rewarding opportunities available across Council services.



Aged Care Support Worker: Make a real difference by supporting our Elders to stay connected, independent and cared for.



Animal Control or Environmental Health Worker: Help keep our community safe, healthy and well cared for in this hands-on community role.



Bakery Assistant: Join our busy local bakery team and help prepare fresh food for the community.



Bakery Retail Assistant: Be the friendly face of our bakery, serving customers and supporting the day-to-day running of the shop.



Council Facilities Cleaner: Help keep Council facilities clean, safe and welcoming for staff and community members.



Culture & Land Worker: Work on Country and support important cultural, land and community activities.



Outdoor Cleaner: Take pride in keeping our community spaces clean, tidy and looking their best.



Post Office Customer Service & Cashier Officer: Provide friendly, reliable service while helping community members with their everyday postal and counter needs.

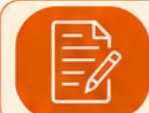


Community Justice Group Mentor: Support positive change by mentoring community members and helping strengthen local connections and pathways.



KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR SOME ROLES

- ✓ **Police Check Clearance required for:** Aged Care Support Worker, Bakery Retail Assistant, Post Office Customer Service & Cashier Officer, and Community Justice Group Mentor.
- ✓ **Driver's Licence required for:** Animal Control or Environmental Health Worker.



HOW TO APPLY

Pick up an application form from the Council Office, email your resume to hr@pormpuraaw.qld.gov.au, or apply through RISE.

*Could one of these roles be for you?
We'd love to hear from you.*

EMPLOYEE STARS

OF THE MONTH

AUGUST 2026

STAR OF THE MONTH



Sherelle Ballie

Recognised for her proactive attitude and fast work ethic.

Sherelle consistently demonstrates initiative, efficiency and dedication in everything she does.

WHS STAR



Vanessa Deakin

Recognised for her initiative and commitment to workplace health and safety.

- After identifying issues with the public toilets at the Boomerang, Vanessa investigated the matter and found the facilities were in a disgraceful state and the ventilation was not working.
- Vanessa took it upon herself to thoroughly clean the Public Toilets.
- Recommended timers for the lights so power is not wasted.
- And the toilet area is now included in the Cleaning Schedule.

STAR TEAM



Bakery

Roman Kucharski and Vanessa Deakin recognised for contributing to team success by working together harmoniously, supporting one another, and maintaining a positive team environment.

Thank you! ❤️

Thank you to all our amazing employees for your hard work, dedication and commitment.

Your contributions make a positive difference every day! ❤️



COMMITMENT
We are dedicated and reliable in all we do.



RESPECT
We value and respect everyone.



COMMUNITY
We work together to support our community.



FAMILY
We care and look out for each other.



TEAMWORK
We achieve more by working together.

New Staff!



A big PASC welcome to our new employees this month: Anthony Anderson is our new Carpenter Leading Hand; Dwi Yuanita is our new Finance Officer; and Gail Gilbert is our new Centrelink Officer. Not pictured is our new Parks & Gardens Leading Hand Howard Mundraby. Congratulations to all!



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