



PPAC

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NEWS WEEK

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Apunipima on the lookout for local talent

Apunipima team members including Dr Mark Wenitong (right) and father and son team Robbie Corrie Snr & Jnr will be in Pormpuraaw on Wednesday hoping to capture community members willing to go on camera with their views on why we need to protect indigenous communities from Covid-19.



They said the team, who will be in Kowanyama tomorrow, was an opportunity for the community to have a say on what they want to hear and see around Covid-19.

Once finalised then videos will be shown on TV, social media all over Australia.

CEO Ganthi Kuppusamy thanked the team for inviting PPAC to join the project.

“Our participation is crucial as a community-controlled Aboriginal organisation,” she said.

“It is important to communicate COVID 19 information to the members of the community at a grass roots level so the community will be more aware of the symptoms and risks at all times.

“We all need to take this pandemic situation very seriously, we don’t

want to be sorry down the track.

“This is a great initiative from the Apunipima team and I’m certain the Covid-19 communication project will benefit the whole of community.”

If you are interested in being involved call Alicia on 07 4037 7244.

Congratulations Meredith!

Pormpuraaw’s own Meredith Arkwookerum was recognised as one of Queensland’s best and brightest Indigenous artists at this year’s Cairns Indigenous Art Fair’s Art Awards on Saturday night. Meredith won the BDO Emerging Art Award for her three ‘Lorikeet and Parrot’ acrylic on linen works.

The Pormpuraaw Arts & Cultural Centre was also

recognised at the event with a ‘special mention’ from the judges!



NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN’S DAY CELEBRATIONS



Pic by Christine Howes at the Colour Run in January 2020 – pre-pandemic fun!

TUESDAY 25 AUGUST
(TOMORROW!)

LONG DAY CARE CENTRE
10am-Lunch - All Welcome

Let’s stay COVIDSafe #OurHealthInOurHands

1. Continue to practice 1.5m social distancing



2. Wash & sanitise hands often



3. If sick, stay home



4. Clean surface areas often



School awarded for transition success

Pormpuraaw State School has been announced as a far northern Queensland regional prize winner in the 2020 Showcase Award for Excellence in Rural and Remote Education for effectively transitioning primary students into high school.

Principal Anne Walsh said the school had a critical role in supporting students and their families for transition to boarding school and understanding the importance of succeeding in their first 100 days to reduce 'bounce back'.



"We're very excited to achieve this recognition," Ms Walsh said.

"Students living in Pormpuraaw face many barriers to successfully transitioning to secondary high school and world beyond Pormpuraaw."

She said the State Finalists from the seven school districts would be announced next month.

PPAC CEO Ganthi Kuppusamy congratulated the school for their hard work and success.

Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation is a non-government, community-controlled organisation, established in 1991 out of a community need. Our focus is to provide quality, evidence-based services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in Pormpuraaw. We offer:

- Domestic violence and drug and alcohol preventative education, counselling, advocacy and support for families
- Social & Emotional Wellbeing services;
- Family Wellbeing services;
- Other social services and support;
- Women's Group activities;
- Outside School Hours Care services;
- Men's Group activities (including a lawn mowing and yard maintenance service);
- Youth activities & Student Re-engagement services;
- Playgroup;
- Vacation Care activities;
- NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme);
- Child Care services (Long Day Care) including, Child & Family Services (CAFS) and parenting support;
- Night Patrol Services; and,
- Women's Shelter services (Maantchangk Women's Shelter is open 52 weeks a year has a 7-days a week on-call service).



PPAC PLAYGROUP

Monday:

10am-Midday: Corner Shed

Wednesday:

10am-Midday: School [join us afterwards for light snacks @ Corner Shed]

Friday:

10am-Midday: Maantchangk Women's Shelter and/or down at the beach

Playgroups can be attended by mothers, fathers, grandparents, nannies or other carers and the babies, toddlers and preschool aged children in their care - it is important for parents and carers to engage with their child's learning and development.

If you need transport contact Sandra on 4060401.



Who to call and when...

If the situation is serious and urgent call our local Police on **4060 4004 or 000**.

Community members can remain anonymous when reporting illicit activity by calling the 'sly grog' hotline on **1800 500 815**.

To report other crime anonymously call Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.

For non-urgent incidents, crimes or police inquiries call Police Link on **131 444**.

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