



PORMPUR PAANTHU NEWS WEEK

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Queensland Reconciliation Awards



PPAC made the finals list out of hundreds of businesses, community groups, schools, sporting clubs and cultural organisations who vied for one of five Queensland Reconciliation Awards this year.

The awards actively champion reconciliation by celebrating the creation of meaningful partnerships, employment opportunities and efforts to improve the health and wellbeing of First Nations communities.

PPAC's annual Youth Summit was a finalist in the Community category for initiatives focussed on improving community relations and engagement, and building social cohesion.

Minister for Treaty and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Leeanne Enoch said the awards were an opportunity to recognise "champions of reconciliation".

"This year's winners, finalists and their work are a tribute to the ongoing commitment to reconciliation in this state," she said.

Several PPAC staff and supporters attended a gala ceremony in Cairns last Monday for an awards ceremony.

CEO Ganthi Kuppusamy said the recognition came towards the end of PPAC's other signature event for the year – May's Domestic and Family Violence Awareness and Prevention Month – and the start of Reconciliation Week.

"We did well to get to the finals this year," she said. "As we recognise Mabo Day today, 3 June, I want to thank all the community members who have come along and participated and supported us. All our staff too, have been great, our Men's Support, Women's Group and Youth have also been actively involved.





Domestic & Family Violence Awareness and Prevention Month: May 2024



Closing Day Kup Murri & BBQ

Lead by Men's
Support Services



"Domestic and family violence isn't a part of our culture. Domestic and family violence in the household is absolute disrespect to culture," Benny Hodges told the crowd at the PPAC Domestic & Family Violence Awareness & Prevention Month Closing Day event.



Mabo Day

Monday 3 June



Mabo Day commemorates Mer Island man Eddie Koiki Mabo and his successful efforts to overturn the legal fiction of terra nullius, or 'land belonging to no-one'.

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/commemorating-mabo-day/>

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