



PORMPUR PAANTHU NEWS WEEK

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Early childhood focus



PPAC's Early Childhood Education Services were well-represented at the 2024 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Childhood Workforce Forum in Townsville late last month.

Long Day Care Centre and Outside School Hours Care/Playgroup coordinators Tammy Conrad and Sandra Wason were there for the forum which was aimed at co-designing local solutions to meet changing community and workforce needs.

"The discussions and contributions have highlighted the significance of celebrating cultural diversity which includes discussing emerging industry trends and educational best practices,"

Early Childhood Deputy Director General Tania Porter said.

"It was a privilege to hear such constructive and open discussions which enriched our understanding and provided a solid foundation for actionable strategies."

She said the engagement continued to "shape the path forward" in a way that aligned with the Queensland Early Childhood Workforce Strategy and Action Plan and recognised the

early childhood workforce's significant impact in ensuring all children started strong and realised their full potential.

"We look forward to your continued involvement and support as we work together to create a highly qualified, skilled and valued early childhood workforce," she said.

See the department's website at <https://earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/> for the most up-to-date early childhood workforce information.

Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service (QIFVLS) hosted the 2024 Overcoming Indigenous Family Violence Forum in Cairns late last month.

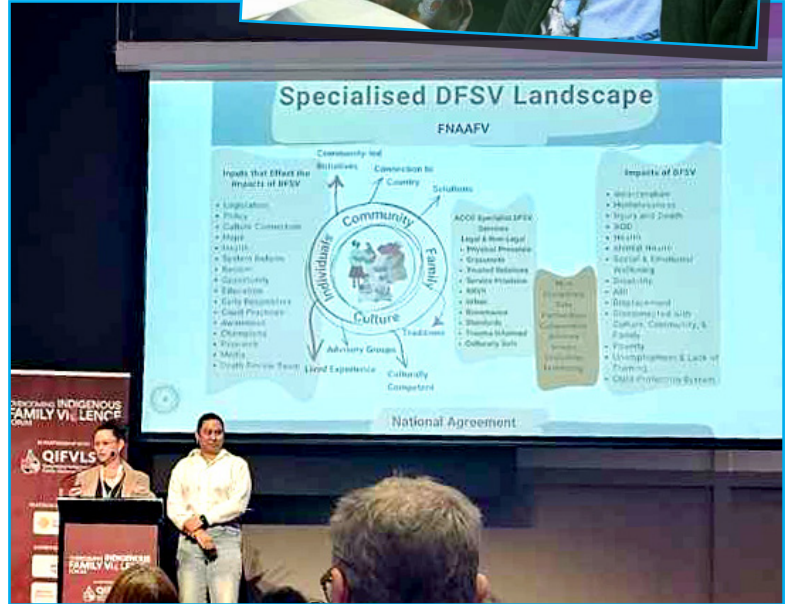
PPAC DFV Counsellor Aggy Radajewski and Women's Shelter Coordinator Deborah Hobson (pictured right) were there.

QIFVLS CEO Wynetta Dewis said they were proud to host, "this important opportunity for community leaders to come together".

She said the forum was attended by government organisations, legal services, law enforcement, social services, cultural healers and Elders to discuss their initiatives to put an end to family violence in First Nations communities.

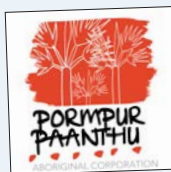
"The work being done on the ground in community is already having inspiring impacts on families and individuals, but the rest of Australia must put their efforts behind elevating these grassroots initiatives so that they can reach the people who need them most," she said.

"Together, we hold the solutions to break cycles of violence and to heal our families and communities."



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Wednesday, Friday
10am-Midday
Corner Shed

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