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New grant to help account for COVID changes

Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation is one of several statewide recipients of a grants program aimed at helping domestic, family and sexual violence service providers respond to the challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, Attorney-General and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Shannon Fentiman (pictured) has announced.

"Since the initial impacts of COVID-19 on our economy and way of life, we have also seen an unprecedented demand on our domestic and family violence (DFV) services," Minister Fentiman said.

"Our fantastic DFV services stepped up during COVID-19 to meet the increasing need for victim support.

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PPAC offers:

- Domestic violence and drug and alcohol preventative education, counselling, advocacy and support for families
- Social emotional wellbeing services
- Family wellbeing services
- Other Social Services
- Men's Support Services
- Women's Group activities
- Youth activities & Student Re-engagement Service
- Outside School Hours Care services
- Vacation Care activities
- Child Care services (Long Day Care)
- Playgroup
- Night Patrol (Contact: 0474464688)
- **NDIS Services**
- Women's Shelter services (Maantchangk Women's Shelter is open 52 weeks a year with 7 days a week on-call service)

"The grants will fund direct, frontline services that provide prevention, early intervention, crisis and post crisis support, and develop resources to assist clients and use in community education programs about sexual violence."



PPAC CEO Ganthi Kuppusamy said the project would increase

PPAC's capacity to deliver greater levels of service and protection to those who need it in Pormpuraaw.

"This project will also increase community awareness surrounding the issues of DFV and of healthy relationships, and will enable greater awareness of the services available to clients and others suffering from DFV abuse," she said.

She said COVID19 had exerted a negative impact of mental wellbeing within the community, forced a change in service delivery methods and reduced accessibility to services by those who were most vulnerable.

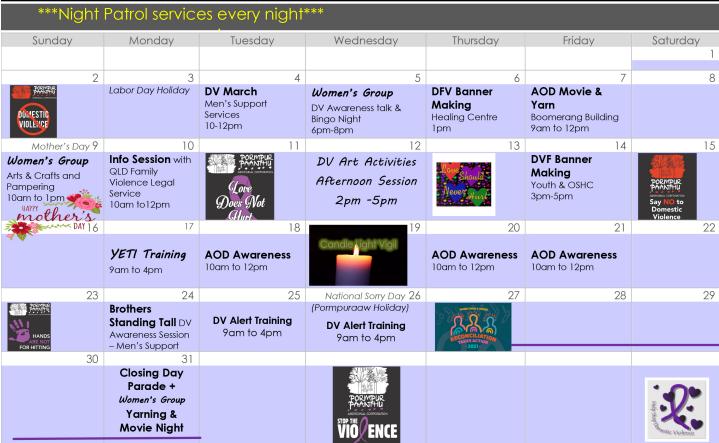
"Our increased capacity will be in the form of an additional part-time Indigenous DV Support Worker." she said.

"Our DV night patrols will also increase from four to six nights per week all year round, to provide greater ability to intervene or prevent DFV before it escalates – the night patrol is essential in safely evacuating women and children from DFV situations.

"Further technology upgrades will assist in delivering COVID-19-safe services, and we will also be able to hold a series of community BBQs to raise DFV awareness and how we can support those who are in need."

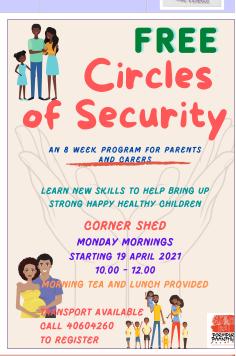
PPAC staff have worked hard to put together our calendar for this year's Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. Everyone is invited — please come and join us to support our DV Month activities and programs, as so many of you have done in previous years. Flyers confirming exact details for each event will go out as they come up, so watch this space! Don't forget to join the march next Tuesday!

DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE MONTH: May 2021









ALL WORK AND WALK TOGETHER ON ONE PATH OF HEALING, LEARNING, CARING AND SHARING, CREATING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY