

PORMPURAAW

ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

PASC News

June 2025

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



This month our Mayor and Councillors were invited to see how well the new health clinic was progressing after the second pour of concrete. The Mayor is pictured above with WIP construction and Qld Health.

Join Us

BIG DAY OUT

DON'T BUY SLY

At the Oval ...
 2pm - 4:30pm
 Dodge Ball
 Parachute Games
 Tug ó War

Tunnel Ball
EDOR
 Water Balloons
 Bubble Blowing
 Color Run

Touch Football
Prizes To Win

FRIDAY 4TH JULY
 Family Event

At the Hall...
 5:30pm - 8:30pm
 Collect your Free Shirt
BIG PUPS PERFORMING
 Dinner & Entertainment
 Wet Area - Bring Your Takeaways

Come have a

Yarn with Pere

Thursday

3rd

July

Open conversation combined with music

We invite all men to join Pere at the beach from 10am - 12pm

June was another big month, CEO Janelle Menzies writes...

The airport upgrade has been a hot topic with our airlines and stakeholders.

After consultation with RFDS, the airlines and CASA we have awarded the contract for the upgrade works on our airstrip to ensure we meet their requirements for a shortened airstrip during construction.

We are now working on reinstating an old airstrip about five kilometres to the east of Pormpuraaw.

In the meantime, we will start to see trucks coming through town to deliver gravel, as we raise the existing strip about 300mm.

This will help to improve drainage and stop the bubbling underneath.

The community farewelled Freedom Zulu, who was at the health service for more than 12 years. We wish him well on his new adventures.

NAIDOC

We have begun working with our stakeholders here in Pormpuraaw to plan for our NAIDOC Day celebrations on Wednesday 23 July. The event will coincide with the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Jeanette Young's visit.

That means our big community clean-up is already underway, which includes replacing any broken wheelie bins and putting brackets on fences so the dogs can't knock them over.

We have also taken a few steps closer to opening a Bakery, hopefully by the end of August.

I was lucky to be at a Bingo night sponsored by the

Pormpuraaw State School, who were fundraising for their year 6 graduations, where I won a Jerry Can.

I also had dinner at Nutwood with the years 4 & 5 while they were on their junior ranger camp.

Meetings

We had an all-staff meeting earlier in the month, which included a toolbox talk on incidents and near misses, and we were reminded how important it is to submit our incident reports.

We also worked on the meaning of our values, "Teamwork, Family, Respect, Community and Commitment".

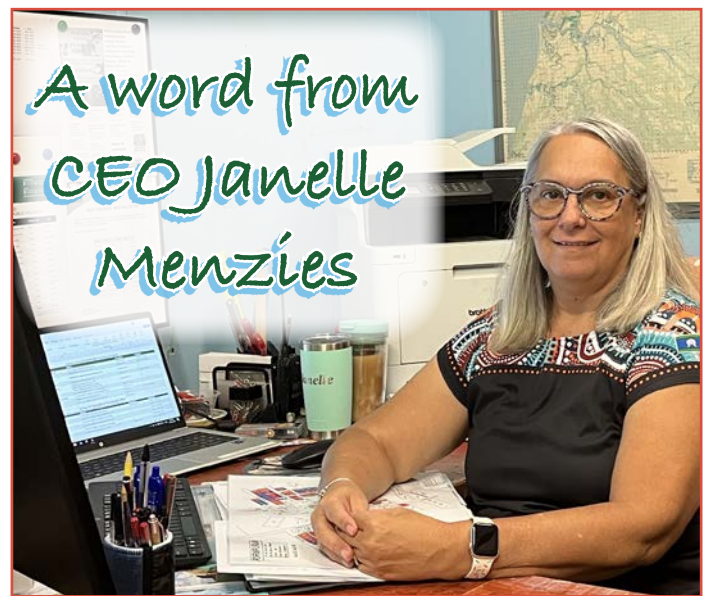
We have also had an interagency meeting, which was well attended by community organisations and visiting agencies online.

Our focus going forward will be around our three closing the gap priorities, which are Health and Wellbeing, Education and Employment and Justice.

A working group of community organisations has been established and will meet quarterly to continue work on these priorities.

We held a Local Disaster Management Meeting to provide all stakeholders with an update on the temporary runway during the airport upgrade. We adopted the Disaster Management Plan for 2025/26 and planned our next live exercise, which will be in August or September 2025.

Our uniform policy has been finalised and distributed, and we



have selected our new supplier and finalised the stick-out for our logo. We are still designing the material for our indoor uniforms.

A six-month fire extinguisher audit has also been completed.

Our first star employee of the month is Will Bartlett.

After hearing about an oil spill in Aurukun, Will recognised the need to review our spill management procedures. He updated those procedures and invited relevant stakeholders to attend the airport so he could refresh their knowledge.

The procedure review identified that written processes required more detail to assist attending staff in a spill emergency.

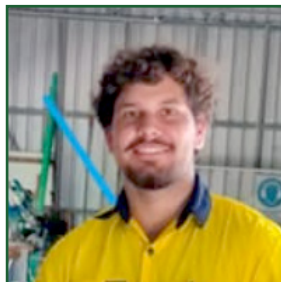
It also identified that the spill kit needed upgrading.

Our second Star Employee of the Month was Tommy Ballie for suggesting his team do a small engines course so that they can do their own maintenance.

Our finance team have been busy developing our 2024/25 Budgets and a happy new financial year as they now go into their next phase of preparing our end-of-year financial statements.

Janelle

Top Right:
Council facilities
cleaner Marella
Gothakchalkenin; Below
left: admin store
assistant Frederick
Holroyd, Below right: apprentice carpenter
Requendon Daniel; Right: Paving and casual
pool workers Leon Barney, Brett Coleman,
Trevor Edwards and Mark Foote



At the June Council meetings these things happened:

- At a Special Council Meeting on 6 June the Aerodrome Upgrade Tender was awarded and the purchase of a Razor Back Tractor was approved.
- At the Special Budget Meeting on 25 June the Operational Plan for 2025/26, the 2025/26 Budget and associated budget policies and papers were adopted.
- At the Ordinary Council Meeting 25 June:
- Council received and agreed in principle to a request for assistance from Paradise Holdings for a Boat Ramp at Coleman River.
- Council received a proposal for EKBC to undertake mustering in the northern part of the DOGIT – it was agreed Council would put this contract out to tender.
- Council did not approve a roadside van and food licence application.
- Council approved a Conflict-of-Interest Plan for CEO Janelle Menzies, who was appointed as the Treasurer of the Pormpuraaw United Brothers Sports Club.
- Council decided not to increase the audit committee membership, and the Audit Committee report to Council was accepted.
- A report on the External audit interim visit as presented and adopted by the Council.
- Council received and adopted the Asset Desktop valuation and the internal audit on the Asset Desktop valuation for 2025.
- Council also approved three applications to reside in Pormpuraaw and requested that two of those applications be merged into one.

Budget Snapshot

Statement of Income & Expenditure (\$'000)		Financial Position (\$'000)	
Operating Revenue	25,857	Current Assets	57,397
Capital Revenue	17,792	Non-Current Assets	207,296
Total Revenue	43,649	Total Assets	264,693
Operating Expenses	27,183	Current Liabilities	4,226
Capital Expenses	3,370	Non-Current Liabilities	197
Total Expenses	30,553	Total Liabilities	4,423
Net Result	13,096		
Capital Works Program	33,078	Net Community Assets	260,270

\$33.1M CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM FOR 2025/26, \$14.5M TO BE FUNDED FROM CASH RESERVES
86 POSITIONS EMPLOYED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY
\$13.7M IN AIRPORT UPGRADES
\$15M FOR A NEW COUNCIL OFFICE BUILDING OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS
\$5M FOR A NEW AGED CARE CENTRE OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS
\$3.7M TO DELIVER NEW COUNCIL HOUSING IN 2025/26
5% RISE IN SERVICE LEVIES
5.2% VOLUNTARY INCREASE IN WAGES & ENTITLEMENTS FOR LOCAL STAFF
\$3M UPGRADE TO WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE
\$3.6M FOR ROAD RENEWALS & UPGRADES



These champions were part of an AFL team of 44 promising up-and-coming footballers from across Cape York, Torres Strait and the Gulf Savannah regions who travelled to the Sunshine Coast to compete in the Queensland Schools State Championships earlier this month.

The team known as the 'Crusaders' was created to give young people from remote communities the opportunity to represent their families and communities while providing valuable life experiences on and off the field.

Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council was a proud sponsor of the team.

"The students we select into our Crusaders program are picked on their school attendance and behaviour first and football ability second," AFL Cape York Programs and Participation Coordinator Jake

O'Halloran said.

The first-ever girls team was lead by co-captains Bobbie Kendall (Pormpuraaw) and Lucinda Kris (St Paul's, Moa Island) as they went through the carnival undefeated.

The boys Crusaders teams also performed strongly throughout the state championships, finishing the carnival with a win over Darling Downs on the final day of competition.

"Our boys come together just a day before the event and have had two training sessions together before their first match." AFL

U12s Crusaders Boys Coach Matt Mellahn said.

"There's genuine improvement in their confidence and skills as the carnival goes on, and a lot of that is due the way they show up for their teammates every day, wanting to learn and improve.

"Our players are from 18 communities and to see how quickly they've built relationships and friendships over the last few days is heartwarming."

Darius Tarpencha (Pormpuraaw) and Manasae Bani (Mabuiag Island) captained the boys side.



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