

PORMPURAAW



ABORIGINAL  
SHIRE COUNCIL

# PASC News

July 2025

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

## Water students welcomed



*This month, Council hosted the Queensland Health Certificate III in Water course, with participants from Cape communities including Mapoon, Napranum, Lockhart River and Kowanyama.*

### At the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 30 July, the Council:

- Received and reviewed the June update of the 2024/25 Operational Plan
- Adopted the Work Health and Safety Policy
- Adopted the 2025 Community Safety Plan
- Endorsed the business case for staff pay increases, equalisation of annual and sick leave, and changes to Long Service Leave for staff with 10–15 years of service
- Accepted the Internal Audit Report on the Review of the Organisational Structure
- Noted a cash loss of \$595.20
- Accepted the June 2025 Financial Report
- Accepted operational reports from Corporate Services, Community Services, Operational Services, and the Chief Executive Officer
- Endorsed the successful probationary period of the Chief Executive Officer
- Approved three residents for the social housing waitlist
- Supported a Remote Australia Employment Services (RAES, formerly CDP) application and agreed to participate in the assessment team for the new service provider
- Approved purchases over \$200,000 for Robinson Civil Group and Hayes Recruitment for DRFA works
- Approved CEO travel and annual leave
- Accepted the Audit Committee Report to Council
- Approved the dates for the 2025 Christmas close-down period

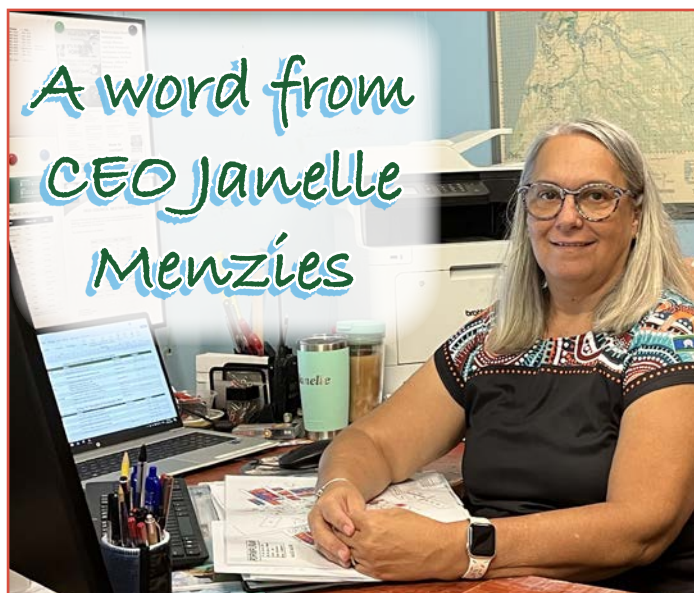




*Top & Left: aerial views of Pormpuraaw and carbon burning from the helicopter.*

*Above: Gavin and Beau Kendall Turtle Monitoring*





## Housing Property Inspections

Pormpuraaw – Monday 4 to Friday 8 of August, 2025.

Staff from the Department of Housing will be in Community from 4-8 August to conduct maintenance and safety inspections at your property.

It is important that you are home during the inspection time, so please check your mail to confirm when your house will be inspected.

Place any pets in a secure location to allow us to complete the inspection safely.

If you will not be home at the time scheduled, please call 4036 5555 before Monday, 4 August 2025 to schedule a different time.

Today, I celebrated the successful completion of my six-month probation by hitching a ride on the helicopter that drops fire pallets for our carbon burning project – what a way to mark the occasion!

July began with a visit from Tracey Graham, Mel Halpert, Anne Boundy and Jennifer Bartlett from our Cairns Office for the end of the financial year and the monthly HR visit.

While they were here, we enjoyed a beachfront bonfire where everyone brought a plate to share.

A big thank you to the Ranger Team for collecting the firewood!

We also held a whole-of-staff lunch, a toolbox talk, and finalised our staff values.

I supported Ngokal Weendi in holding their AGM and

assisted the Pormpuraaw TOIG with a meeting to begin their incorporation process.

We've recently welcomed Bruce and Maggie Triffett, a couple who will be opening the Pormpuraaw Bakery in a few weeks.

During their site visit, we hosted a welcome BBQ and tested out the new outdoor pool and table tennis tables at the splash park area.

I also had the opportunity to inspect the four new staff houses.

These will soon be occupied by our new bakery couple, the WHS Officer, the Aged Care Cook, and the Senior Executive Support/HR Support Officer.

### Airport

The temporary airport is progressing well.

Our contractors, Durack Civil, will be on-site from 4 August 2025 to finalise the temporary strip and begin the runway upgrade, which will continue through

to the end of October 2025.

There will be no disruptions to Hinterland, RFDS, or small charter services.

Unfortunately, Skytrans will not be able to land on the temporary strip due to their heavier payload.

### New staff

We also welcomed three new Council Facilities Cleaners—Leonie Wason, Sonya Brian, and Rebecca Brian—who have done a marvellous job in their first few weeks.

In addition, Graham Poon, our new Grants and Contracts Officer based in Cairns, has hit the ground running, already submitting four grant applications for Council.

Brett Coleman also joined our team as an Environmental Health Officer and is ready to jump straight into his Certificate III.

We look forward to filling more local positions after receiving funding for Bakery Staff and Environment and Cultural Officers.

Watch out for advertisements for these positions soon. *Continues...*







*Family fun in Pormpuraaw:  
bonfire, tug o' war; table  
tennis, pool, Big Pups...and a  
good cause (below)*



**Jeans for Genes**  
**100 Skips A Day**

Come and join the fun and support the Jeans for Genes Initiative to help kids through medical Research.

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
**(FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST)**  
**5PM**  
**BOOMERANG BUILDING**

**Skipping ropes available**

This August Sharon will be completing 100 Skips A Day to raise funds for Jeans for Genes.

Help support Sharon by joining in and cheering her along.

YOU CAN DONATE TO SHARON'S FUNDRAISING EFFORTS VIA THE LINK BELOW  
OR SEE SHELINA OR SHARON AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE  
[HTTPS://FUNDRAISE.JEANSFORGENES.ORG.AU/FUNDRAISERS/SHARONMA](https://fundraise.jeansforgenes.org.au/fundraisers/sharonma)  
RSHALL/SKIPPING-CHALLENGE

## Governor's visit

A highlight of the month was a visit from Her Excellency Dr Jeannette Young, the Governor of Queensland, and her husband Professor Graeme Nimmo.

During their stay, they visited the Pormpuraaw State School, the Pormpuraaw Primary Health Centre—where they inspected the new building under construction—the Pormpuraaw Arts Centre, and the Edward River Crocodile Farm.

We were honoured to have them stay overnight and enjoy a Kup Murri with some of our Elders and residents.

Council met with officers from the Department of Housing and will begin work on our Local

Housing Plan to ensure we are well-prepared going forward, after receiving funding for a new subdivision, granny flats, and extensions.

## Star employees

The joint-WHS Star of the Month is Greg Maugeri who identified essential fire installations were required at our Covid Camp and ensured they were ordered in advance, followed up on missed delivery and undertook consultation to ensure compliance before handover of the facility. Our other Star Employee of the Month is Nem Yesberg for all her assistance with our new staff during their recruitment

processes. A special mention goes to Bronwyn Sellars, who helped an Elder visiting the library read the book he had selected.

Our Star Team of the Month goes to the Cairns team, who have been preparing our end-of-year financial statements, processed our payroll on time despite the short week due to the Cairns Show public holiday, and implemented staff pay increases.

Well done to all our staff who put in the extra effort to get the job done!

August is looking relatively quiet at this stage—but I'm sure things will ramp up soon!

*Janelle*





*Torres and Cape HHS Executive General Manager South Michael Catt, Pormpuraaw PHCC Clinical Nurse Consultant Tiffany Callanan, Governor of Queensland Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young, her husband Prof Graeme Nimmo, Torres and Cape HHS Director of Nursing Southern Primary Health Andrea Mann, Pormpuraaw PHCC Director of Nursing Tiffany Dwyer and Pormpuraaw Shire Mayor Cr Ralph Kendall Jnr.*

Work on the new \$35.4 million Pormpuraaw Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC) has passed a significant milestone with the concrete slab for the new facility recently completed, Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service (TCHHS) Executive General Manager – South Michael Catt says.

“Work is now underway to erect the steel frame for the new building, followed by the roof,” he said.

The new PHCC was part of the State Government’s Building Rural and Remote Health Program, with completion of all works, including landscaping and demolition of the existing facility, expected by mid-2027.

The new facility will provide a comprehensive range of services including:

- a resuscitation and treatment room
- a multi-purpose medical imaging room including X-ray and ultrasound, and clinical support spaces.
- six dedicated outpatient mixed-use consult rooms
- a dental suite with consultation and clinical work areas
- a pathology room for specimen collection
- a medical records area
- a new, culturally appropriate morgue



*Governor and Professor making grass skirts & farewelling the Governor.*





# Welcome to our new team members:



← Leonie Wason – Council  
Facilities Cleaner



Rebecca Brian – Council  
Facilities Cleaner →



← Sonya Brian – Council  
Facilities Cleaner



Brett Coleman – Environmental  
Health Worker →

← Graham Poon – Grants and  
Contracts Officer



Mariah Motton – Justice Group Mentor (not pictured)

PORMPURA AW BAKERY  
*coming soon*  
Help us name our  
new bakery  
PUT YOUR IDEAS INTO THE  
SUGGESTION BOX IN THE POST  
OFFICE

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**WE ARE  
HIRING!**

Aged Care Support Worker  
Recreations and Activities Officer  
Roads Crew

**APPLY TODAY!**

Applications can be submitted at RISE  
Please see Todd Sandes - Remote Employment Services Manager  
Alternatively, you can contact Jennifer Bartlett on 0417 124 567  
or via email: [hr@pormpuraaw.qld.gov.au](mailto:hr@pormpuraaw.qld.gov.au)



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