

PORMPURAAW



ABORIGINAL  
SHIRE COUNCIL

# PASC News

November 2025

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

**Pormpuraaw Airport upgrades were completed in time to avoid any wet season issues. The reopening of the air-strip was on 3 November 2025 – after a game of cricket.**

*Our work in Pormpuraaw wasn't just about rebuilding an airport, it was about being part of a community that is constantly striving to strengthen and protect its people – Durack Civil.*





# I missed most of November while I was on annual leave, CEO Janelle Menzies writes ...

Thank you to Robbie Morris for filling in for me while I was on leave as Acting CEO, he did a great job keeping everything in order while I was away.

Robbie will stay on in the Acting Executive Manager, Operational Services until the end of January when our new Executive Manager starts.

I returned from leave just in time for the Christmas party and Santa's visit to the Pormpuraaw United Brothers Football Club, where everyone, adults included, really got into the Christmas spirit.

Deputy Mayor Tim Koo-Aga and I were also at the Year 6 Graduation and took the opportunity to present 12 students with their certificates and gift cards on behalf of Council.

## **Rubbish watch**

Council is undertaking a major clean-up of the refuse area.

All users of this facility are requested to separate any rubbish into the banded areas as per the new signage directions

A new CCTV system will be operational this month and will provide Council with 24-hour surveillance of the whole facility.

This will allow Council to monitor all users and fine users for non-compliance with separation requirements

## **Staff**

The only starter in November was our new facilities cleaner Ada Williams.

## **Stars of the Month**

Gavin Kendall and Glen Simpson

to their dedication to their work with great attendance and being great mentors of the rest of their teams.

Our Star team of the month, for great initiative, work and leadership, was the Carpenters team who identified manual handling and working alone hazards, and offered to assist at the Admin Store relocating heavy items in preparation for receiving Tuxworth truck during Fred's (forklift operator's) absence.

First Aid and CPR Training was



undertaken earlier in the month, as was our six-monthly fire equipment servicing.

Be safe, everyone.

*Janelle*

## At their November meeting, Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council:

- adopted the 2026 Council meeting dates
- did not endorse the proposed liquor licence for the Pormpuraaw United Brothers Club to allow the club to concentrate on improving its on-premises consumption, so the courtesy bus can take patrons home at the end of the night.
- made a change to the wording of a previous resolution for the setting of the new Aged Care fees.
- approved the contract for EFTSure to make them a sole supplier.
- resolved to accept the varied ACCU Sales Contract with Corporate Carbon and enter into a services contract with Maki Planet System Pty Ltd.
- endorsed several Permissions to Reside in Pormpuraaw to allow them to be placed on the housing waiting list, and raised questions with the Department of Housing for more information on a couple of the applications.



Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council will be closed from 4pm on Friday 19 December 2025 and re-opening at 8am on Monday 5 January 2026.

- We will have staff doing **rubbish** collections on Mondays & Wednesday as well as staff on standby for **urgent housing maintenance**.
- **Fuel** will be open as usual 24/7.
- **Post Office** opening normal hours 9pm to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm.
- **Centrelink** Opening normal Hours 8am to 1pm with agent and 1pm to 4pm self-services
- **Library** with holiday activities Opening Hours 10am to 12pm and 1am to 4pm.
- **Aged Care** meals only.





# From practiced to prepared: First Aid/CPR complete



*In early November, Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council staff refreshed their First Aid and CPR skills to boost workplace safety and community care.*



# Mickey wins award for excellence

Pormpuraaw midwife Michaela (Mickey) Pacini has won a Torres & Cape Hospital and Health Service (TCHHS) award for excellence.

The 'Better Care Together' award went to the Maternal, Child and Family Clinical Midwife Consultant in recognition of her collaboration across boundaries and partnerships to improve experiences for consumers, families and communities.

TCHHS said Mickey had earned deep respect from the community, her patients and her colleagues at the clinic, which has helped boost immunisation rates for mums and their babies.

They said each of their winners – and the finalists in each category – was the embodiment of the character, skill and commitment strived for in TCHHS.

“The Awards for Excellence have highlighted what makes TCHHS unique – our people, our commitment to cultural safety and our shared purpose to serve our communities with respect, skill, and compassion,” TCHHS CEO Rex O'Rourke said.

“As the Chief Executive, I am fortunate to have such dedicated, skilled, and innovative people whose contributions elevate the care we deliver every day.”







# Council Meeting Dates for 2026

Council meetings will generally be held on the last Wednesday of each month.

Meetings start at 10am in the Pormpuraaw Council Office Chambers at 24 Thinraathin Street, Pormpuraaw.

Month	Day	Date	Time
January	Wednesday	28	10.00am
February	Wednesday	25	10.00am
March	Wednesday	25	10.00am
April	Wednesday	29	10.00am
May	Wednesday	27	10.00am
June	Wednesday	24	10.00am
July	Wednesday	29	10.00am
August	Wednesday	26	10.00am
September	Wednesday	23	10.00am
October	Thursday (Cairns)	22	10.00am
November	Wednesday	25	10.00am
December	Wednesday	16	10.00am



## WE ARE HIRING!

- Aged Care Support Workers (Full-Time)
  - Baker (Full-Time)
  - Bakery Team Leader (Full-Time)
- Community Services Team Leader (Full-Time)
- Bakery Retail Assistants/Kitchen Hand (Part-Time)
- Culture and Land Management Officers (Part-Time)
  - Radio Operator (Part-Time)
- Recreations and Activities Officer (Full or Part Time)
  - Plumber (Water & Sewer) & Gas Fitter (Full-Time)
  - Executive Assistant (Part-Time)
- Finance Office – Accounts Payable (Full-Time)
- Environmental Health Officer (Full-Time)

### APPLY TODAY!

Applications can be submitted at RISE or email [hr@pormpuraaw.qld.gov.au](mailto:hr@pormpuraaw.qld.gov.au)

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