

PORMPURAAW



ABORIGINAL
SHIRE COUNCIL

PASC News

January 2026

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



As this year's wet season makes its presence felt, Mayor Ralph Kendall has wished everyone in the community a happy and healthy 2026, and reminded people to take extra care on the roads.

Storm pic by David Menzies.



January was relatively uneventful as everyone returned from their Christmas break, CEO Janelle Menzies writes ...



*A word from CEO
Janelle Menzies*

Thank you to those who worked through to keep our essential services going, especially Ro Coakley, who received an Australia Day Achievement Award for her work with our Rural Fire Service.

The month passed very quickly, and in February I am looking forward to welcoming our New Executive Manager of Operational Services and Leona Worrell, who was my Executive Support Officer, relocating to Pormpuraaw.

We are building a great team working for Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council and we will achieve great things in 2026.

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We have had some star employees and teams doing great work yet again, Janelle writes ...

They included

- Grace Tomun, who moved to the Cairns office on very short notice, has approached the transition with an exceptionally positive attitude and genuine willingness to learn her new role.
- Clinton Williams, for raising concerns and enquiring about potential strain injuries by manually lifting and lowering the large roller doors in the Rangers Shed.
- The Parks and Gardens Team for consistent use of signage during grass management operations.

Awards also go to:

Star Employees of the Month Melissa Douthat, who is taking on learning our procedures and keen to learn the connection process while ensuring her team is also learning the processes.

Star Team of the Month to the Rangers for working safely, identifying risks and ensuring all paperwork is complete for their recent tree works.

Star WHS Champion of the Month to Noel Tabuai, who, while at the Bakery, has been cleaning the public toilets without being asked or prompted.

Special mention to John 'Sticks' Holroyd, who is back working at Blackstar Radio in Pormpuraaw, a position which is partially funded by Council.

If you have any announcements for broadcasting on the radio email them to radio@pormpuraaw.qld.gov.au

At this month's meeting Council:

- endorsed a funding proposal to submit to the Department of Housing seeking financial support for 40 residential dwellings on 35 new residential lots.
- adopted the Councillor Remuneration for 2026/07 as recommended by the Local Government Remuneration Commission.
- approved the updates to the Council to CEO Delegations
- endorsed and adopted the Strategic three-year internal audit plan.
- agreed to contribute \$20,000 to the Community Fishing Competition
- endorsed a budget for a HiAce Bus SLWB 2.8L Turbo Diesel of around \$105,000 out of the 2026/27 capital budget, due to an expected 6-9 month delay in delivery.
- endorsed the development of Guidelines for the Independent Living Facility.
- accepted a quote from Harbrow Mentoring as the sole supplier to deliver a successful health and wellbeing grant.
- accepted two quotes from MBH as the sole supplier for staff housing and fencing around the batching plant.
- endorsed an application to reside.



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New Starters

We are excited to have offered two Year 12 school-leaver positions with Council.

Hamish Gothakchalkenin started as an Apprentice Carpenter and Christopher Savage as a Training Essential Services Officer.

We also welcomed Geoff Scott as our Admin Store Team Leader and Michele Dunk, our new HR Support Officer, who will be working from our Cairns office.

Welcome to our great team.

Janelle



- Aged Care Support Workers – Multiple Positions
- Baker & Bakery Team Leader or Bakery Couple
- Bakery Kitchen Hand
- Bakery Retail Assistant
- Community Services Team Leader
- Culture and Land Management Officers – Multiple Positions
- Environmental Health Worker
- Executive Assistant – Part Time
- Plumber with Water & Sewerage Experience & Gas Fitting
- Post Office / Cashier
- Recreation and Activities Officer - 1 Full-Time or 2 Part-Time

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