

PORMPURAAW



ABORIGINAL
SHIRE COUNCIL

PASC News

March 2026

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

Congratulations Cr Tarpencha!

Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council has welcomed new Councillor, Devon Tarpencha, to their meetings after he won with the highest number of votes at the recent by-election.

Congratulations Devon!



This month, the Council resolved to change the April Council meeting to Tuesday, 28 April in Cairns, as all Councillors will be attending the Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ) Indigenous Leaders' Forum.

The Mayor and CEO will also travel to Canberra to attend the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly in June.

At the March meeting Council also resolved to:

- Hold the June Council meeting a week early, on 18 June 2026, to allow for the Canberra local government meeting.
- Purchase a new 4x2 single cab utility from the savings of a diff replacement for the John

Deere Grader and the 2 x 4 Isuzu Diesel Ute in the 2025/26 Budget.

- Adopt the new CCTV and Surveillance Policy, Data Breach Policy, Entertainment and Hospitality Policy, Data Management Policy and Code of Conduct for Queensland Councillors.
- Adopt changes to the Procurement Policy and Financial Delegations.



A word from CEO Janelle Menzies

The months seem to be going by quicker and quicker, CEO Janelle Menzies writes...

During March, we were spared the rain, wind and damage from Tropical Cyclone Narelle, which instead impacted Lockhart River, Ceon, Weipa, Napranum and Aurukun. Our normal cyclone preparation went ahead to ensure we weren't complacent about the warnings.

SES (pictured below) and additional police personnel were deployed just in case TC Narelle changed course and headed for us.



Tori Pittorino & Michele Dunk from our Cairns office visited Pormpuraaw during the month and we celebrated with a beach bonfire.

Mayor Kendall and I also travelled to Cairns for the first Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) meeting for the year and attended a function where we were able to talk to the CEOs from Hinterland, Cape & Torres Health Hospital Services, CEQ Stores and a number of other stakeholders.

During the month, we had an additional plumber, Drew Murfitt, come on board and a new baker, Scott Harvey. Watch out for fresh bread and pies, coming soon!

Janelle

Stars of the Month

Star Employee of the Month – Norris Rodger who has been working hard to keep aged care clients' yards under control during the wet season.

Star WHS Champion of the Month – Grace Millindi who identified that she needed some help as the level of the keyboard was too high for her height. Adjustable underdrawer keyboards have been bought and will be installed as soon as possible.

We received a number of nominations for Star Team of the Month, including for the Carpenters and Parks & Gardens teams, who have already won this award, so this month's winner is:

Star Team of the Month – the Garbage crew & Workshop Team who assisted with our cyclone clean-up.

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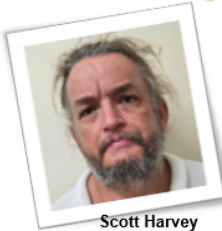
BLACK STAR

RADIO NETWORK



Welcome
New Staff

WELCOME



Scott Harvey
Baker



Drew Murfitt
Plumber/Gasfitter



Allira Fourmile
Accounts Payable Officer



Tori Pittorino
Records & Governance
Officer



Gus Yates
Executive Manager
Operational Services

WORDFIND FUN

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- *Where we live in our community
- *Local Farm *What animals roam
- *Large grey waterbird through our community
- *Favourite fish to catch *Council event/
- *Cockroach of the Sea competition coming soon
- *Net washed up on beach *Abbreviation for
- *Black noisy bird Indigenous Knowledge
- *Could nip your finger off Centre
- *Rules regarding alcohol *Name of one of our
- campgrounds
- *What is the name of the street our Council Office is located on
- *Who is the local CDP/ job provider
- *Safe place to cool down and get wet
- *Large white waterbird

Starting a new job with Council after 18 years in healthcare was a big leap for Bronny Sellers – but it was exactly the challenge she needed.

After a stint as a stay-at-home mum, Bronny felt the itch to get back into the thick of things.

When the librarian role opened up at the indigenous knowledge centre (IKC) a year ago, Bronny jumped at the chance to get back to work.

Since then, she hasn't just managed a library, she's built a happy and safe place for our kids. "I loved my time at Queensland Health, but there's something very special about the energy here at the IKC," Bronny said.

Whether she's helping kids with homework or just having a yarn, she has become a mentor the kids genuinely look up to.

On most afternoons, you'll find 10 to 15 kids packed into our small centre, diving into books, movies, getting stuck into new craft projects or playing with the mini toy kitchen.

Bronny has also become famous for some of the "experimentation projects" under her watch.

Bronny's work doesn't stop at the library doors.

You may sometimes see her over at the school, rallying the kids for after-school homework sessions or, in the school holidays, over at the splash park or organising table tennis competitions.

Bronny is a woman of contrast – a gentle librarian by day and a bull catcher in the dry season.

She even spends her downtime volunteering at the HACC to keep our Elders entertained.

That same grit fuels her dreams for the IKC of a bigger and better-equipped space to serve the community.

From fishing comps to the local rodeo, Bronny has engaged our kids

and got them involved in special events, proving again that even in our small community, one person's passion can create a world of difference.

Bronny has plans to launch a dedicated Playgroup very soon – watch this space for more!



2026
Friday
17 April
6.30am – 3.30pm
Pormpuraaw
FISHING
Competition

Fishing Shirts available from the Arts Centre!

Lunch provided at Chapman

We're excited to bring the community together for a great day of fishing, good food, fun, and great prizes!

Council is coordinating the event with generous support from a number of community organisations through donations of time, prizes, BBQ lunch and volunteer help.

We are looking for help to make it an **AMAZING DAY** for everyone.

Council employees who volunteer for three hours or more on the day will be provided with a free fishing shirt designed and purchased by the Art Centre.

Registration application forms will be available from the Council Office from Thursday 9 April.

To be eligible for a shirt, volunteers must register their help and shirt size with Shelina.

You must register to enter the competition. The last weigh-in will be at 3.30pm and the Community Hall doors will open at 5pm.

If you would like to help, please see Shelina, email executivecommunity@pormpuraaw.qld.gov.au or call 0408 949 350.

Prizegiving Dinner at the Community Hall

You must be present to receive your prize
Lucky door prizes to be won!
 Doors open at **5pm** ←
 To help us start on time, please be seated by 5.30pm
 Program starts **5.30pm – 7.00pm**

Transport to the Beach provided by WIP Bus.

Registrations open 9th April
Pop into the Council to complete an application form
\$1.00 locals | \$25.00 visitors

FUEL & BURN PROGRAM
 COOKING, NUTRITION & EXERCISE
COOK UP A STORM
 no cost

health + wellbeing Queensland
 Queensland Government

If interested in attending see Shelina at the Council office

Master the art of Cooking nutritious foods, then train like a warrior

Feed the body and mind nutritious foods through healthier options. The program starts with a mini **My Kitchen Rules** cooking comp that includes vegetables, proteins and condiments.

After we share and eat our food, we then rest the body and mind, before a solid **Work-out** session to burn the healthy foods inside our bodies.

SPORTS
 GROUP FITNESS
 WALKS

"This initiative is proudly funded by the Queensland Government through a Health and Wellbeing Queensland 2025 Community Grant."

PROGRAM DAYS AND TIMES

- Location: RISE Kitchen
- 8th April 10:00am - 1:00pm
- 9th April 10:00am - 1:00pm
- 10th April 10:00am - 1:00pm

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WE ARE HIRING!

- Aged Care Support Workers – 2 positions
- Administration Assistant
- Bakery Retail Assistant
- Bakery Team Leader
- Culture and Land Management Officer
- Environmental Health Worker
- Parks, Gardens & Waste Team Leader
- Postal Office/Cashier
- Rangers – multiple casual positions available

APPLY TODAY!

Applications can be submitted at **RISE**
 Or email: hr@pormpuraaw.qld.gov.au

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