

PORMPURAAW



ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

PASC News

April 2026

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



Fishing comp a 'great day'!

Our fishing competition was amazing – wow!



What a great day!

Congratulations to all the winners, including Eddie Kepple (left), who won the boat for the biggest barramundi.

Events like this cannot happen without our volunteer staff, some of whom did full days and then some, all of whom received a free shirt.

It wasn't possible without them.

A full set of pics is on pages 4-5.



ANZAC DAY



What a great turnout we had for the ANZAC day dawn service, with about 60 people attending, CEO Janelle Menzies writes ...

Thanks for our Officer in Charge, Darren Black, who MC'd the morning, and Patti Phuangprasert and S/Con Beck Hawker for assisting with the music.

A big shout out to Shelina Bartlett for all her organisation before the event and making the ANZAC biscuits, Leona Worrell for taking some photos and Greg Maugeri and Will Bartlett for assisting with the setup and pack down.

We had representatives from the Queensland Police Service, Pormpuraaw State School, Pormpuraaw Clinic, Pormpuraaw Justice Group, WIP Constructions and our Council Staff.

Also, a big thank you to Father Andrew Keniora and his two sons Keith and McKrean, as well Pheonix Butler who assisted with readings and the flag raising.

Many thanks to everyone who was involved in this year's Fishing Comp.

Our volunteer staff who did their three hours and received a free fishing shirt – Drew, Alfreda, Clinton, Gavin and Patti (before flying out), along with Cr Keith Barney and Mayor Ralph Kendall.

An especially big shout out and thanks to those who committed a bit longer

A word from CEO Janelle Menzies



than their three hours, who were part of our 6am start up team Gus and Leona (who both headed off to Cairns in the afternoon) and those who were there at the startup team and the pack down and helped out during the day: Melissa, Shelina, Greg, Will (who also worked at the airport all day).

And thanks to the extended Paradise Family who also assisted with the pack up, Chris and Scott for the meal and fresh bread rolls for dinner.

Also, thanks to everyone who was involved during the set-up of the event earlier in the week.

The Mayor, Councillors and I travelled to Cairns for the Indigenous Leaders Forum held by the Local Government Association of Queensland on 28 & 29 April.





At the April Council meeting the following items were discussed and resolved:

- Our March 2026 quarterly update of the 2025/26 Operational Plan was adopted.
- Our Model Meeting Procedures and Standing Orders were also adopted.
- Council moved the May Council forward to Thursday 21 May 2026 instead of the scheduled meeting on Wednesday 27 May 2026.
- Council decided to purchase a permanent structure for the splash park rather than replacing the shade sail.
- The Audit Committee meeting reports and the Audit Committee Charter were adopted by Council.
- An Ex-Gratia (Special) Payment Policy was adopted by Council
- A Local Housing Plan and Investment Strategy was adopted by Council.
- Council allocated a budget amount to begin planning for a Rodeo Ground, Sports Clubhouse and a new Art Centre.
- One applicant for the Independent Living Facility was approved pending resolution with Housing and Centrelink on rental payment options.
- A 12-month lease was approved for the Pormpuraaw United Brother Leagues Club with conditions to be included.

Minister for Local Government and Water of Queensland Anne Leahy, Cairns MP Michael Healy, LGAQ CEO Alison Smith and other presenters with Indigenous Mayors from across Queensland at the Indigenous Leaders' Forum in Cairns.



Pormpuraaw joined the other 16 Indigenous Councils in Queensland to share our successes and put our collaborative projects on the table to lobby the State and Federal Governments collectively.

The big themes were Alcohol Management Plans, housing and health.

While we were in Cairns, we also held our very first Council meeting in our new office on Scott Street and launched our new staff uniforms.

The uniforms were designed by Cr Keith Barney, who sketched and identified the animals in Pormpuraaw, and Cr Romena Edwards, who created the red lines which represent the community.

Last, but not least, big congratulations to Cr Tim Koo-Aga who celebrated 10 years as a Councillor earlier in the month – a great commitment to our community.

Janelle

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 17 April
 6.30am – 3.30pm
Pompuraaw
FISHING
 Competition








THANK YOU

to all the Sponsors



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Pormpuraaw FISHING Competition

Fishing Shirts available from the Arts Centre! Lunch provided at Chapman

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**

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

Transport to the Beach provided by WIP Bus.





Pic thanks to Brett Pascoe Photography

The 2026 Foley Shield featured a packed weekend of rugby league in Cairns earlier this month. The Southern Cape team featured several Pormpuraaw players, who did themselves and their community proud. Congratulations to the TI/NPA Remote Areas Team, Men's Mackay Team and Women's Townsville Team for taking out the wins.



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Pics thanks to FNQ RL



- Aged Care Support Workers – 2 positions
- Bakery Retail Assistant
- Rangers – multiple casual positions available
- Cleaner – Part Time

More jobs coming soon – see the Council Job Board or visit RISE for details. Casual positions available

APPLY TODAY!

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

Become a Field Officer for the 2026 Census

Have you heard the news?

Field Officer jobs are now available in locations all over Australia, including Pormpuraaw.

The best part?

No prior experience is required.

As a Field Officer, you'll be the local face of the Census.

You'll deliver Census letters and forms, answer questions from the public and follow up households that haven't yet responded.

Field Officer jobs are temporary and suit a variety of schedules, from students to part-time workers and retirees.

You can earn extra money and work flexibly across weekdays, weekends and evenings.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is looking for a broad range of people to apply to reflect the diversity of Australian communities.

Join the Census team and help collect the data that informs local services for your community.

Get your application in by Monday 18 May 2026 to be considered in the first round of recruitment in your local area.

To apply and see all Census job opportunities, go to census.abs.gov.au/jobs



Michelle Sands
Grounds & Community
Support Worker



George Conrad
Culture & Land Worker



Amy Yates
Community Services
Projects Officer



Melanie Conrad
Post Office Customer
Service & Cashier
Officer

Star Employees of the Month

Leona Worrell who goes over & above.

Jimmy Holroyd for doing a fantastic job covering while Will was away.

Jimmys' dedication was on full display right after runway inspection when Jimmy was spotted, hose and mop bucket in hand, making sure our facilities were clean and ready for the rest of day.

Star Team of the Month

Plumbing Team for getting all their outstanding jobs and paperwork up to date.



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