

PORMPURAAW



ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

PASC News

May 2026



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

It's nearly Rodeo time!



Our next big event will be the Rodeo from Friday 25 September to Sunday 27 September 2026.

This year we plan to start with a Rodeo Ball/ Dance on Friday night, followed by the Rodeo on Saturday and Sunday.

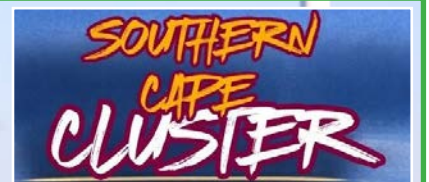
It's never too soon to start planning and shopping for you dancing outfit!

Come and enjoy a fun-filled weekend in Pormpuraaw!



Pics by Christine Howes

Footy is back!



ROUND 1 JUNE 6 SATURDAY LAKELAND
ROUND 2 JUNE 20 SATURDAY LOCKHART RIVER
ROUND 3 JULY 11 SATURDAY COEN
ROUND 4 JULY 25 SATURDAY WUJAL WUJAL
GRAND FINAL AUGUST 8 VENUE: TO BE CONFIRMED

Pormpuraaw Crocs - Lockhart River Scorpions - Wujal Wujal Yindlii
Hope Vale Warriors - Coen Colts - Wandlii - Cooktown Crocs

Pic by Christine Howes

Another month has passed quickly, with the cooler weather coming in on the last weekend of the month, Janelle writes...

At the beginning of the month, I met with the Department of Housing to look for a solution to managing the proposed tenants for the Seniors Independent Living Facility.

At this stage, a solution hasn't been found, but we will continue working on it.

Council staff participated in the Domestic Violence March with PNPM as well as attending the Night Vigil and other DV Month events during May.

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) and Department of Local Government have visited Pormpuraaw to provide Councillors with training on upcoming changes to the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

Mayor Ralph Kendall and I headed back to Cairns for three days of workshops with the Torres & Cape Indigenous Councils Alliance (TCICA), which included their bi-monthly meeting and a workshop on the *Impacts of Changes to Services Delivery* from the Department of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

I also went to a workshop with other indigenous Councils on improving aged care service delivery in communities and how Councils can work together.

First Nations Housing and Homelessness – a division of the Department of Housing – visited Pormpuraaw to hold a workshop and visit homeowners to ensure that they were aware of their responsibilities.

Queensland Education also visited to present their Pormpuraaw School Masterplan.

I tagged along with them to showcase the masterplan for the Council's sports precinct around the Council's football field, including the new clubhouse and permanent Rodeo Grounds.

A very productive meeting with LIAUOR LICENCING, the Queensland Police Service Pormpuraaw Officer in Charge (OIC) and the Licensee of the Musgrave Telegraph Station was held regarding their request for a change to their liquor licence to include selling full-strength beer to people travelling past Musgrave.

A word from CEO Janelle Menzies



Changes to the Alcohol Management Plan – Final Consultation

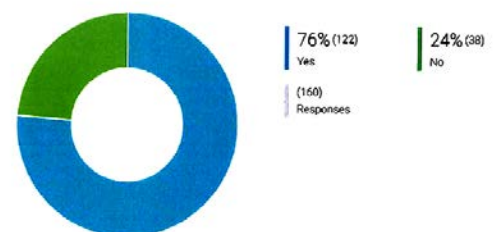
In May 2025 Council agreed to the following:

RESOLUTION NO: 2025/44:

That Council resolve to propose to increase the carriage limit from out of town to 30 x 375mls of beer and premix with less than 4% alcohol. Take away limits from the Pormpuraaw United Brothers Sports Club to remain the same at 6 x 375ml of beer and premix with less than 4% alcohol except on Friday Night when the limit is to be increased to 12 x 375ml beer and premix with less than 4% alcohol.

The results of a preliminary survey of more than 150 respondents taken by Council has indicated:

- more than 80 percent would like to change the AMP carriage limit. Opinions on how varied from 'no restrictions' to 'avoid hard liquor' and/or beer and wine only.
- opinions on takeaway sales ranged from lowering the limit to four standard drinks (from 12) to 'no limit'.
- Do you think if the AMP carriage limit was increased would less people buy sly grog?



- more than 80 per cent believed increasing or removing limits would reduce the amount of harm caused by drinking sly grog.

We are now asking for final feedback – if you have anything to say about our AMP, please email Janelle at ceo@pormpuraaw.qld.gov.au by 30 June 2026.

Janelle



Cr Keith Barney (top) and other Council staff at the closing event of PNP's DFV Awareness Month activities.

Pics by Christine Howes.



AT the May Council Meeting:

- Council received correspondence regarding office space for a car hire business; having a local Cash for Cans provider; and, concerns around Justice Group membership.
- Council approved the proposed amendment to the floor levels for the New HACC Centre and Council Chambers Buildings.
- Council provided a special one-off concession for the winner of the fishing competition to be a cash prize instead of a boat.
- Council received the Internal Audit Report on the review of the implementation and regulation of artificial intelligence.

Pormpuraaw, it's always great to catch up, Federal MP Matt Smith writes ...

I've been working hard, advocating for the Far North this past month, both across the region and also down in Parliament House.

The biggest news from the Budget is that there is a national Local Infrastructure Fund of \$2 Billion announced, of which \$500 million will be specifically targeted for the regional areas of Australia – this money will be used to subsidise roads, sewerage, connectivity and everything necessary to prepare sites on which to build new houses.

When I last spoke with Mayor Kendall, he made it very clear that housing is an issue that we need to address in the area.

I have now let him know all about this infrastructure funding and that he should prepare to make an application.

Beyond that, there were other commitments that should bring great benefits across the Cape, including:

- \$55.5 Million across the nation for the CLONTARF Foundation to continue their youth mentorship programme, lifting up and developing the life skills and employment prospects for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men.
- \$53 Million for First Nations Dialysis Units.
- 37.2 Million to support an additional 75 remote stores across the region with the Resilience and Efficiency Package, strengthening First Nations community stores against supply chain interruptions and natural disasters.
- 27.4 Million as part of



the Low-Cost Essentials Subsidy Scheme that reduces the cost of 30 staple grocery items in remote First Nations communities by 30 to 50%. This funding will go to 225 local stores across 4 years.

I always value hearing your voices, and if you want to get in touch with my team at any time, you can call us on 07 4051 2220, or email matt.smith.mp@aph.gov.

My friendly and helpful staff will be on hand to help you out.

Matt



WE ARE HIRING!

- Aged Care Support Worker
- Bakery Retail/Kitchen hand
- Facilities Cleaner
- Outdoor Cleaner
- Parks & Gardens Leading Hand
- Post Office/ Cashier
- Ranger
- Road Crew


Vacancies posted on Council's Job Board or visit RISE

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

Star Employee of the Month
Anne Boundy for keeping the Carpenters and Plumbers on their toes to ensure we get all the QBuild work completed and invoiced.

WHS Star Employees of the Month
Hamish Gothakchalenin for doing his Take 5 every morning.

Star Teams of the Month
Community Services Team – Library, Centrelink & Post Office
for providing great customer services.

Check-In Changes
Change of Policy

EFFECTIVE 1st JUN 2026

- Laptops, tablets and electronic devices will need to be taken as carry-on
- Loose items attached to bags (pillows, footwear, water bottles, etc.) will not be accepted.
- Any single item over 25kg will need to be repacked into multiple bags.

EFFECTIVE 1st JUL 2026

The following items will no longer be accepted:



- Paper or cardboard bags
- Bags that cannot be zipped or latched
- Bags likely to rip or tear under normal handling

“All baggage presented for carriage must be fully enclosed and securely sealed at the time of check-in and loading. Bags must be closed by zip, latch, or secure fastening.

Bags that are open, partially open, unzipped, or torn, or otherwise unable to be securely sealed will not be accepted for carriage.

No items may be attached to, hanging from, or carried on the exterior of any bag, including but not limited to footwear, water bottles, loose equipment, or accessories.”

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DAY 1

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS

Let's shape future homes for Pormpuraaw together.

-  We're working with community members to help shape future housing and design principals for Pormpuraaw.
-  Over the next week we'll be asking a few simple questions.
-  There are no right or wrong answers.
-  Tell us what works, what doesn't, and what you'd like to see in future homes.

Watch our social media or see Council reception for more information.




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