

PORMPURAAW



ABORIGINAL  
SHIRE COUNCIL

# PASC News

June 2026

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



## Pride of Pormpuraaw!



Pics by Christine Howes

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# A word from CEO Janelle Menzies



It's the end of the financial year already, and we are halfway through the year, CEO Janelle Menzies writes...

This month the Executive Leadership Team and I undertook an introduction to Psychological Safety Training, which will be rolled out to all staff during July.

The tenders for a new Finance System (ERP) closed in May with nine companies.

We short listed to four systems, which were demonstrated to Tracey, Melanie and I, and we agreed to take a deeper look into two of those systems.

We hope to decide on a new system by the end of July for an implementation date of 1 July 2027.

Human Resources, Finance and the Executive Leadership attended a planning day in Cairns where we were joined by our legal teams and internal auditors to discuss how we would treat contracts, time sheets, award interpretations and procurement so that we are all on the same page going forward.

We also attended our quarterly Totally Working Group (TWG) and Inter-agency Meetings.

Mayor Kendall and I were then off to Canberra for the National General Assembly hosted by the Australian Local Government Association.

While in Canberra, we took the opportunity to meet with Minister for Indigenous Australians Senator Malarndirri McCarthy, organised by the LGAQ, to discuss Housing Funding, Closing the Gap and Disaster Recovery Financial Arrangements.

Mayor Kendall also met with Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories of Australia Kristy McBain, our own local MP for Leichhardt Matt Smith and the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff Tim Gartrell.

*Janelle*

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**Fires at sunset, east of Pompuksin. Picture: Christine Howes**

## Rangers have burning desire to take care of their Country

By CHRISTINE HOWES

Firebreaks are you get to get out on Country and look after homelands.

Ranger Kiren Tarpencha, who is in his seventh year as a ranger, said they normally started when things dried out a bit from the wet season - which has been longer than usual for the past few years.

"We get our fire permits and then we start from May, burning until the end of July," he said.

"Late fires won't be any good for Country and native animals can get burnt out, especially later in the year, it can come through and burn everything."

He said a helicopter was now part of their routine.

"We probably do two or three stints with the chopper," he said.

**Caring for Country**

Llewelyn Gilbo, now in his sixth year as a ranger, said he was keen to help with looking after his Country.

Pompuksin Aboriginal Shire Council Environment Health Worker Tristan Ballie said he worked closely with the rangers.

"Animal control and environmental health, they all come under the same department," he said.

"I believe, thousands of years ago, our ancestors used to do early burning too, to bring the Country back to life."

"That's one of the reasons we do it, and the other is to stop wildfires later in the year, when the place dries up in September/October."

They said there was also a biosecurity presence in the community.

Ranger coordinator Clinton Williams said the big picture was they had a very large area to cover and partnerships were important to them.

"It's just not fire that we've got to take care of, it's biosecurity, feral animals, invasive weeds, tourism," he said.

"We also have a turtle-monitoring program out on the beaches, taking care of marine turtles, so there's just more than one thing happening here in Pompuksin out on-Country."

"It's really important that we connect and make these relationships and network with other stakeholders like DAF, Biosecurity, Cape York Natural Resource Management and Fisheries."

"It's a busy job."

Rangers Clinton Williams, Wesley Conrad, Kiren Tarpencha, Llewelyn Gilbo, Tristan Ballie and Beau Kendall.

Evidence of burning on the plains east of Pompuksin.

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**Councils work the cold corridors of Canberra**

*In the media this month: the rangers in Koori Mail and the CEO in the Torres News!*

# Star Employee of the Month

## Requendon Daniel – Carpentry Crew

A massive thank you to Requendon for doing an incredible job fixing the front door of our staff accommodation. For five long years, opening and closing the door was a two-handed battle that made enough noise to wake the dead. While previous attempts to fix it barely made a dent, Requendon solved the issue completely and the door is now an absolute joy to open with ease every day. Thank you so much for the fantastic work! *Shelina Bartlett*

# WHS Star Employee of the Month

## Robinson Barney – Road Crew

Robinson actively participates in the pre-start meeting every morning and ensures other team members are aware of oncoming vehicles when the crew are completing tasks on the road.

# Star Team of the Month

## Facility Cleaner Team

## Rosemary Tyore, Ina Tyore, Jocelyn Coleman and Ada William.

This team is keeping our workplace safe. Clean floors are essential, but dry floors take time. Our Star Team has shown exceptional diligence by consistently placing highly visible “Wet Floor” warning signs out every single time they clean.

- Prevents injuries: Slips and trips are among the most common workplace accidents.
- Protects Everyone: Their consistency keeps council staff, visitors and contractors safe.
- Sets the Standard: This team prove that safety and top-tier cleaning go hand in hand.

## At the June Council Meeting the council resolved to:

1. Relocate the Cooktown Orchids from the new subdivisions to new locations.
2. Forward budget for staff housing, including ordering of six 1-bedroom modular homes
3. Award the construction of two staff houses on 27 Matpi Street to WIP Constructions.
4. Agree to a funding request for social housing at the new subdivisions.
5. Agree to extend the appointment of the Audit Committee Independent chair, Cam Charlton to 30 September 2029.
6. Accept the QAO interim internal audit report.
7. Award the construction of four granny flats and six extensions Cape & Gulf Constructions, N&J Builders and Batze Electrical.
8. Agree to go out to tender for Electrical Contractors, Prequalified Suppliers and Approved Contractors Lists.

We have a special Council meeting on 2 July 2026 to adopt our 2026/27 Budget.



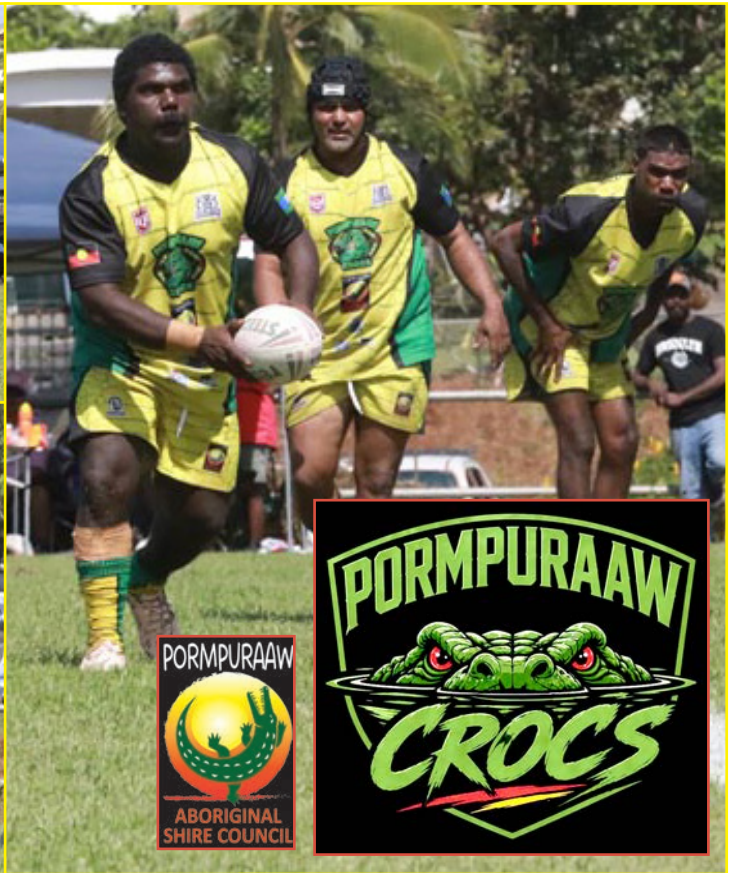
**SOUTHERN CLUSTER: ROUND 1  
LAKELAND DOWNS**



*Pics by Christine Howes*

**SOUTHERN CLUSTER: ROUND 2  
LOCKHART RIVER**





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- Bags that are likely to break, spill or disintegrate during transport.
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*Example of a bag that can easily tear during handling*

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPPORT OFFICER**  
Stacey Conrad



**Left: BAKERY WORKERS**  
Father Andrew Kenioriana (volunteer) & Vanessa Deakin



**HR OFFICER**  
Hannah Hasing



**TRADE ASSISTANTS**  
Jerese William & Lachlan Coleman



**Above: ADMIN ASSISTANT**  
Madlyn Conrad



**Above right: FACILITIES CLEANER**  
Jocelyn Coleman



**Above left: RANGERS** Bevan Holroyd; Lewelyn Gilbo & Peret Arkwookerum.  
**Above Right: CULTURE & LAND WORKER** Ishmael Birchley



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