

# PORMPUR PAANTHU 2024 NEWS

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# A word from CEO Ganthi Kuppusamy

PPAC has once again delivered our calendar of events for the year with our two major events — Domestic Violence Prevention Month in May and our Youth Summit in September — both successful.

Our success was a direct result of the collective effort and unwavering support from our stakeholders, community members, and partners.

We sincerely appreciate our community members' active participation in what we do, which is crucial to our success and integral to our mission.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and look forward to further collaboration.

Our DFV month activities this year were focused on alcohol and other drug awareness and workshops.

As always, the month was busy and well-attended, showcasing our community members' high level engagement and involvement in our activities and events.

Our Candlelight Vigil and Mother's Day events were not only successful but very well-attended and supported.

Last year's Youth Summit achieved statewide recognition as a finalist – for the second year in a row – at this year's Reconciliation Awards in their Community Category.

These prestigious awards and ceremony were an initiative of the Queensland Government through the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities, and the Arts.

This year's Youth Summit was another great success for PPAC.

Harbrow Mentoring Australia were our main guests, who came to mentor and support young people in various, mostly sporting, activities.

The colour run, cultural activities and games were famously popular with out young people and brought joy and learning to them, making the summit a significant achievement for us all.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the board and staff for all their great work and continuous support.

Your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated and valued - because of your efforts, we have achieved great things over the past year and we look forward to continuing that success with your ongoing help and support.

Ganthi







# Community steps up















# domestic violence









Sape Yark Weekly

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# youth summit Tiny town celebrates youth





# Pormpuraaw's next gen hyped for youth summit



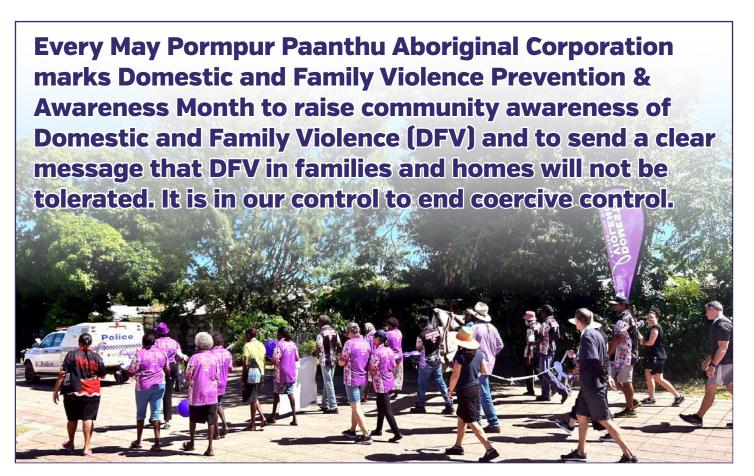


# Youth summit to return next year



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Every event was well-attended by our community, who heard the message loud and clear domestic and family violence has no place here.

**DV Prevention Month supporters** and sponsors included: RISE, PUBSC, CEQ, QIFVLS, PASC and the Queensland Government.









# More than 300 people came to this year's Candlelight Vigil, hosted by the Women's Group and supported by the Men's Support Services.

PPAC CEO Ganthi Kuppusamy said it had been a very successful month overall.

"For Pormpur Paanth Aboriginal Corporation it's been a very successful month to increase awareness there is no tolerance to domestic and family in our community," she said.

"We say, 'say no to domestic violence' because we have to keep our woman and children in safe environment.

"We look after women and children and families.

"That's Family Violence Prevention Month and we do this every year and this year we have been focussing on the source issues – which are alcohol and drugs.

"So we had Benny Hodges offering his awareness programs in support of our AOD program and Men's Support Services."

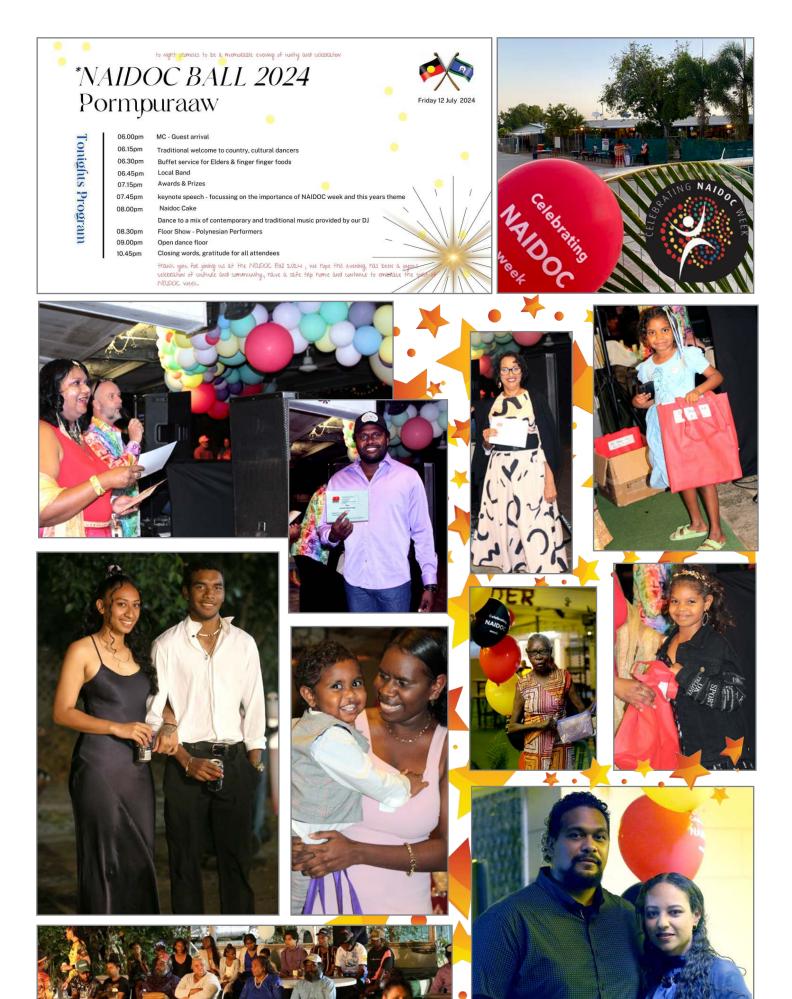
Mr Hodges said he wasn't aware of anywhere else in the country

where a full month of activities was dedicated to family and domestic violence awareness and prevention.

"It raises the awareness of people that it is everybody's business, people have to keep themselves safe, but it is everyone's business," he said. "Domestic and family violence isn't a part of our culture and people need to be aware that domestic and family violence in the household is absolute disrespect to culture."























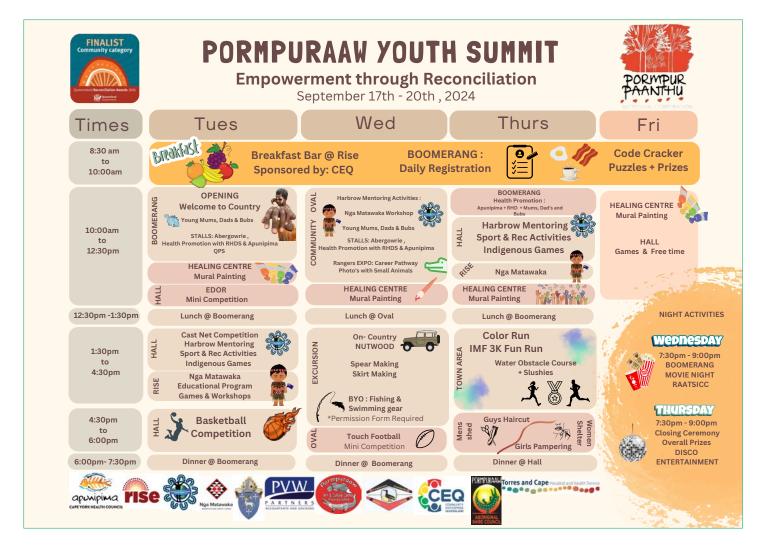












I want to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay my respects to their Elders, past and present.

My name is Meredith Arkwookerum. I am the Chairperson of Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation, and on behalf of Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation, I would like to invite you to our 2024 Youth Summit.

This year's event, from 17-20 September and themed 'Empowerment through Reconciliation,' will continue to deliver culturally appropriate programs and workshops to empower our youth and promote reconciliation.

The event facilitated cross-cultural understanding, built community connections, and provided a platform for our youth to voice their views and aspirations in a safe and inclusive setting. The positive outcomes since have included (but are not limited to) improvements in education, employment,



health, and overall well-being, as well as reduced antisocial behaviour and interactions with the justice system.

I hope you will have a great time at the event this week. Thanks again for joining us for another year.



















# "This week has been amazing," proud Yirrganydji mentor Marc Harbrow says.

Marc was at the Youth Summit with Harbrow Mentoring CEO Esther Gaffney to 'unlock' some potential in the community's young people.

"We do leadership mentoring, sport and reconciliation and Indigenous innovation facilitation," he said.

"My brother Jarrod and I are co-founders and we run the business.

"Our focus was purely on sporting activities, we brought traditional Indigenous games as well as some tools for the most popular game, Edor, which originates from Aurukun.

"The modified game is delivered using Oztag belts and tags – if you've got the Edor, or the tag, you're dodging and weaving through the opposition team, and trying to run through the goals with two tags on."

He said they had also worked with new Sport & Rec officer Jeremiah (Lloyd) Gibbo.

"We're teaching him some new skills and games, so when we leave he's equipped with some new games to play with the kids," he said.

"He's improved over the past four days, so he will develop well into the sport and rec space.

"I think this has been an amazing event with the right service providers, no one person can do this, the collaboration in the lead-up has worked well, so thank you to all the organisers and supporters."















# We are grateful to our community sponsors and partners who have included:

- Queensland Government
- Pormpuraaw Shire Council
- Community Enterprise Queensland (CEQ)
- RISE Ventures
- Youth Empowered Towards Independence (YETI)
- Harbrow Mentoring
- Apunipima Cape York
   Health Council

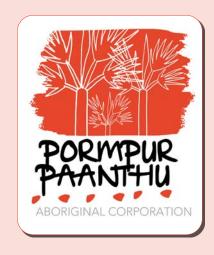
- Pormpuraaw Justice Centre
- Department of Youth Justice
- Department of Education and Training
- National Indigenous
   Australians Agency (NIAA)
- Anglican Diocese of North Oueensland
- Pormpuraaw United

# **Brother's Social Club**

- RAATSICC
- Pormpuraaw Art Centre
- Queensland Police Service (QPS)
- Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service
- PVW Partners
- Brilliant Technology
- Cairns Central (Terry White Pharmacy)

# Pormpur Paanth Aboriginal Corporation (PPAC) offers:

- Domestic violence and drug and alcohol preventative education, counselling, advocacy and support for families
- Social & Emotional Wellbeing Services
- Family Wellbeing Services
- Play Our Way Activities for Women and Girls (new)
- Men's Support Services
- Women's Group Activities
- Youth Services
- Outside School Hours Care Services
- Vacation Care Activities
- Child Care Services (Long Day Care)
- Playgroup
- Community Night Patrol
- NDIS Services
- Women's Shelter Services (Maantchangk Women's Shelter is open 52 weeks a year with 7 days a week on-call service)
- Domestic, Family, and Sexual Violence Frontline Support (new)



## **Women's Shelter**

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## **DFSV Frontline Support Officer**

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#### Men's Support

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#### **Youth Services**

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### Counsellors

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## **Night Patrol**

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## Outside School Hours Care/ Playgroup

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