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Funding boost to services welcomed

A boost in funding to PPAC’s domestic violence, family and sexual violence services, alcohol and drugs treatment and support programs has been timely, CEO Ganthi Kuppusamy says.

“It has been a good year for PPAC so far,” she said. “As we all know, delivery costs are expensive in remote locations, and the additional funding helps to improve our current services.

“It also enables us to deliver our services efficiently and effectively.

“Staff housing has been challenging all these years and hopefully we will see some progress on this front in the coming year.

“Thanks to our funding partners for their ongoing support of PPAC.”

Minister for Indigenous Australians

Linda Burney announced the additional funding – set to go to more than 65 Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) treatment organisations across the country – earlier this month.

“These are vital services that provide critical, life-changing support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Australians, their families and communities,” she said.

The investment was part of the Federal Government’s Strengthening Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alcohol and Other Drugs Treatment

Services Initiative, and was the first time in a decade the majority of services have received a funding increase.

Assistant Minister Malarndirri McCarthy said the funding would go a long way to ensuring families and communities across Australia were supported and cared for through difficult times.

“This significant boost will support trusted organisations and clinicians to provide quality Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) treatments on the ground,” she said.

Feedback BBQ success

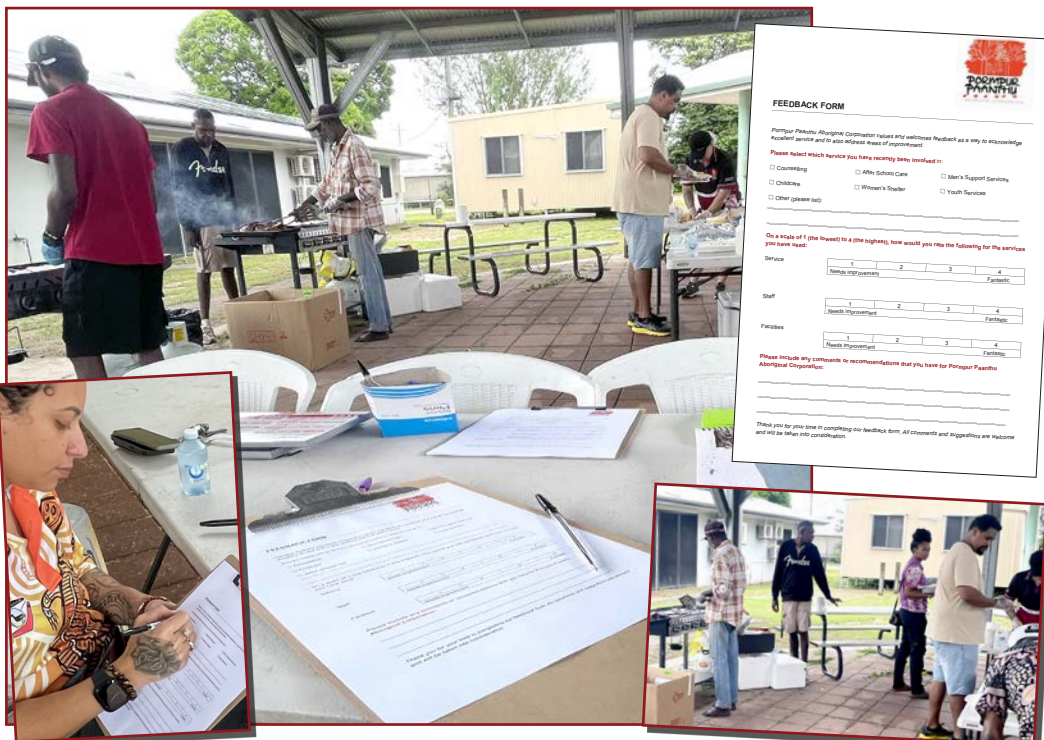
Bad weather didn’t deter more than 50 people from attending PPAC’s feedback feed on Friday last week.

CEO Ganthi Kuppusamy thanked the community for their efforts.

“We had some short feedback forms we asked people to fill out for us,” she said.

“We welcomed the comments, which indicated people are generally happy with our services.

“We always strive for continuous improvement, so it was good to know we have that support for the services we are offering.”





Men's Support Services working hard

Men's Support Services continues to encourage broad participation through various programs and activities.

Yarning sessions over the past month have included young and old men sharing stories and passing on cultural knowledge.

"A good example of this has been the woomera making and we recently had a bush trip to collect materials for making spears," Men's Support worker Nevin Olm said.

"These traditional skills are now being passed down from the older generation to our younger men.

"Once the spears and woomera are all finished we're hoping to head out bush and practice our hunting skills."



He said they were also busy around the garden.

"We have been busy with making gardens for growing fruit such as dragon fruit, and watermelon and vegetables like pumpkins and sweet potatoes," he said.

"The men are also growing

flowers to add some colour to the Pormpuraaw community.

"All men over 18 are always welcome to come along to walk together on one path of healing and sharing – by simply having a yarn or learning new skills, including cultural activities."

Contact Coordinator Mick Wilson for more information.



ALL WORK AND WALK TOGETHER ON ONE PATH OF HEALING, LEARNING, CARING AND SHARING, CREATING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY