

NEWS WEEK

Good support for Children's Day

A well-organised and fun National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day was enjoyed by PPAC staff across the board, several other agencies, parents and, of course, the children themselves last week.

Long Day Care coordinator Joyce Fourmile said she was particularly proud of PPAC LDC staff.

"We were so busy, somewhere between 80 and 100 parents and children came through, but all our team kept up with all their activity stations in good spirits," she said.

"Big thanks to the community for coming along, and especially to those who supported us on the day."

She said the list was long and included several PPAC Services staff starting with CEO Ganthi Kuppusamy; the Men's Group for delivering equipment; SEWB and Youth Services for a great lunch; and the Family Wellbeing team for their giveaway 'showbags'; as well as our cultural dancers Les & Sid; Bessie, Barbara and Emma from ACT for Kids; Bev and Romena from RAATSICC; Ayo from Child Safety; Policemen Mitch and Wayne; the Pormpuraaw Art Centre; and, Ms Nicole and Nan Kathy Arthy – who blessed our lunch for us – from the Pormpuraaw State School kindy.

"We hope you had fun, and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming events, starting with our NAIDOC Week Open Day on Wednesday 11 November and our Christmas Gift Giving day on Wednesday 16 November," Ms Fourmile said.

"We truly appreciate your support."



Pormpur Paanthu
Aboriginal Corporation
 is a non-government,
 community-controlled
 organisation, established
 in 1991 out of a community need.



Our focus is to provide quality, evidence-based services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in Pormpuraaw. We offer:

- Domestic violence and drug and alcohol preventative education, counselling, advocacy and support for families
- Social & Emotional Wellbeing services;
- Family Wellbeing services;
- Other social services and support;
- Women's Group activities;
- Outside School Hours Care services;
- Men's Group activities (including a lawn mowing and yard maintenance service);
- Youth activities & Student Re-engagement services;
- Playgroup;
- Vacation Care activities;
- NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme);
- Child Care services (Long Day Care) including, Child & Family Services (CAFS) and parenting support;
- Night Patrol Services; and,
- Women's Shelter services (Maantchang Women's Shelter is open 52 weeks a year has a 7-days a week on-call service).

Who to call and when...

If the situation is serious and urgent call our local Police on **4060 4004 or 000**.

Community members can remain anonymous when reporting illicit activity by calling the 'sly grog' hotline on **1800 500 815**.

To report other crime anonymously call Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.

For non-urgent incidents, crimes or police inquiries call Police Link on **131 444**.

PPAC first aid care refreshed & up-to-date

Close to a full turnout of PPAC staff renewed and upgraded their First Aid compliance skills and knowledge last week.

The day and a half long course combined theory and practical exercises.

CEO Ganthi Kuppusamy said staff were now able to provide first aid response, life support and casualty management until qualified medical help arrived.

"It's so important for our staff to have these

valuable skills, both for our community and as individuals and especially because we are so remote," she said.

She said CPR skills were required to be updated and refreshed annually while the basic first aid certificate was every three years.

Training was provided by Australia-Wide First Aid.



Father's Day Celebration



Join us for our
 barbecue party

**10am-12pm Sunday 6
 September**

PUBSC

Games and Prizes!!!

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