

PORMPUR PAANTHU NEWS WEEK

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Shelter network meets in Cairns



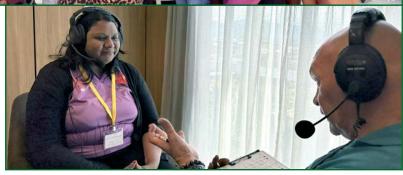
PPAC chair Meredith Arkwookerum and CEO Ganthi Kuppusamy joined the network of 14 Remote/Indigenous Women's Shelters from across the far north, Cape and Gulf regions who came together in Cairns last week.

The forum was an opportunity for in-person connections and strengthening support for women and children to live free from violence.

It was also an opportunity to look at healing through community-led, culturally-grounded approaches.

Hosted by the Remote/Indigenous Shelter Network, the forum was also a chance to collaborate on a shared services hub and be part of a facilitated session where state and federal representatives heard directly from shelters about their experiences and the support they needed.

Local radio station Bumma Bippera 987fm broadcast live from the forum, and their program 'National Talk Black', hosted by Trevor Tim, interviewed Meredith and Ganthi.







COMING UP!

Father's Day Celebration

Friday 6 September 6pm - 10pm PUBSC

Come along for a fun-filled evening with: Entertainment | Delicious Food | Games | Exciting Prizes Organised by: PPAC Men's Support Team & PUBSC

PORMPURAAW YOUTH SUMMIT

Monday 22 - Friday 26 September

Pormpuraaw Fashion Show Thursday 3 October 6pm – 11pm PUBSC

Show off your style in the following categories: Kids | Youth | Women | Men | Couples. Enjoy food, fun games, and BIG prizes for the best-dressed in each category! Organised by: PUBSC & PPAC

Please note: Event dates may change if there are Sorry Business or other important community events.

Need help with SPER?

(State Penalties Enforcement Registry)

PPAC can help.

As a partner, PPAC can apply for Work and Development Orders (WDO) on behalf of clients for the following activities:

- Counselling (including drug and alcohol counselling and excluding financial counselling).
- Culturally appropriate programs.

If people can't afford to pay in full or need more time to pay:

- Anyone with SPER debt can go online and set up a payment plan, via bank account, card or an eligible Centrelink benefit at sper.qld.gov.au. They can also check their balance, view debts and update their details with SPER to make sure they don't miss important notifications.
- People who have an existing payment plan can contact SPER on 1300 729 643 to discuss their circumstances or for help, Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5pm (excluding public holidays).

Eligible clients can apply for a WDO to manage their approved activities. See the Healing Centre for more details — the new service will be mutually beneficial to community residents and PPAC.

YOUTH SUMMIT TIMETABLE

Times	Monday 22 Sept	Tuesday 23 Sept	Wednesday 24Sept	Thursday 25Sept	Friday 26 Sept
6:30 – 7:30 am		Walking/Running *RAW TEAM	Walking/Running *RAW TEAM	Walking/Running *RAW TEAM	Walking/Running *RAW TEAM
8:30 - 10:00 am RISE KITCHEN		CEQ Healthy BREAKFAST Club	CEQ Healthy BREAKFAST Club	CEQ Healthy BREAKFAST Club	CEQ Healthy BREAKFAST Club
		Toolbox meeting Registrations	Toolbox meeting and Youth Al Workshop Registration	Toolbox meeting and Youth Al Workshop Registration	Toolbox meeting
10:00 am - 12:30 pm			Stakeholder Stalls	Stakeholder Stalls	
		Opening Ceremony: Welcome to Country, Traditional Qancing	& These sessions will be fun – PLAY BASED AND INTRODUCE NEW SPORTS	& Health Promotion Apunipima, RFDS and QLD Health	Trip to Nutwood (Fishing and Swimming) Require permission from TO and parents.
	Set up and	Lunch and Stakeholder Stalls	Community Hall – Sports Aspire/HM		
12:30 -2:00 pm	Preparation	These sessions will be fun – PLAY BASED AND INTRODUCE NEW SPORTS			
	for Stakeholders	Community Hall – Sports Aspire/HM	Lunch and Q&A Sessions	Lunch and Q&A Sessions	Lunch and Feedback Sessions
2:00 – 4:00 pm		Best handline thrower			Community Hall
Rotation	Inc	Best Cast Net thrower Best Spear Thrower	Best kicker of the footy in Pormpuraaw, down at the footy	Community Hall – Sports mini comps Aspire/HM	Games & Free time
of Activities	Registration	best speak fill owe.	oval.	DEADLY 5'S BASED ON THE NEW SPORTS WE INTRODUCED IN THE MORNING SESSIONS	
4:00 – 6:00pm	Code Cracker	Community Hall – Sports mini comps Aspire/HM	Community Hall – Sports mini comps Aspire/HM	Colour Run	
	Puzzles +Prizes	BASKETBALL	EDOR		
6:30 -7:30 pm	Stakeholders DINNER – CLUB 7-9 PM	DINNER – Boomerang	DINNER- Boomerang	Dinner- Presentation	

^{*}RAW- Runners and Walkers

To report sly grogging, phone the confidential Sly Grog Hotline on 1800 500 815

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

^{**}AI – Artficial Intelligence

^{***}TIS – Tackling Indigenous Smoking