

Audit pass secures ongoing funding

The Human Services Quality Standards Audit ensures PPAC has a system and practices in place to deliver safe and quality services to our community, CEO Ganthi Kuppusamy says.

"Our initial audit was conducted in 2018, and this year we participated in the Maintenance Audit, about 18 months after our initial certification," she said.

"The audit was conducted remotely because of Coronavirus, and it was conducted during May, one of our busiest months of the year as most of our staff were busy supporting Family & Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities - it was challenging, but we went well."

She said the services subject to the audit were funded by the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women.

"I'd like to thank all our staff who participated in the audit process and got us over the line - well done," she said.



PPAC services in review as Covid-19 restrictions ease

Last week travel restrictions for Queensland's remote and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities were eased which means PPAC can now review all our services, in consultation with our funding departments, CEO Ganthi Kuppusamy says.

"We will update the community on our services in our next newsletter," she said.

"Thanks to everyone for your patience and support over the past three to four months during the restrictions."

She said it was important that everyone maintained safe physical distancing and good person hygiene.

"And you must stay home if you are sick," she said.

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Craig Crawford said

the Queensland Government had worked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership including mayors in remote communities to safely ease restrictions.

Far Northern Police said it meant residents of remote communities could visit families in designated areas without quarantining.

"Vehicle checkpoints strategically positioned throughout the far north remain in place to restrict non-essential travel into designated areas," they said in a statement.

Member for Mareeba, Cynthia Lui said

they were counting on Queenslanders to keep these communities COVID-free.

"Local leaders are aware their communities may need to revert to tighter restrictions if there is a Covid-19 outbreak - even a single case could have a devastating impact in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," she said.

"The same health advice applies anywhere in Queensland to continue social distancing, stay home if unwell and get tested if you have any symptoms."

The Declared Travel Zone for the following communities - Torres Strait Island; Torres Shire; Northern Peninsula Area; Mapoon; Napranum; Aurukun; Pormpuraaw; Kowanyama; Lockhart River; Cook Shire; Hope Vale; Wujal Wujal; Weipa Town Area - is Cairns; Carpentaria (includes Normanton); Mareeba; Tablelands; and, Douglas.

More information about remote travel restrictions is available at www.datsip.qld.gov.au/travel

For the most up-to-date information on Queensland's road map to a COVID-safe recovery visit www.covid19.qld.gov.au

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Drug and Alcohol Awareness

Word Find

Find the highlighted words hidden in the grid below. Words may be vertical, horizontal or diagonal. Use the leftover letters to form a hidden message. With thanks to Trischa Jackson.

If you are craving **GROG** (**ALCOHOL**) or **DOPE**, you may find they have become a **CRAVING** or **HABIT** which can then become an **ADDICTION**. **INTOXICATION** at a **PARTY** or **BINGE** can be harmful to your health and lead to **ABUSE**. **WITHDRAWAL** may be difficult. Drinking **WATER**, especially if you play any **SPORT** can **HELP**, as can regular **EXERCISE** to avoid **RELAPSE** as you **DETOX**. To avoid any further **HARM** to your **HEALTH**, you should seek **SUPPORT** from your **FAMILY**, **FRIENDS** and **COMMUNITY** without **DELAY** so you can stay **SAFE**.

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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**.



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