



PPAC

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NEWS WEEK

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Funding boost for services

PPAC's Social & Emotional Wellbeing and Substance Misuse programs have received an additional funding boost from the Federal Government's National Indigenous Australian Agency (NIAA).

CEO Ganthi Kuppusamy said the extra funds would be a great help to the community during the Covid-19 crisis.

"This funding will allow us a great level of service so we can respond directly the needs of our clients and the community," she said.

"It will also help us to reduce the frequency and level of danger posed by sly grog and greatly improve wellbeing."

She also thanked NIAA for their support.



Kylie Arkwookerum and her family

Help for stolen wages claims here on Wednesday

Members of Grant Thornton's Stolen Wages Team will be in Pormpuraaw on Wednesday at the Council's offices from 9.30am-3.30pm.

They will be here to assist BELAW's registered stolen wages applicants finalise their ID and bank details ready for payment in December this year as determined by the judge in January.

All the information and identity verification (photo ID) required to support a registered claim under the Stolen Wages Settlement

Distribution Scheme must be received by the Stolen Wages Information Centre by no later than 5pm, 28 August 2020.

As at 24 July, 6,538 people still had not provided an acceptable identity verification document (acceptable ID is listed at stolenwages.com.au) or bank account details.

Grant Thornton Partner Anthony

Beven thanked PPAC's Sid Moore and Sandra Wason for their work in assisting with the process to date.

"I just wanted to thank you for helping people in Pormpuraaw with their Stolen Wages claims," he wrote.

"I see we receive a lot of forms from you.

"It is very much appreciated by us and the people of Pormpuraaw."

PPAC PLAYGROUP

Monday: 10am-Midday: Corner Shed

Wednesday: 10am-Midday: School (join us afterwards for light snacks @ Corner Shed)

Friday: 10am-Midday: Maantchangk Women's Shelter and/or down at the beach

Playgroups can be attended by mothers, fathers, grandparents, nannies or other carers and the babies, toddlers and preschool aged children in their care - it is important for parents and carers to engage with their child's learning and development.

If you need transport please contact Sandra on 40 604 001.



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**.



Pictured left are PPAC's Family Wellbeing FWB Support Workers Esmay Deakin & Melanie Conrad with FWB Domestic & Family Violence Specialist Nigel Sullivan.

The team is based at the PPAC Healing Centre here in Pormpuraaw.

Our aim is to work with, and support children and families to enhance how they function together and to build parenting skills.

In addition to offering early prevention activities and support our service also works with families who are engaged with the Child Protection System with a view to addressing any safety concerns and - where possible - supporting reunification.

Our services include, but are not limited to:

- Case Management;
- Advocacy;
- Parenting Programs / Support;
- Family Resources & Education;
- Healthy Lifestyle Resources and Education;
- Referral Pathways to services such as counselling or AOD programs;
- In-Home Supports; and,
- Any other help we can offer.



Don't forget your Blue Card!

New laws which mean you have to hold a valid Blue Card BEFORE you can work with children start on 31 August. People will be able to pay for and apply for a blue card before they get a job. This means they can be job-ready. Volunteers or students who need a blue card will need to be linked to an organisation to get a blue card for free. See PPAC for more info.

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 (Maantchangk Women's Shelter is open 52 weeks a year has a 7-days a week on-call service).

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