

Award won for DV community work

"I'm so happy for what we've done in our community," Myrtle Foote says of hers and May Ballie's joint-award for making a significant local contribution to the awareness and prevention of domestic and family violence.



Myrtle Foote & May Ballie with the draft plaque for the new Women's Shelter in July 2019. Pic by Christine Howes.

The two were announced as winners of the Alison Woolla Memorial Award last week at the 124th annual Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) conference on the Gold Coast.

"I'd like to thank them very much for listening to our story," Myrtle said.

"What we did was very important, Alison Woolla, May and myself, we stood up for our people and our community and our children - our job was very important.

"I think it's amazing what we are doing today too, we've got the

counselling, Men's Group, Women's Group, Daycare, Corner Shed for the children after school - it's all connected and working very well."

May and Myrtle are co-founders and current board members of PPAC and have been instrumental in saving the lives and improving the futures of many women and children in our community.

"When we first started out, we had women getting bashed up, and no other stronger people used to stand up and take women in. We used to take them in," May said.

"The main thing was about children and the wives - looking after them.

"Back in those first days, we didn't have counselling - we had to talk to the women and the men ourselves."

LGAQ CEO Greg Hallam said it was a privilege to honour the work of May and Myrtle.

"The work of May and Myrtle has a positive rippling effect through the community that will be felt for years to come and we are grateful to be able to recognise their work through the award," he said.



NIGHT PATROL

The aim of the Community Night Patrol is to reduce and prevent domestic and family violence through identification and intervention of triggers in early stages, improve social and emotional wellbeing of community members and provide information and referral for community members.



Wednesday to Saturday

8pm -> 4am

Contact our
Night Patrol on

0474 464 688

Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

of Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation

10.30am-Midday

Monday 16 November 2020

[lunch provided]

PPAC After School Care

[Corner Shed]

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Services	Women's
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Long Day Care	Office
4060 4165	4060 4082



Just letting you know what's happening in the beautiful Healing Centre.

We are working hard to make it a comfortable and safe space for all our visitors.

We have comfy lounge chairs with soft throw rugs, plants and have rearranged the furniture so that easy conversations can be had by the Pormpur Paanthu staff and the people of Pormpuraaw.

The kettle is always on and we are here to support everyone.

Remember, we offer free, confidential counselling (individual, couple and family), AOD and DV support.

We also work closely with other service providers such as RFDS, QPS, Justice Group, Queensland Government, RAATSICC and Apunipima to name just a few, so that we can best support your family's individual needs.

Drop in sometime, we would love to see you soon!

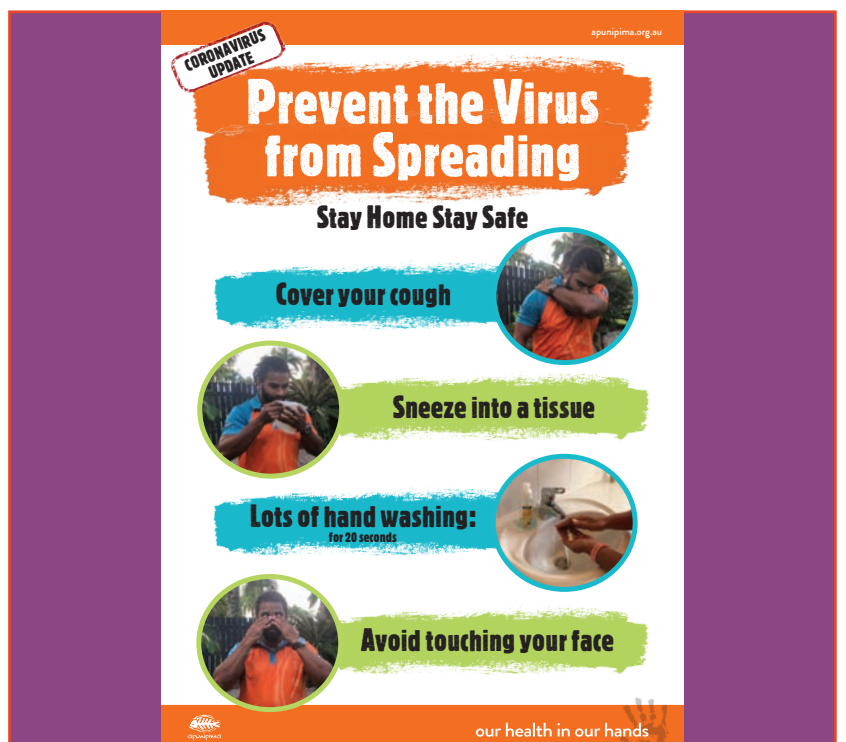


A planning meeting for Pormpuraaw's first attempt at holding a 'night market' will be held next Monday (2 November) at 10am in the PPAC Board Room.

The night markets will be held outside the Maantchangk Women's Shelter with support from the PPAC Women's Group, RISE, Pormpuraaw Art and Culture, PUBSC and other community members.

It will have various stalls to sell their items and promote their services.

If first trial goes well then we continue the market on a fortnightly basis.



Feedback forms are available from PPAC, completed forms can be handed into the CEO or emailed to admin@ppac.org.au

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