Pormpuraaw is located in Western Cape York, 680 km northwest of Cairns.

**Brief history**

Superintendent J.W. Chapman established Pormpuraaw as an Anglican Mission in 1938. Many of the previously dispersed peoples from the surrounding lands came to live in the new mission settlement. It was called Edward River Mission until 1967 when the Anglican Church handed the administration of the community to the Queensland Government.

In 1986 the community council assumed local government responsibilities under a Deed of Grant in Trust. In 1987 the community changed its name to Pormpuraaw, which was taken from the local dreamtime story about a burnt hut, or Pormpur in traditional owners' Kuuk Thaayorre language.

**General information**

**Population**

653 (approx)

**Traditional owners**

Thaayorre and Mungkan peoples

**Local government authority**

Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council
C/- Post Office
PORMPURAAW QLD 4871

Telephone: 07 4060 4600
Mr Edward Natera (CEO)

**Community services**

Pormpuraaw’s community services include a health care centre, child care centre, women’s shelter, home and community care service, arts centre and primary school.

A justice centre is the venue for monthly magistrate courts. A local Justice of the Peace presides monthly over council-by-law offences.

Law and order is provided by a local police station including community police officers.

State government funding also supports drug and alcohol programs, youth leadership development, family support, child care, a women’s shelter and a healing centre.

**Accommodation**

Guest House
Contact Ren Ryan, 0458 714 013

**Store facilities**

General store
Mon-Fri 8 am – 12:30 pm
1:30 pm – 4 pm
Sat 8 am – 12:30 pm

Take away shop
Mon-Fri 5:30 pm – 8 pm

**Mobile phone coverage**

Coverage can depend on your service provider and handset. In Australia, mobile phone services reach about 99 per cent of the population, but cover only 25 per cent of metropolitan and rural areas due to the large Australian landmass.

The reception can depend on where you are and the type of handset. The coverage amongst the mobile providers differ, however some of the more effective include; Telstra; Optus; and Vodafone.

The best coverage in remote areas use an external antenna and a satellite phone can give wider coverage.

**Blue cards**

The purpose of the blue card system is to promote safety for children and young people in environments where they are required to be (such as schools and child care centres) and those that promote their physical, social and cultural development (such as sporting or community groups).

Volunteers, trainee students, paid employees and people operating a business may need a blue card to work with children in certain environments.

QBuild Employees (including contractors) may be required to carry out work on school sites where licensed childcare operations are located. Even though they will not be providing services to children, they will be required to hold Blue Cards to perform work within the licensed parameters of these operations. For further information, please contact QBuild, Workforce Capability on 07 3224 5239.

**Recreational activities**

Contact Council for more information prior to undertaking any recreational activities outside of the township area within the Pormpuraaw Shire boundaries.

**Seasonal considerations**

Road access is often restricted during the wet season.
Alcohol restrictions

All visitors to a discrete Indigenous community must familiarise themselves with local alcohol management plans and local laws prior to commencing work within the community. Also note that Queensland State Laws prohibit the consumption of alcohol in any public place in Queensland.

Alcohol restrictions either ban or limit the amount and type of alcohol you can take into a community.

The restricted area incorporates the whole of the Pormpuraaw Shire and includes all public and private places.

**NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED IN PORMPURAAW, INCLUDING HOME-BREWED ALCOHOL AND HOME-BREW INGREDIENTS AND EQUIPMENT.**

The Pormpuraaw United Brothers Sports Club has been granted a restricted liquor permit. It will provide full meals service and 3 and a half hours of alcohol service from Monday to Friday. Alcohol service is limited to light and medium-strength beer. Spirits and wine are banned. Takeaway sales are not permitted.