

Pormpuraaw

Pormpuraaw is on the west coast of Cape York and is approximately 250 kilometres south of Weipa, and 680 kilometres from Cairns. The community recorded an estimated resident population of about 670 people at 30 June 2007. The average annual growth rate from 2002 to 2007 was 1.0 per cent.

The community is made up of the Thaayorre and Mungkan peoples. The Thaayorre people mainly speak Kuuk Thaayorre and related dialects whereas the Mungkan people speak a variety of Kugu or Wik languages.

Services to the community

Community services in Pormpuraaw include a primary health care centre, a child care centre, child safety services and support, a women's shelter, Home and Community Care, a Community Justice Group, an arts centre, an Indigenous Knowledge Centre, employment services and a primary school.

The justice centre is used as a Magistrates Court. There are four police officer positions in Pormpuraaw with residential infrastructure still to go to tender. The Pormpuraaw State School provides an 'Adopt-a-Cop' program through which a police officer regularly visits the school to talk about safety and the law.

The Queensland Government also provides funding support for drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, a sport and recreation officer, family support, child care, women's shelter, healing centre, and Wet Season projects.

An Alcohol Management Plan commenced in Pormpuraaw on 5 December 2003 (see Table 1).

The Government Champion for Pormpuraaw is Dave Stewart, Director-General, Queensland Transport.

Key initiatives

The Pormpuraaw community is taking positive steps towards alcohol management and received \$100,000 to fund local community activities in recognition of its willingness to reduce alcohol consumption and related harm.



The Queensland Government is currently working with local community groups to develop a Local Indigenous Partnership Agreement (LIPA). The LIPA highlights a number of economic priorities for the Pormpuraaw community, including the establishment of specific enterprises, and the development of a community employment and training strategy.

In partnership with Apunipima Cape York Health Council, Queensland Health is implementing a package of key maternal and child health service enhancements, including child health checks for children in pre-prep and primary school.

Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ) provided Safety Course training for SES volunteers in Pormpuraaw.

The community has moved closer to commence operating the Rowoarr Rehabilitation centre with a number of improvements to the facility and the employment of a drug and alcohol counsellor. Recruitment is also underway for the coordinator's position. This community designed project will provide both residential and "in community" rehabilitation services.

The Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council has divested its canteen to a local sporting club which has been granted a temporary Club Permit to operate the premises up until February 2009, after which time the Club will have to make further application to extend the permit.

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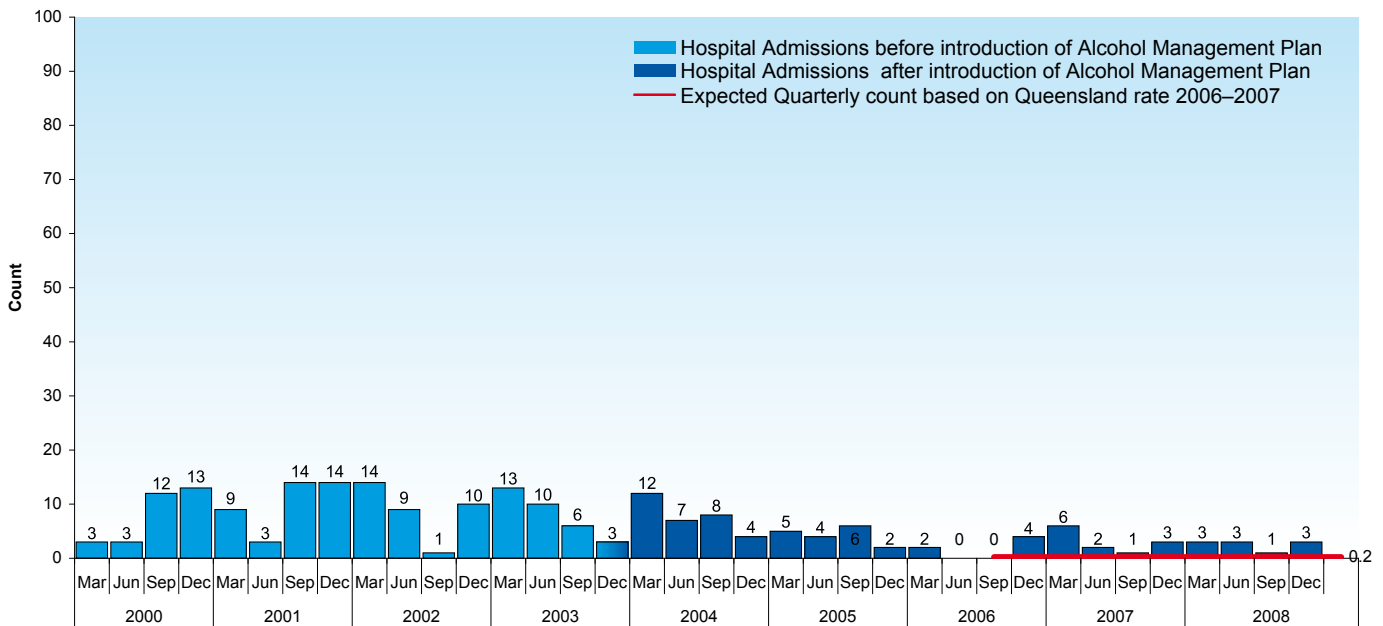
In November 2008, the Queensland Government announced that revised alcohol restrictions have been regulated for Pormpuraaw which took effect on 2 January 2009. A zero carriage limit will apply which means no alcohol is allowed to be carried in the Pormpuraaw Shire. Home-brew is automatically banned in all zero carriage limit communities. The package of additional services to support alcohol reform in Pormpuraaw includes additional police, health treatment (drug and alcohol), and diversionary services. Services which have already commenced through the alcohol reforms include a men's program, women's program and a drug and alcohol assessment and counselling service.

Hospital Admissions for Assault

There were three hospitalisations for assault of a person from Pormpuraaw in the December quarter 2008. There was an average of 2.5 hospitalisations for assault reported per quarter

for people from Pormpuraaw over the 12 months to 31 December 2008. This compares with an expected count of 0.2 per quarter (estimated by applying the 2006-07 Queensland rate to the population count of Pormpuraaw in 2007).

Figure 52: Quarterly number of hospital admissions for assault, March quarter 2000 to December quarter 2008, Pormpuraaw (a)

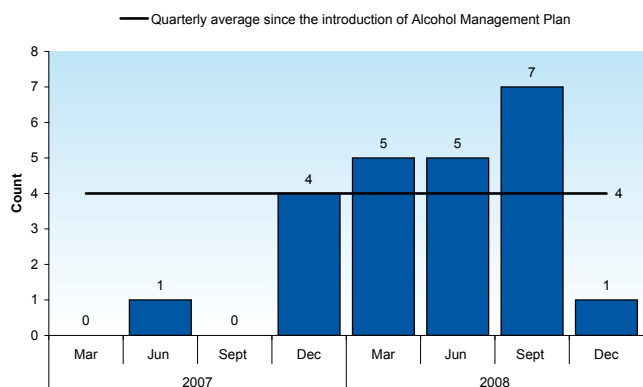


(a) These data are limited due to a range of factors. They must be read with reference to the notes at the end of this report.
Source: Queensland Health, unpublished data

Persons Convicted (breaches of section 168B of the *Liquor Act 1992*)

Since the introduction of the Alcohol Management Plan, there has been a total of 82 persons convicted of 91 breaches of alcohol carriage restrictions in Pormpuraaw. In the December quarter 2008, one person was convicted (individuals convicted are not necessarily residents of the community).

Figure 53: Number of persons convicted for alcohol carriage offences, March quarter 2007 to December quarter 2008, Pormpuraaw.



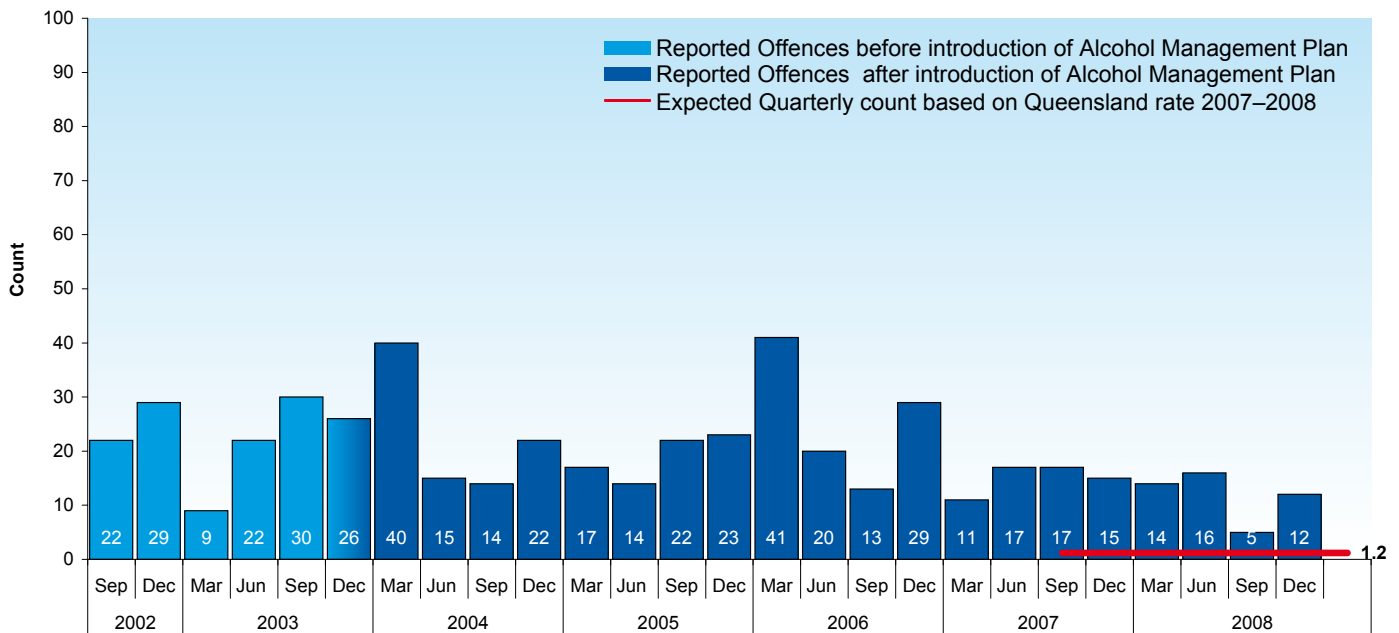
Source: Department of Justice and Attorney-General unpublished data These data are limited by a range of factors. They must be read with reference to the notes at the end of this report.

Reported Offences Against the Person

There was an average of 11.8 offences against the person reported per quarter in Pormpuraaw over the four quarters to 31 December 2008.

This compares with an expected count of 1.2 per quarter (estimated by applying the 2007-08 Queensland rate to the population count of Pormpuraaw in 2007).

Figure 54: Quarterly number of reported offences against the person, September quarter 2002 to December quarter 2008, Pormpuraaw



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Child Safety

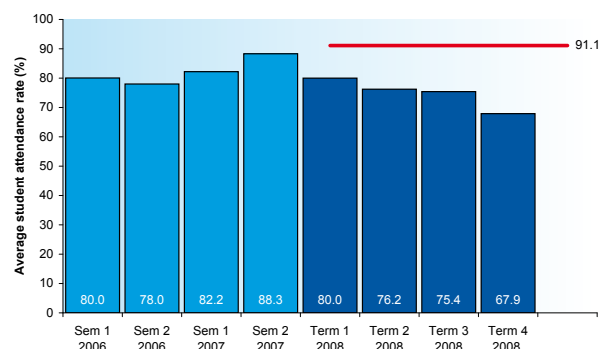
In the December quarter 2008, less than five Pormpuraaw children were subject to a substantiated notification of harm. In the December quarter 2008, no Pormpuraaw children were admitted to finalised child protection orders.

School Attendance

In term four 2008, the average student attendance rate at Pormpuraaw State School was 67.9 per cent which represented a further decline from the highest rate of 80.0 per cent achieved in term one 2008.

*Fourth term data have been calculated using 34 of a possible 39 school days due to incomplete attendance data at the time of collection

Figure 55: Average student attendance rate, preparatory to year 7, semester 1 2006 to term 4 2008, Pormpuraaw State School (a)



(a) These data are limited and must be read with reference to the notes at the end of this report. (b) term two data have been calculated using 41 of a possible 51 school days due to incomplete attendance data at the time of collection. Source: Queensland Department of Education, Training and the Arts, unpublished data