



Help us spread the word about the upcoming by-election for Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council

Dear community member

Voters in Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council will elect a new councillor on **Saturday 14 March 2026** following the resignation of Cr Lucy Foote on 31 January 2026.

While voting is compulsory for all 486 people enrolled in Pormpuraaw, it's also a right and responsibility in our democracy, and we want to ensure voting is quick and easy for everyone.

This stakeholder kit is aimed at helping ensure enrolled voters in your community know how to participate in this election. We'd love your assistance in helping us to get some important messages out to the community.

Can you help?

In this kit you'll find the below information and resources:

- information to include in your regular communications, newsletters and on your website
- social media tiles to share on your organisation's social media channels
- posters and frequently asked questions to print and display on your community or staff noticeboards.

Key Dates

- Tuesday 10 February 2026 – election started and candidate nominations open
- Monday 16 February 2026 – deadline for voters to enrol or change their enrolment details
- Thursday 19 February 2026 – candidate nominations close
- Wednesday 11 March 2026 – early voting is open
- Saturday 14 March 2026 – election day
- Tuesday 24 March 2026 – last day for postal votes to be received by the ECQ.

Thank you

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Get ready to vote in the Pormpuraaw by-election

A by-election to choose a new councillor for Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council is on Saturday 14 March 2026.

If you're in Pormpuraaw during the week, you can vote early from 9am to 6pm from Wednesday 11 March 2026 to Friday 13 March 2026 at Pormpuraaw Justice Centre, 24 Yalu Street, Pormpuraaw.

On election day, Saturday 14 March 2026, you can vote at Pormpuraaw Justice Centre, 24 Yalu Street, Pormpuraaw from 8am to 6pm.

One councillor will be elected. You only need to mark your preferred candidate on the ballot paper.

For those who can't vote in person, you can request a postal vote until 7pm Monday 2 March 2026 at ecq.qld.gov.au/pormpuraaw.

Visit ecq.qld.gov.au/pormpuraaw to learn more about the by-election including who is running and to stay up-to-date with the results after the polls close.

Social media tile

Help get the word out to your community by:

- Sharing a post from the ECQ's [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts
- Create your own post with our suggested post text below and social media tile, which can be downloaded from our [Pormpuraaw by-election page](#).

If you live in Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council, it's time to vote in a by-election to choose a new Councillor.

Voting will be available at Pormpuraaw Justice Centre, 24 Yalu Street, Pormpuraaw:

- **Early voting:** Wednesday 11 March through Friday 13 March from 9am to 6pm
- **Election day:** Saturday 14 March from 8am to 6pm

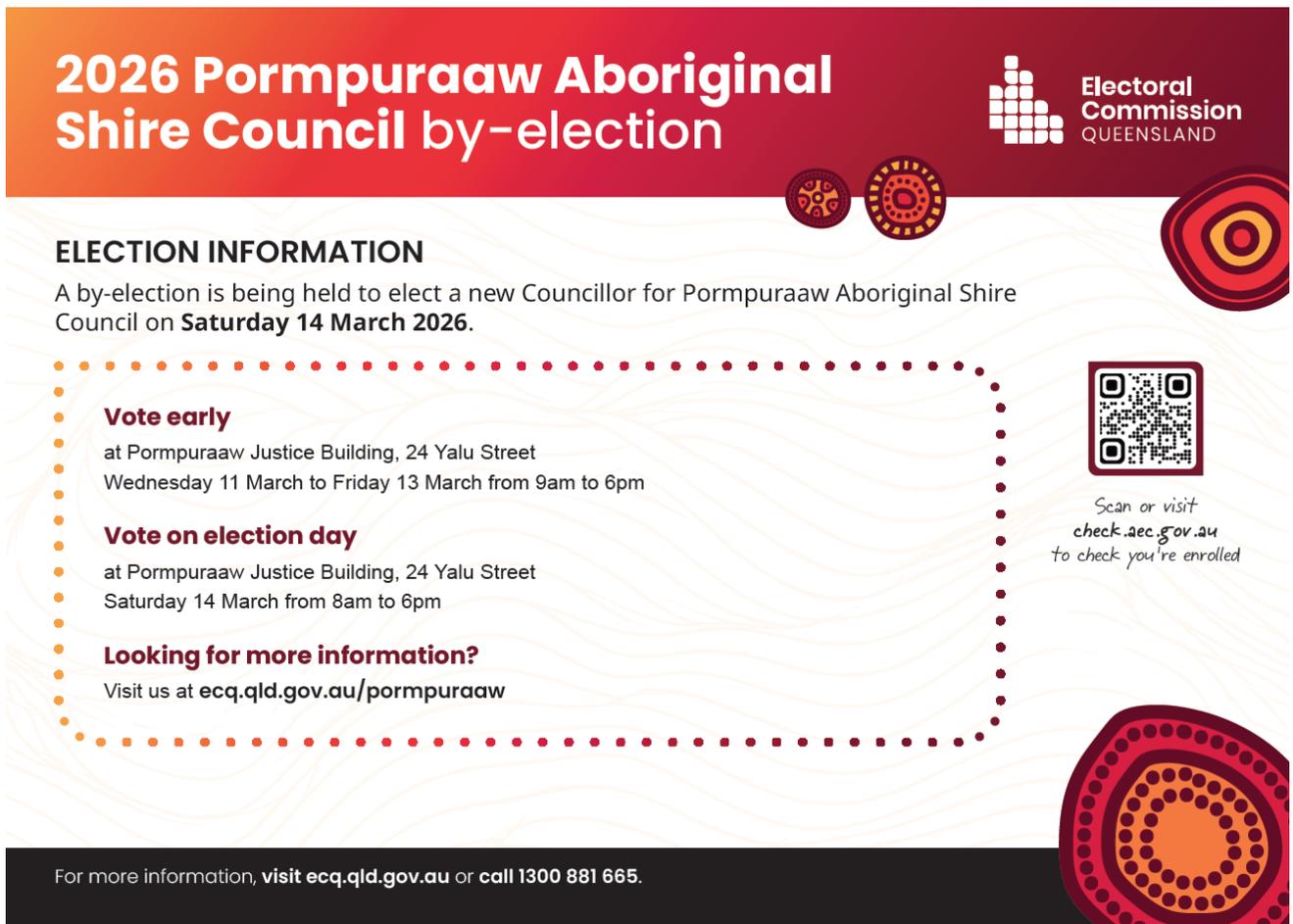
For more information, visit ecq.qld.gov.au/pormpuraaw



Poster

Show your organisation's support for the by-election by displaying our poster at your organisation to inform with your customers and community (e.g. reception area, front window, or public notice board).

You can download our A4 and A3 posters from the [ECQ website](#).



The poster features a red and orange header with the title '2026 Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council by-election' and the Electoral Commission Queensland logo. The main content is set against a background of yellow wavy lines. A central text box is outlined with a dotted red border. To the right of this box is a QR code and a small text instruction. The bottom of the poster has a black bar with white text. There are several circular Aboriginal art motifs scattered throughout the design.

2026 Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council by-election

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ELECTION INFORMATION

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Wednesday 11 March to Friday 13 March from 9am to 6pm

Vote on election day
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Looking for more information?
Visit us at ecq.qld.gov.au/pormpuraaw

Scan or visit check.ecq.gov.au to check you're enrolled

For more information, visit ecq.qld.gov.au or call 1300 881 665.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are you enrolled to vote?

Visit aec.gov.au to enrol to vote or to check your details are up-to-date. Adding your email address and mobile phone number means you'll also receive timely information by email and SMS so you don't miss the next election in your area.

Have you changed address?

If you've changed address since the last election, you'll need to update your details on the electoral roll to ensure you are voting in the correct council area. Update your details at aec.gov.au.

What is local government?

Local government is also known as your local council.

Local government or council areas can be cities, towns, shires, or regions and are responsible for managing public property and a range of local services and activities funded by rates, services fees and grants from state and federal governments.

Why do I need to vote in the local government by-election?

Your mayor and councillors represent you in your community. Voting in the by-election means you're having a say about the decision-makers who will shape the local community where you live.

Council services include cultural and sporting facilities, town planning, local roads, waste management, land and coast care programs, pet registration and more.

Why is voting important?

Governments make decisions about services, laws and protections that impact on every part of our lives. By voting, you are part of this decision-making and making a choice about how your community functions.

If you don't vote, you are relying on someone else to choose your representatives for you. One of the best way to make sure you are involved in decisions about your community, is to vote.

How will I know who is my new Councillor?

The Electoral Commission of Queensland will publish the declared Councillor on its website at ecq.qld.gov.au/pormpuraaw. We'll also post about it on social media—[Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#).

Is voting compulsory?

Voting is compulsory for all Australian citizens aged 18 years or older. If you do not vote, you may receive a fine.