

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting 17 September 2025



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### Item 1: Appointment and Meetings

Councillors,

Firstly, may I thank Council for the opportunity to be appointed as your interim CEO for the next 6-month period. I have never before been to Hopevale; however, I was associated with your community during my time with the Local Government Department.

I commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2025, in the Cairns office and attended the Hopevale office the following day.

There are meetings scheduled for the next month and I will be able to provide you with a more informative report at the end of that period.

In the two weeks I have been here, I have primarily been working on transitioning projects with Steve Linnane who has now finalized his time with the Council. I have also toured your social facilities ie Aged care, Childcare, Radio Station, NDIS, Kindy etc With Kerry-Lee. I have also been with Onesimo and Jason Woibo to view Millers block and look over the Council works facilities.

I have also visited your waste, water and sewerage treatment facilities with Tom Jones as well.

My first impressions are that Hopevale is a very well-maintained town and I look forward to working with each of you to progress your projects and concerns whilst I am here.

Please feel free to meet with me at any time if I can assist.

September:-

- 4<sup>th</sup> Stacey Bambrick – ATSI Public Health Programme: Operations Manager, Environmental Health officer
- 5<sup>th</sup> Gerhard Visser; DSDIP: Possible Land Administration and planning Needs
- 10<sup>th</sup> Built-Environment Integrated Information System (BEIIS) Viewer App: Steve Linnane, Michael Coots
- 11<sup>th</sup> DPI Animal Management on draft Animal Management Handbook. (Operations Manager, Animal Management (Environmental Health) officer, Joseph Armbruster, Anthony Tatkovich.
- 12<sup>th</sup> RFSQ - Darryl Robinson – Bush Fire mitigation Plan

**Recommendation:**

**That Council**

- (a) receive the Chief Executive Officer's Report and**
- (b) Note the meetings attended.**

**Item 2. – Signing of Accord**

Approval for TCICA to sign the Queensland Indigenous Council Leaders Accord. The accords objective is to improve the livability and opportunities for discrete Indigenous Communities through the delivery of economic, social and cultural infrastructure and services with a focus on progressing outcomes established in the *National Agreement on closing the Gap*. (See Attachment)

**Recommendation:**

**That Council agree to and sign the TCICA "Queensland Indigenous Council Leaders Accord" as presented.**

**Item 3. – Attendance at LGAQ Conference**

Approval is requested for the interim CEO to attend the LGAQ conference to be held at the Gold Coast 20-22 October 2025. Attendance by the CEO is a support mechanism for Council but also allows for the CEO to network and be made aware of new trends, issues in Local Government, and discuss products that can improve efficiencies and cut costs for Council.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council approve for the Interim CEO to attend the LGAQ Local Government Conference to be held on the Gold Coast 20-22 October 2025.**

**Item 4. Housing Tenancy**

To consider housing tenancy for B Deemal at 19 Flierl St.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council approve housing Tenancy for Brooklyn Deemal at 19 Flierl St and that the Department of Housing and Public Works be advised accordingly.**

**Item 5. The Queensland Local Government Remuneration Commission.**

The Commission is about to commence its annual review process to determine the remuneration for mayors, Deputy mayors and Councillors from 1 July 2026. They are extending an invitation to participate in deputations to add Council's comments on the level of Remuneration for each Council during the LGAQ Conference. Additionally, the Commission is also inviting written submissions and will also offer the opportunity to follow up written submissions via TEAMS meetings.

## Recommendation

That Council Receive the advice from the Queensland Local Government Remuneration Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lew Rojahn', written over a horizontal line.

Lew Rojahn

Chief Executive Officer

24 August 2025