

# HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

## MEETING REPORT

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SUBJECT:                 DIRECTOR OPERATIONS REPORT  
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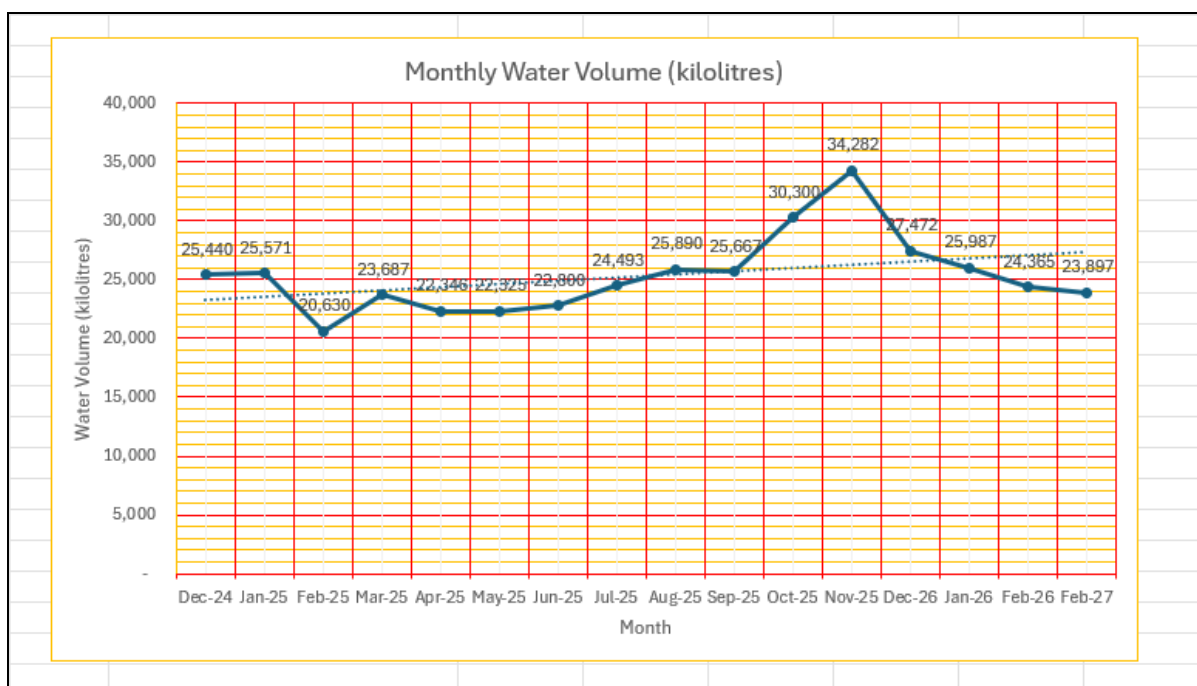
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### Operations Report March 2026

This report provides a snapshot of the key operational activities, infrastructure updates, and service delivery matters across Council for the month of March 2026. It informs Council on status of Essential Services, Environmental Management, Open Spaces, Cleaning Services, Work Health and Safety, Building and Construction, Civil Construction and other matters.

#### Key Highlights:

- **Work Health and Safety:** Roll out of the Work Health and Safety Action Plan which seeks to turn around Council's WH&S practices and culture, is in progress. It is a 12-month program with quarterly progress reviews.
- **Water Operations:** Routine water testing was undertaken in accordance with Council's Drinking Water Quality Management Plan. The test results for the month were compliant with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines and the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 Qld*. Water consumption is stable, demand peaked in November 2025, the trend shows reduced demand during the rainy season. 637mm of rainfall was recorded at the water treatment plant (WTP) in March 2026. The faulty pressure regulating valve on the water main supplying the community at the Police Station was replaced. There were no significant operational issues beside routine maintenance of the reticulation system.



- **Sewage Operations:** The sewage treatment plant met operational requirements in the Permit issued under the *Environmental Protection Act 1914 Qld*. There were no significant operational issues beside routine maintenance of the reticulation system.
- **Environmental Health:** Implementation of the 2025–2026 Environmental Health Plan is in progress. Council has support from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health Program Staff. Tropical Vets visit is scheduled Tuesday, 5 May 2026. The veterinary doctor will bring equipment for desexing operations, vaccinations, worming, ticks, fleas and mange. They will also bring other medicines and drugs with us for treating sick or injured dogs. Remote Animal Assistance, a charity that does some work in Aboriginal communities throughout Cape York, will provide assistance to Tropical Vets during the visit. Dog census is scheduled for 4 May to 8 May 2026, to coincide with the vet visit. Tropical Vets services include supervision of the Animal Management Worker in delivery of animal euthanasia if required.

Management of horses is being handled by the CEO.

- **Building, Construction and Civil Works:** A review has been undertaken for building and construction, civil construction projects. Civil construction projects have been paused and will resume after the wet season in 2026. During that time the civil construction delivery will be reviewed for implementation during the next construction season.

Signage and speed humps will be completed before the end of the financial year. Designs for these are in progress.

The construction of the detour road to bypass the Elim Beach Road Embankment Failure has been delayed due to persistent wet weather. In principle approval has been granted by QRA for Emergency Works detour construction work to proceed. The contractor is ready to commence when the weather permits.

Spring Hill Road is closed due extensive storm damage. A proposal has been submitted to QRA for the works to be delivered as Immediate Reconstruction Works.

A status update on External Disaster and Resilience Projects is attached to this report.

- **Open Spaces & Waste:** Council’s small refuse truck is having persistent issues with the bin lifting mechanism and the compactor. Council’s mechanic is maintaining the truck to keep it operational.
- **Expressions Of Interest Register of Approved and Pre-Qualified Contractors:** Expressions of Interest inviting individuals and organisations who would like to be included in Council’s Register of Approved and Pre-qualified Contractors is now open. It covers a broad range of Council services. The Expressions of Interest close at 12 noon on Thursday, April 30, 2026.

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