



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

MEETING REPORT

ITEM NO: 6.2.8**GENERAL MEETING:****SUBJECT:****Port Douglas Senior Rugby League – Mossman Sharks.****CLASSIFICATION:****ACTION / INFORMATION / CONFIDENTIAL**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council provide assistance to the Mossman Sharks Rugby League team in accordance with the Donations and Sponsorship Policy

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

There has been no specific amount requested but there is a suggestion that the amount could be in excess of \$4000 – Funds would be available

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Mr Jason Fasano has written to Council advising that Hopevale men and Women have represented both Mossman and Hopevale in the FNQRL competition. Last season Council allowed the use of a 12 seter bus for transport with the club paying for fuel at @200 per trip. That bus has now broken down mechanically and is now unavailable. It is currently at Neville Bowen's place.

Jason is asking if Council is prepared to

- assist with travel and can the bus be repaired and
- Assist with Fuel costs. Last year this cost was \$4000 and the Club is unable to do this again this year.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

There is no direct link to the Corporate plan but Council is able to provide donations etc. to assist local clubs.

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

No consultation has been undertaken but Cr Hart has knowledge of this situation.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no legal issues involved in this.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This is subject to the Donations and Sponsorship policy adopted earlier at this meeting.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Medium

ATTACHMENTS:

Email from Mr Jason Fasano.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT:

N/a

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Lew Rojahn

From: fuzza05@bigpond.com
Sent: Wednesday, 11 February 2026 5:15 PM
To: Lew Rojahn
Subject: Mossman Port Douglas Senior Rugby League.

Hi Lew.

I received your contact details through Rowan Hart of Hopevale.

The following will fill you in, if you are not aware, of the ongoing relationship between Hopevale residents and the Mossman Sharks.

Over many years Hopevale players, both men and women, have played and represented both Mossman and their home town, Hopevale playing Rugby league in the FNQRL competition. Last season (2025) that help was increased with the assistance of the Hopevale Shire Council who allowed residents of Hopevale to utilize a 12 seater Toyota Coaster bus for transport for games held in Mossman and surrounds. Hopevale council supplied the bus and the Mossman Sharks paid for fuel at a cost of 200 dollars per trip.

Unfortunately, towards the end of the season the bus broke down mechanically and was unavailable and since has not been repaired. It is currently located, I understand, at Neville Bowen residence in Hopevale. Neville was the nominated bus driver.

So far this year there is once again a lot of interest from Hopevale residences to play.

What we are requesting or clarifying

1. Is the Hopevale council satisfied to assist with travel again and if so can the bus be repaired and a further request is the Council able to assist with fuel costs. Last year fuel cost the Mossman Sharks \$4 000 in fuel subsidies and unfortunately this year are not in a position to subsidize that amount again.

My contact number is 0427 744 625 if you would like to have a chat about the request or any clarity.

Also Rowan Hart or Neville Bowen would also share some light on the request if you would like to reach out to them.

Kind Regards
Jason Fasano
Mossman Port Douglas Senior Rugby League Club