



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

MEETING REPORT

ITEM NO: GENERAL MEETING:

SUBJECT: Donation – Ms Ashleigh Oberleuter

CLASSIFICATION: ACTION

RECOMMENDATION

That Council dname \$4000 to assist Ms Oberleuter with travel expenses for her two sons who are both competing at National Level Bull Riding.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Council usually budgets for Donations to the community

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Ms Oberleuter's two sons have represented Hopevale in Bull riding competitions around the country and also overseas. They have competed recently in the national finals in Tamworth and intend to keep going to pursue their sport. Ms. Oberleuter and her partner need to travel extensively to help them achieve this dream.

They have travelled 20900KLMS in the past 17 months to support their children and this is not including meals and accommodation.

LINK TO OPERATIONAL PLAN

This is identified as community support

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

N/a

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no legal issues. The act of donating is allowable under the Act.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This is not covered by Policy

RISK ASSESSMENT

Low

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter of request from Ms Oberleuter

REFERENCE DOCUMENT:

Report Prepared by: Lew Rojahn CEO Date: 14/1/2026	Report Authorised by: Lew Rojahn CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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Dear Hope Vale Shire Council,

I'm the mother of a few young & upcoming bull riders from Hope Vale. I am seeking sponsorship for 2 of my sons Tyson & Lynton who have been invited through qualifying in the top 15 in Australia to attend the National Bullriding Finals held in Tamworth, New South Wales from the 22nd-24th January 2026.

Knowing the geopolitics of Hope Vale, you can understand we have to travel further to attend rodeos to allow my boys to have the same exposure that other kids have. 50% of travelling is done on my own as my partner is FIFO, but we love travelling to rodeos as a family when work permits. As you can imagine the ongoing costs & mileage on our vehicles are stretched as typically families have 1 child competing in such a high risk/costing sport. Kaileb & Tyson are two of four (4) brothers who all bullride.

In 2024, we travelled approximately 20,900kms just to attend rodeos in the past 17 months. This year, we have continued to travel to support them travelling more events to ensure they have a shot at making the finals.

So we can cover the cost of their highly anticipated trip we are seeking any support near & far to help these promising 2 young athletes in pursuing their goals to someday ride at the elite level and be a Professional Bull Rider. As their mother, I am extremely proud of the boy's attitude shown at each event. They both display a great love for the sport and show respect for all competitors, both animals & people.

Tyson was invited to the ABCRA National Finals in Tamworth in January 2025. Sitting 6th on the National Ladder for Mini-Bullriding. This year is Lyntons 1st year at competing at such an elite level.

We'd love to start this conversation with you if you'd like to support us please Contact me via email ashleigh.oberleuter23@gmail.com or 0474488363 if you have any questions about the boys or how you can get involved.

Thank you,

Ashleigh Oberleuter