



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

MEETING REPORT

ITEM NO: 6.2.4

GENERAL MEETING:

SUBJECT: Strategic and Operational Risk Management Committee Meeting

CLASSIFICATION: INFORMATION

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

N/a

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION

The Management Team, selected key staff and a representative of Internal Audit met with Peter Savage (CT Management Group) on 25th May 2026 in Hope Vale. This meeting was the first Strategic and Operational Risk Management Committee meeting to incorporate the functions of the now disbanded Audit Committee. The meeting also includes the Council's Disaster Co Ordination Committee and the Workplace Health and Safety Management Committee.

The attached report provides a summary of the meeting.

LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

This is supported by Item 5.6.6 – “Ongoing development of an Enterprise Risk Management System through an effective Risk Management Committee”.

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

Management team

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Good Liability Management

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This meeting is conducted to support the implementation of the following policies:

- Fraud and Corruption Policy
- Fraud and Corruption Prevention Framework

- Terms of Reference Operational Risk Management Committee

- Business Continuity Plan
- Workplace Health and Safety Policy
- Risk Management Framework Guidelines

RISK ASSESSMENT

Low

ATTACHMENTS:

Report of the Strategic and Operational Risk Management Committee

REFERENCE DOCUMENT:

Not applicable

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Report to Council

Strategic and Operational Risk Management Committee meeting held 25th May 2026

The quarterly meeting of the Strategic and Operational Risk Management Committee was held in the Hope Vale office on Monday 25th May 2026. The meeting also includes the Council's Disaster Co-ordination Committee and the Workplace Health and Safety Management Committee. The meeting was chaired by CEO Lou Rojahn and attended by the management team, selected key staff, a representative of Internal Audit and Peter Savage (a consultant with CT Management Group).

A summary of the business items discussed is provided below:

Strategic and Operational Risk Management Committee

The meeting acknowledged Council's decision to disband the Audit Committee and to incorporate the functions into the Terms of Reference of the Strategic and Operational Risk Management Committee. The Terms of Reference have been circulated to all regular members of the Committee. A written report was provided by Internal Audit and it was noted that the preparation of the Financial Statements and the External Audit program are on schedule. The meeting reviewed progress on improvements to the procurement process to date and future work to be included.

Noted that Council had requested a review of the Donations Policy. Noted the Auditor-General's report on managing third-party cyber security risks.

Two asset classes (Water and Sewerage) have been completed as part the revision of Council's Asset Management Plans. It was noted that the garbage truck is due for replacement and that the future landfill (rubbish tip) extension or relocation will need to be more efficient with separation of waste streams.

The ongoing work to implement Cyber-Security controls was reviewed.

Noted the Operational Plan 2026-27 is in preparation and will be more closely linked to budget outcomes than previous years.

Disaster Co-ordination Committee

It was noted that there is a significant fire risk this year. The Workplace Health and Safety Officer has been talking to the Congress Rangers about undertaking fire break maintenance, particularly around the Millers Estate.

Work is continuing at the Multi-Purpose Centre to specify the electrical works to be undertaken, although the consulting engineers have been slow in providing their recommendations. The Director of Operations is following up. The Mechanical Workshop has been cleared of wrecks and the car bodies are scheduled to be collected by recyclers in June.

Jeff Magnus is to run local training sessions for the LDMG and Councillors in June. The vehicle mounted two-way radios have reached end of life and funding is being sought for their replacement.

Workplace Health and Safety Management Committee

Sam Howell of Feddersen Consulting Group has been preparing a report on requirements to fully implement a Safety System and will report his findings shortly. All Safety Improvement Notices issued by WorkSafe Qld following the Spring Creek Road traffic incident in November 2025 have been responded to and finalized.

There are two outstanding Workcover claims. Two Incident Reports had been lodged and no injuries were reported.