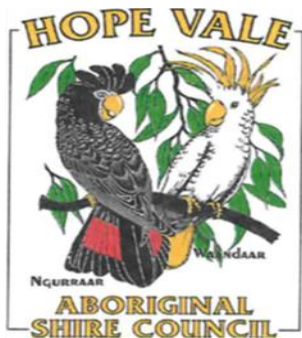




HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

MEETING REPORT

ITEM NO: 6.5.1 **GENERAL MEETING:**

SUBJECT: **DIRECTOR OPERATIONS REPORT**

CLASSIFICATION: **INFORMATION**

Operations Report, May 2026

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

Key Highlights:

Work Health and Safety

The rollout of the Work Health and Safety Action Plan is underway. This 12-month program aims to strengthen Council's WH&S practices and improve organisational safety culture. Progress will be monitored through quarterly reviews.

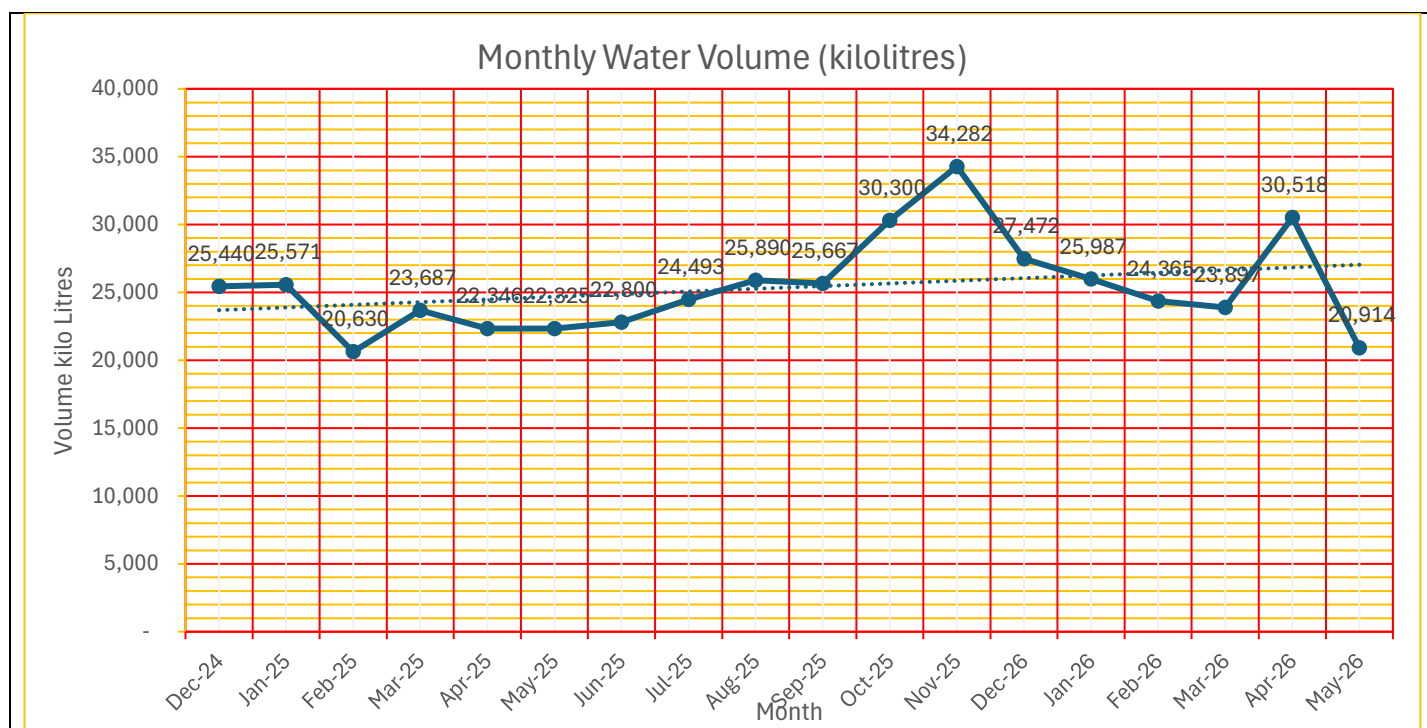
Water Operations:

Routine water quality testing was conducted in accordance with Council's Drinking Water Quality Management Plan. All results were compliant with:

- Australian Drinking Water Guidelines
- Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 (Qld)

Key observations:

- Water consumption remains stable overall, with peak demand recorded in November 2025.
- A spike in consumption observed in April 2026 was attributed to a faulty reservoir meter.
- Consumption levels returned to normal trends in May following rectification.
- 99 mm of rainfall was recorded at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) during May 2026.
- There were no significant operational issues during the reporting period aside from routine reactive maintenance of the reticulation system.



Sewage Operations:

The Sewage Treatment Plant operated in compliance with its permit under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld)*.

- No major operational issues were reported.
- Activities were limited to routine reactive maintenance of the reticulation system.

Environmental Health:

Implementation of the 2025–2026 Environmental Health Plan is progressing.

Key updates:

Council continues to receive support from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health Program.

Tropical Vets are scheduled to visit the community:

- 21–22 July 2026: Animal desexing program
- 23 July 2026: General animal treatments
- A follow-up visit is scheduled for February 2027

Tropical Vets provide ongoing supervision and support to the Animal Management Worker, including:

- Animal sedation
- Euthanasia services where required

An application has been submitted to Public Health to expand the range of medications that can be administered by the Animal Management Worker.

Management of horses within the community remains under the direction of the CEO.

Building, Construction and Civil Works:

There has been a seasonal slowdown in construction activities:

- Reduced volume of QBuild upgrade works and “do and charge” projects, consistent with late and early financial year trends.
- Civil road construction is expected to have a delayed start.

Additional updates:

- QRA approvals for REPA works may not be issued until September 2026, impacting delivery timelines.
- In the interim, the civil construction team will focus on maintenance works funded under the 2026/27 budget.
- Design work for community signage and speed humps is currently in progress.

A detailed update on External Disaster and Resilience Projects will be provided in the July 2026 report.

Open Spaces & Waste:

- Council’s mechanic continues to maintain the primary waste truck to ensure operational continuity.
- The vehicle is being sustained until its planned replacement under the 2026–2027 budget.

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