



## HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

### MEETING REPORT

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ITEM NO: 6.2.1                      ORDINARY MEETING:

SUBJECT:                              CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2026

CLASSIFICATION:                  INFORMATION

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

- (a) receive the Chief Executive Officer's Report and
- (b) Note the meetings attended.

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#### **BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS**

N/a

#### **BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

- BDO is continuing to work on budget development and uploading the costing into Civica. There will be one more meeting with Council to confirm the input and then we will commence the preparation of the documentation required for the adoption of the budget on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026.
- Councillors and I attended the Indigenous Leaders Forum in Cairns on 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April. This was an interesting forum in that it allowed a reasonable amount of interaction by Council's and it was interesting to note what other Councils are doing and what initiatives are happening elsewhere. The forum was sponsored by LGAQ. Hon Amanda Camm, Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and minister for Child Safety and prevention of domestic and family violence attended along with Hon Patrick Gorman Assistant Minister to the prime minister etc and Matt Smith MP, Federal member for Leichardt.

Matters covered included:-

1. Closing the Gap,
2. Empowering Councils – Changes to legislation
3. Climate risk and resilience Strategy for first nation Councils
4. Empowering elected members to encourage employment
5. Communication and key messaging

6. Council showcases by Cherbourg and NPARC

7. The Accord and State Government update.

- On 26/27 of this month, Micah and I will be attending the Civica – Altitude update workshop in Brisbane. This is to introduce the new upgraded software that Council will have to consider once our current operating system is made redundant by Civica. We are considering going to tender to consider other products however, this workshop will give us a good insight into the product Civica is offering if we automatically accept the upgrade. This will be a long, extended process. We have also just been informed that Cherbourg Council have agreed to go with the Civica Altitude. This is what is creating urgency. The fact that other Council's will all be wanting implementation at the same time could delay our timeline.
- Discussions have been held with Peter Callaghan at Congress about options to manage the horses. They are willing to work with Council to make this happen. Subject to Council's approval I will work with Gary Bowen to commence a process of Community information and minimal removal at separate times. The Police constable has held a workshop with the younger members of the community to deal with Animal cruelty and how to treat horses. This has been done at her own expense.
- I have now commenced regular meetings with Supervisory staff to ensure follow up of work assignments and, also to update staff on policy change and the results from each Council meeting. In my experience, it is of primary importance to keep staff informed so they feel as though they are being considered in the operation of the council, and their views are being heard. It is also the place where I get feedback about the issues that may be impacting the workplace and trying to identify any risk that may have the potential to impact the council legally and financially.

## **Item 2: Appointments and Meetings**

April 2026

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| 9  | HV LDMG<br>DDMG<br>Cook LDMG                                                                                            |
| 13 | DDMG<br>HV LDMG<br>Peter Callaghan – Congress                                                                           |
| 16 | Revision of Building section<br>Procurement Protocols<br>HR Manager Interview<br>Fourier Annual Business Technical Plan |
| 17 | On Traq Software discussion                                                                                             |
| 20 | WHS Contract<br>Managers and Supervisors                                                                                |
| 21 | Anslie Barron DHPW – Qld Housing Code                                                                                   |
| 23 | Civica Authority Demo                                                                                                   |
| 24 | WHS Project Variation                                                                                                   |
| 28 | Directors and managers<br>Budget Workshop                                                                               |

29/4 – 1/5 Indigenous leadership Forum.

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- 5 Director/Managers  
Budget Workshop with Councillors
- 6 C&K  
Justice group – Agreement
- 7 Sarah Palmer – Principal Stakeholder Relationship  
NIAA  
Social Services Staff Meeting
- 8 Environmental Health Visit up date.

### **LINK TO OPERATIONAL PLAN**

5.3 – Local Leadership and Governance

### **CONSULTATION (Internal/External)**

**N/a**

### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

Low

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

N/a

### **REFERENCE DOCUMENT:**

N/a

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| <b>Report Prepared by:</b><br><br><b>Lew Rojahn</b><br><b>CEO</b><br><br>Date: 8/01/2026 | <b>Report Authorised by:</b><br><br><b>Lew Rojahn</b><br><b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER</b> |
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