



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

MEETING REPORT

ITEM NO: 6.2.10 ORDINARY MEETING:

SUBJECT: Cape York institute – Yarraman Youth Resilience Programme Co Contribution by Council.

CLASSIFICATION: ACTION

RECOMMENDATION

That Council support the Yarraman Youth Resilience Programme as presented by the Cape York Institute at a cost of \$50 000 co contribution and that the payment be made this financial year as it is not allocated in next year's budget.

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Cape York institute (CYI) has requested Council to participate in the Yarraman Youth Resilience Programme.

Total cost of this programme is \$223,468 and they will be contributing \$50 000 to the programme.

They are seeking a co contribution from Council of \$50 000.

They will be seeking \$123, 368 from other sources.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

CYI is creating a 15 month Equine -assisted learning (EAL) initiative for 10 at risk young people from Hope Vale delivered across 3 x 5 day camps at Wolverton Station, with structured consolidation activity in Hope Vale between camps.

The programme is delivered by Swift FNQ (Emma Jackson) in partnership with with CYI and is underpinned by Family Led Decision Making circles, fortnightly peer group sessions and individual case management.

The programme moves through 6 phases: preparation and family engagement; Camp 1; Camp 2; Camp 3; and a formal programme evaluation.

By the end of the programme, participants will have developed improved emotional regulation and self-management; stronger family relationships and community connection; pro-social behaviour and accountability skills; and clear post programme pathways into education, vocational training or community contribution

It is about investment in Hope Vale's own people. 2 Hopevale mentors will be embedded throughout the full 15 months.

LINK TO OPERATIONAL PLAN

1.3.2 – Education and Youth opportunity – Support programmes that prepare young people for leadership, employment and higher education.

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

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LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Council does not have any legal obligations by making a contribution. If Council was to be involved in implementing the programme then it would have a risk in having a duty of care to the participants.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council policy is not directly an issue. However, it alludes to this sort of contribution through the Corporate plan and the Operational plan

RISK ASSESSMENT

Low – See Legal Considerations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter from Cape York Institute.

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11 May 2026

Mayor Bruce Gibson
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BY EMAIL: mayor@hopevale.qld.gov.au

Dear Mayor Gibson

YARRAMAN YOUTH RESILIENCE PROGRAM — FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT

Thank you for the time and engagement from Council last week. As requested, we are writing to provide an overview of our Yarraman Youth Resilience Program proposal, and to seek Council's support for funding via a formal Memorandum of Understanding.

About the Program

The Yarraman Youth Resilience Program is a 15-month Equine-Assisted Learning (EAL) initiative for 10 at-risk young people from Hope Vale, delivered across three five-day camps at Wolverton Station in Cook Shire (September 2026, April 2027, and September 2027), with structured consolidation activity in Hope Vale between camps. The program is delivered by Swift FNQ (Emma Jackson) in partnership with Cape York Institute and is underpinned by Family-Led Decision Making circles, fortnightly peer group sessions, and individual case management.

The program moves through six phases: preparation and family engagement; Camp 1 (foundation); a first consolidation block; Camp 2 (deepening skills); a second consolidation block with transition planning; Camp 3 (celebration and closure); and a formal program evaluation.

Key Outcomes for Participants

By the end of the program, participants will have developed improved emotional regulation and self-management; stronger family relationships and community connection; pro-social behaviour and accountability skills; and clear post-program pathways into education, vocational training, or community contribution - supported through warm referrals into programs such as Cape York Leaders Program and School to Jobs.

Training of Trainers - Building Local Capacity

A defining feature of the Yarraman proposal is its investment in Hope Vale's own people. Two Hope Vale mentors will be embedded throughout the full 15 months - progressively moving from shadowing facilitation at Camp 1, to co-facilitating peer group sessions during consolidation, to leading sessions independently by Camp 2, and demonstrating full independent facilitation capacity by Camp 3. This pathway is supported by structured orientation with Swift FNQ, ongoing supervision, and access to

program resources including the Yarraman Support Booklet/App. The outcome is that Hope Vale will have two locally-trained practitioners capable of supporting future cohorts, as a means of building lasting capacity that remains in community.

Budget Summary

The total program budget is **\$223,468**, spanning August 2026 to November 2027. The primary cost categories are:

Category	Amount
Swift FNQ delivery (3 camps)	\$74,700
Transport (participants & staff)	\$36,000
Casual mentor staffing	\$55,620
Between-camp activities & materials	\$28,000
Project Administration, M&E	\$29,148
Total	\$223,468

CYIPL's Justice Reinvestment project can commit \$50,000 to this program. We seek Council's support as a matched amount of **\$50,000** under a co-funding MoU. We will also seek an additional \$123,468 from other sources and partners in Hope Vale (including the Community Justice Group). A detailed line-item budget and 10-page program proposal is available on request.

Next Steps

Cape York Institute is ready to progress to a formal MoU as soon as partners are comfortable to do so. We welcome any questions and are happy to present further detail to Council or relevant staff at a time that suits.

Yours sincerely



Kirsty Davis

CEO

Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership