

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting: 23rd August 2023



Item 1: Building & Construction

Meeting held at Council with Q-Build to discuss development of a framework through which:

- Capital Response to Housing need in Hope Vale is analysed through a local lens.
- Council can articulate their priorities for capital programs and explain how these priorities will address Housing need in the Hope Vale community.
- Challenges and risks can be identified and examined.
- A ten-year capital program and delivery strategy can be designed.

A future capital investment plan template was handed by Q-Build to be completed by the end of September. However, before the next Council meeting in September, it would be significant that discussions be held between stakeholders in Council and the Department of Housing on future housing demand and the formats that they will take – plug-ins, new build (1,2,3,4 x bedroom), extensions.

Projects

Government Employee Housing – 25 Bayanbi St, Hope Valley

Delay due to modification of roof steel design to reduce 8-week lead time of trusses to 4 weeks. Now awaiting approval from Q-Build. Truss fabrication expected to take 3 weeks. Project is 30% complete with an expected date for completion circa December/January 2024.

Council Chambers & Office Extension

The project is 95% complete - awaiting vanity which is to be expected around 24th August 2023; cavity door lock and barge fitting by 24th August 2023. Furniture has arrived and in place and computer data cabling completed.

Minor Capital Works at Nola's Day Care

The project is 90% complete with an expected date for completion end of September 2023. Awaiting paint touch-ups, yard levelling, fencing.

Q-Build Responsive Maintenance

Work Orders Received – 69

Work Orders Issued – 87

Item 2: Essential Services

Item 2.1 Daily Testing

Awaiting results from testing for sulphide and chlorate for newly commissioned bore at Water Treatment Plant.

Daily testing for pH, free chlorine and turbidity at all test points are compliant with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

In-house microbiological test results of water for detection of Coliforms/E-Coli are all negative for the month. Test results for iron bacteria levels remain compliant for the month.

No issues with sewerage.

Item 3: Civil Construction

Item 3.1 Capital Works By Grant

QRA (formerly NDRRA) funding

Civil works on Campground Rd and Elim-Springhill Rd are completed; Springhill Rd is work in progress.

Betterment funding

Cooktown/Mclvor Rd extension of sealing – site meeting held with Orion Consulting to review scope of work that includes civil work by Council crew; hiring of a temporary bridge to enable transportation of heavy machinery across Sandy Creek for civil and sealing works. Timing and schedules yet to be received from Orion. Road regulatory and signage soon to be procured Total length of proposed works is 7.301km.

Roads to Recovery (R2R) funding

Due to dust nuisance at the water treatment plant created by vehicles travelling on Tea Tree Rd adjacent the treatment plant, a proposal was put forward to seal 150m of Tea Tree Rd under R2R funding. FGF Bitumen from Townsville have priced for a scope of works that includes a 2-coat seal and 14/10mm aggregate. There's minimal civil work required by our civil crew. Work could start as early as end of September 2023 when FGF Bitumen has a window of opportunity during their sealing works in Cooktown.

ATSI TIDS funding

Sealing of entrances to block holder access at 5 properties along Cooktown-Hope Vale Rd. Entrance sealing to be carried out around the same time as Tea Tree Rd sealing works by FGF Bitumen.

Item 4: Animal Management

Item 4.1 Vet Services

In the process of using Local Buy Queensland to provide a list of potential Vets in the region capable of the delivery of supplementary Vet Services for Hope Vale.

Item 5: Current Capital Projects

Item 5.1 Works 4 Queensland 2021/2024

MPC Field Upgrade

- Official opening date yet to be set.
- Ministerial invite for official opening to be sent.

Council Asset Management Program

- 40% complete; work in progress

Item 5.2 Building Our Regions (BOR) Round 5 – Hope Vale Township Community and Cultural Park

The project is 90% complete. Expected time of completion depends on current scrutiny of irrigation contractor's price. Talks with contractor are continuing.

- Fence will be finished by end of August.
- Irrigation and turf to complete.

Item 5.3 SES Shed Upgrade

- Scope of works in progress and works will commence by mid-September 2023.

Item 5.4 Everlina Supermarket and Street front Upgrade

- Teams Meeting held with ALPA to review project objectives for the supermarket refurbishment.
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Item 5.5 Naming of Hope Vale Aquatic Centre

- Talks in progress with Expressway Signs and Printworks on the production of a draft on the change of the current name of the Aquatic Centre to the Paul Wallace Gauai Aquatic Centre.

Item 6.0: Resolution item deferred from July Council meeting

(b) *animal survey deferred to this August meeting* – to be discussed