

# OPERATIONS MANAGER

## COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023



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### **Item 1: Building & Construction**

#### Projects

*Government Employee Housing – 25 Bayanbi St, Hope Valley*

Steel trusses arrived and concrete patios installation in progress – 35% completion.

#### *Council Chambers & Office Extension*

The project is very close to completion – awaiting cavity door lock for Mayor's office; window blinds, 3 x computers, 3 x monitors and 1 x printer. Temporary keys are now available for elected members.

#### *Minor Capital Works at Nola's Day Care*

The project is completed.

#### *Q-Build Responsive Maintenance Update*

Work Orders Received – 90

Work Orders Issued – 139

Work Orders Completed – 155

Work Orders Closed Off - 121

#### *Plug-ins Update*

ADDRESS	OUTSTANDING WORKS	% COMPLETION
Lot 38 Poland St	Plumbing fit-off and vinyl flooring	90
Lot 49 Poland St	Windows, painting, inside linings, bulkheads in bedrooms, doors, outside works (clothesline)	55
Lot 109 Rose St	Kitchen fit-off, cabinetry, electrical & plumbing fit-off, flooring, clothesline	80

ADDRESS	OUTSTANDING WORKS	% COMPLETION
Lot 54 Poland St	Painting, cabinetry, plumbing fit-off, electrical fit-off, clothesline	85
61 Wenke St	Painting, cabinetry, plumbing fit-off, electrical fit-off, clothesline	85
93 Rose St	Rose St – only slab has been constructed	10
7 Flierl St	Kitchen, bathroom tiling, electrical & plumbing fit-off, flooring and external works	75
20 Flierl St	Kitchen fit-off, cabinetry, electrical & plumbing fit-off, flooring, clothesline	80

## **Item 2: Essential Services**

### **Item 2.1 Daily Testing**

Laboratory test results for *sulphide* and *chlorate* for newly commissioned bore at Water Treatment Plant turned out to be satisfactory. Daily testing for pH, free chlorine and turbidity at all test points are compliant with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

Reading	Acceptable Range
Average pH of water after the reservoir = 7.3	6.5 to 8.5
Average turbidity = 2.0	0 to 5 Units (NTU)
Average free chlorine = 0.76mg per litre	0.5 to 5.0mg per litre

Volume of water produced at the treatment plant = 22,480 kilolitres (month of August 2023)

In-house microbiological test results of water for detection of Coliforms/E-Coli were all negative for the month of September. Hope Vale swimming pool water was added to the monthly testing regime for residual chlorine and E-Coli. Latest results showed negative for E-Coli and 2.8mg per litre of free chlorine.

No issues with sewerage.

## **Item 3: Civil Construction**

### **Item 3.1 Capital Works By Grant**

*QRA (formerly NDRRA) funding*

Springhill Rd is work in progress with approximately 70% completed.

### *Betterment funding*

Cooktown/Mclvor Rd extension of sealing – road has been pegged out by Orion to indicate the type of formation grading, areas for re-sheeting and size of re-sheeting material. Sealing works can only start once Council's civil team has completed pavement works at Mclvor Rd. Schedule of works to be prepared and executed. Estimated completion date: June 2024

### *Roads to Recovery (R2R) funding*

The sealing of 150m of Tea Tree Rd has been shelved and is to be done in conjunction with the 5 x access driveway sealing works – proposed that this work be completed by December 2023.

*ATSI TIDS funding – sealing of 5 x driveway access entrances to protect Council's main road asset.*

The bitumen sealing of entrances to block holder access at 5 properties along Cooktown-Hope Vale Rd has been shelved until civil works is completed. Work to progress on grading and forming entrance to FNQROC rural allotment access technical specification – proposed that this work be completed by December 2023.

## **Item 4: Animal Management**

### **Item 4.1 Vet Services**

Have identified 2 x possible Vets – Justin Little of Central Vets and Dr Graham Lauridsen of Tropical Vets who are both members of Local Buy. It is proposed to engage a Visiting Vet in October. An animal census is overdue and is planned for early to mid-November with support from Vet co-ordinator and Vet nurse from Wujal Wujal.

## **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 – Business Precinct repairs and painting, Warehouse & Cabinet Makers area, Staff houses painting*

- Work in progress – 40% completion
- Outstanding work includes minor repairs to precinct buildings (new corner wall flashings, roofing clean-up, external painting to wall and structural steel members); warehouse and cabinet makers areas improvement/upgrade.

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

The project is 90% complete. Initial contractor from Cairns that completed footy-field irrigation and who was also awarded the irrigation works at the Cultural Park will not be completing the project. Awaiting a quote from Council plumbing contractor for labour only – materials already purchased and received by Council.

- Fencing completed
- Irrigation and turf to complete – expected completion date end of October 2023.

#### **Item 5.3 SES Shed Upgrade**

- Scope of work completed and awaiting quotes to be called from Councillor's contractors to build an outdoor seating area that will include BBQ facilities. There will be a bathroom renovation to include vanity/cabinetry and painting.

#### **Item 5.4 Everlina Supermarket and Street front Upgrade**

- Status report to be prepared for October Council meeting

#### **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 Gauai Wallace Aquatic Centre.

#### **Item 6.0: Resolution item deferred from July Council meeting**

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

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