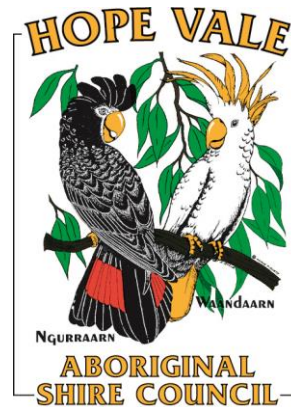


CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting 24 April 2024



Item 1: Meetings Attended

- Previous Mayor and Councillors attended the Council meeting held on 14 March 2024 in Hope Vale.
- CEO met with Paul Bawden, Economic Development Manager, Community, Economy and Innovation, Cook Shire Council on 15 March 2024 in Cooktown for discussions on the proposed age care centre in Cooktown.
- CEO met with the CEO's from Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council and Cook Shire Council on 15 March 2024 in Cooktown for discussions on regional issues.
- CEO met with Esther Chew and Cassandra Buddingh from Peddle Thorp on 25 March 2024 (via Teams) for discussions on the Hope Vale Town Precinct Plan.
- CEO met with Damian Blunden, Engagement A/Director - North Queensland Region, National Indigenous Australians Agency on 26 March 2024 in Hope Vale for discussions on various Federal Government initiatives.
- CEO met with Geoff Collins, Engagement Officer, Indigenous Engagement and Participation Program, Australian Electoral Commission on 26 March 2024 in Hope Vale.
- CEO and Local Thriving Communities Coordinator met with Joanna Mason from Workhaven on 27 March 2024 (via Teams) to review the draft Domestic and Family Violence
- Mayor and Councillors took their Declaration Of Office in Hope Vale on 3 April 2024.
- Mayor and Councillors attended the Special Meeting (Post Election Meeting) held in Hope Vale on 3 April 2024.
- Mayor and Councillors undertook their induction and mandatory Councillor training On 3, 4, and 5 April 2024.
- CEO met with Esther Chew and Cassandra Buddingh from Peddle Thorpe on 10 April 2024 in Hope Vale for discussions and inspections on the Hope Vale Town Precinct Plan.
- Mayor, CEO, Operations Manager, and various Council Staff attended a Joint Operational Meeting with representatives from QBuild and Housing Department on 10 April 2024.
- Mayor and CEO attended a Special Mayors Forum on 17 April 2024 at Parliament House, Brisbane organized by the LGAQ. The event provided a valuable opportunity for Mayors to meet with their colleagues from around the state along with senior members of the State Government and Opposition.

- Mayor and CEO attended the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) Board Meeting held in Cairns on 18 April 2024.
- A number of other meetings were also held by the CEO in relation to various administration, organizational, staffing and tenure issues.

Recommendation:

That Council

- (a) receive the Chief Executive Officer’s Report, and**
(b) note the meetings attended by the Chief Executive Officer

Item 2: Local Government Association Of Queensland’s Policy Executive

Nominations have been requested for election of the Local Government Association Of Queensland’s (LGAQ) Policy Executive District Representatives for 2024-2028. Councils within an Electoral District are entitled to nominate candidates for election from amongst elected members of the Councils within their District. The Corporate Governance Charter for the LGAQ Policy Executive is attached for Council’s information (Attachment A).

Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council is a member of District No. 12. District 12 will have two (2) Mayors who will represent the following indigenous Council’s –

- Aurukun,
- Cherbourg,
- Doomadgee,
- Hope Vale,
- Kowanyama,
- Lockhart,
- Mapoon,
- Mornington,
- Napranum,
- Northern Peninsula,
- Palm Island,
- Pormpuraaw,
- TSIRC,
- Woorabinda,
- Wujal Wujal,
- Yarrabah)

Mayor Bruce Gibson has been nominated to represent District No. 12.

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the nomination of Mayor Bruce Gibson as a representative of District No. 12 on the Local Government Association Of Queensland’s (LGAQ) Policy Executive

Item 3: Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) Inc.

The Executive Officer of the Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) Inc., Michael Miller has requested that the attached three (3) documents be brought to Council’s attention –

- Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance Information Guide – January 2024 (Attachment B)
- Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance Strategic Plan 2023 – 2026 (Attachment C)
- Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance Operational Plan 2024 – 2025 (Attachment D)

Recommendation:

That Council receive and note the following documents –

- **Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance Information Guide – January 2024 (Attachment B)**
- **Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance Strategic Plan 2023 – 2026 (Attachment C)**
- **Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance Operational Plan 2024 – 2025 (Attachment D)**

Item 4: Chief Executive Officer Recruitment

The Chief Executive Officer has advised of his intention to resign effective from 28 June 2024. Accordingly, Peak Services have been appointed to lead the recruitment process for the new Chief Executive Officer.

It is proposed that the Mayor will oversee the appointment process and liaise with Peak Services, with interviews and the appointment process being undertaken by all Councillors.

Recommendation:

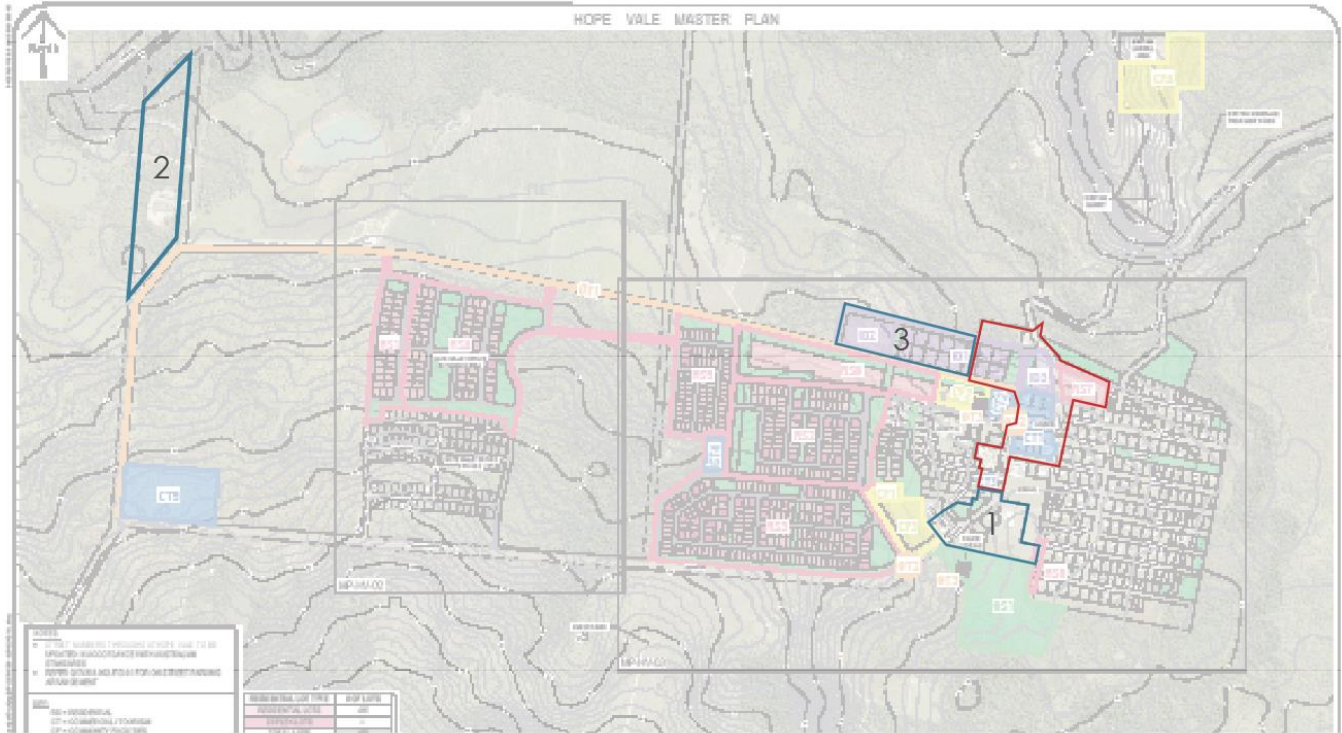
That Council note that Peak Services have been appointed to lead the recruitment process for the new Chief Executive Officer.

Item 5: Hope Vale Town Precinct Plan

Peddle Thorp have been commissioned to undertake a Hope Vale Town Precinct Plan with a view to updating the existing Hope Vale Master Plan.

It is proposed that the Precinct Plan will address the following issues –

- The below plan represents the zones to be reviewed. The areas outside the red and blue areas will remain as status quo.
- Town Planning – the Plan will include desktop review of the current Planning Policies, and provide recommendations on next steps on the proposed change for the extent of the areas shown below.
- Site infrastructure - the Plan will provide desktop review of current infrastructure – water, power, sewer, stormwater and flood for the extent of the areas shown below. It will also provide opportunities, risk and constraints for the proposed land use. It will not be providing cost estimates for site infrastructure.
- Traffic – It will provide desktop review of issues and opportunities for traffic movement. The traffic review will be high level, and recommendations for next steps.
- The Plan will propose a set of design principles (materials, CPTED, open space, signage + wayfinding etc) as well as provide case studies and project exemplars that will provide benchmark for future developments.
- Cost Estimates – The scope of services has asked for the inclusion of cost estimates for each of the area. It is noted that given the lack of project brief for each lot, the propose costing will be very high level and subject to market fluctuations and escalation over the next 5-15 years. This can be reviewed as the project progresses.



A Hope Vale Precinct Options Presentation has been arranged for 10am on Tuesday 14 April 2024 in the Cairns Office (i.e. the day prior to the next Council Meeting) to brief Councillors on the Project and for feedback to Peddle Thorp.

Recommendation:

That Council note that a Hope Vale Precinct Options Presentation has been arranged for 10am on Tuesday 14 April 2024 in the Cairns Office to brief Councillors on the Project and for feedback to Peddle Thorp.

Item 5: CEO Verbal Briefing

Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer
21 April 2024