

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting 20 May 2025



Item 1: Meetings Attended

- Mayor, Councillors, and CEO attended the Councillors Discussion Forum held in Hope Vale on 15 April 2025.
- Mayor, Councillors, and CEO attended the Council Meeting held in Hope Vale on 16 April 2025.
- Mayor and CEO met (via TEAMS) with Andrew Thornton, BUPA, Daijah Martens, ATW, and Michelle Torrens ATW on 23 April 2025 for general discussions on BUPA's involvement in Aged Services.
- Mayor, Cr Shar-lane Gibson, Cr Barry Bowen, Cr Eva Bounghi, and CEO attended a LGAQ Indigenous Leaders Forum in Cherbourg and Mooloolaba on 29 and 30 April 2025.
- Mayor, Cr Shar-lane Gibson, Cr Barry Bowen, Cr Eva Bounghi, and CEO undertook an inspection of Oly Homes in Yandina on 30 April 2025 to investigate its modular homes construction process.
- Mayor and CEO met with Kim Fomiatti, Acting Customer Service Manager, Delivery – Tenancy Services, First Nations Housing & Homelessness, Department of Housing and Public Works on 7 May 2025 in Hope Vale for discussions on various tenancy issues in Hope Vale.
- Mayor, CEO and Director of Finance and Corporate Services met with Chantal Cora, Raechel Oleszek from the Department of Housing and Public Works in Cairns on 8 and 9 May 2025 with a view to finalizing the Hope Vale Local Housing Plan.
- Mayor and CEO met with Rona Horsfall from Peak Services in Cairns on 8 and 9 May 2025 to short list the applicants for the CEO role to enable interviews to be held by Council on 19 May 2025.
- Mayor and CEO attended an informal briefing session by Kelly Reaston from Up North on the initial community consultation in Hope Vale on 13 May 2025 in relation to the development of the new Corporate Plan.
- 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: Building Local Care Workforce

Discussions have been held with representatives of the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIS) in doing some coordinated building local care workforce work with NIAA/NDIS/Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts (DWATSIPMA)/and the proposed Community Development Program (CDP).

Council was provided with data that showed demand for services growing and current NDIS care packages not being fully utilized. (Attachment 1).

NIAA sought Council feedback on 'what would building local care workforces/business success look like in the Hope Vale community'.

NIAA's summary was 'Collaboration between the NDIS, NIAA and DWATSIPMA will support people in remote communities to move into meaningful jobs and develop businesses that communities want, while improving the participation, experience, and outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander NDIS participants.'

NIAA now seeks advice from Council if it supports the proposal in principle so that agreement can be formalized on the next step/further planning.

Recommendation:

That Council support in principle the proposal for developing a coordinated building local care workforce work with the National Indigenous Australians Agency/ the National Disability Insurance Agency/Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts /and the proposed Community Development Program.

Item 3: FNQROC GHG Emissions Inventory Project

FNQROC have submitted the first drafts of Hope Vale's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory and the FNQROC Aboriginal Shire Council GHG Emissions Reduction reports.

Through the Great Barrier Reef Foundation grant program, FNQROC is assisting the three member Aboriginal Shire Councils as part of the broader work of the Climate Resilience Technical Committee to develop a Regional GHG Inventory. This project includes:

1. GHG emissions inventories for FY2022/23 and FY2023/24 (Attachment B)
2. An Emissions Reduction Action Plan for FNQROC Aboriginal Shire Councils (Attachment C), and,
3. A Community Emissions Reduction Media Kit.

The Hope Vale ASC GHG Emissions Inventory Report provides the following information -

- Total Corporate GHG Emissions
 - FY2022/23: 1,771 tCO₂e
 - FY2023/24: 1,905 tCO₂e
- Top three GHG Emission Sources (FY2023/24)

1. Waste Disposal (63%)
 2. Electricity - buildings (33%)
 3. Transport fuels (2%)
- Methodology Overview:
 - *Electricity*: Based on electricity data collected by Peak Services and shared with FNQROC.
 - *Wastewater*: Estimated using local population figures and a wastewater emissions calculator.
 - *Waste*: Data supplied by Queensland State Government for both financial years.
 - *Transport Fuels*: Estimated using a community-to-corporate ratio. This ratio was derived from transport fuel emissions data from a comparable Queensland council, Cook Shire Council.

The GHG Emissions Reduction Plan for the member Aboriginal Shire Councils -

- Aligned with Queensland's legislated emissions reduction targets of Net Zero by 2050.
- Outlines the resources and actions needed for Councils to align with these targets.
- Key recommended actions are summarised in Table 1 on page 6 of the Emissions Reduction Action Plan.

FNQ Regional Organisation of Councils' Regional Climate Resilience Coordinator, Maria Helena Anselmo has been invited to brief Council on these draft documents.

Recommendation:

That Council notes the first drafts of Hope Vale's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory and the FNQROC Member Aboriginal Shire Councils GHG Emissions Reduction reports

Item 4: Cultural Recommendations – Dept of Housing and Public Works

Discussions have been held over the last month with the Dept of Housing and Public Works in relation to various social housing construction and tenancy issues.

One of Council's aims is for the Department to be out in the community more and to actively manage tenancy issues. Council is also eager to streamline processes thereby reducing delays that impact on tenants and prospective tenants of social housing.

From a Council perspective, one area that Council can improve on, is providing Cultural Recommendations back to the Department on various tenure issues. The Department has requested a 2-week turnaround on Cultural Recommendations.

The Mayor and the CEO now meet regularly with local Housing and Public Works officers so that delays and bottlenecks can be overcome.

Recommendation:

That Council delegates authority to the Mayor to provide Cultural Recommendations to the Department of Housing and Public Works on tenure issues.

Item 5: CEO Verbal Briefing

- **Hope Vale Pool**
- **Possible Councillors Strategic Discussion Forum – Tuesday 17 June 2025**

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Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer
14 May 2025