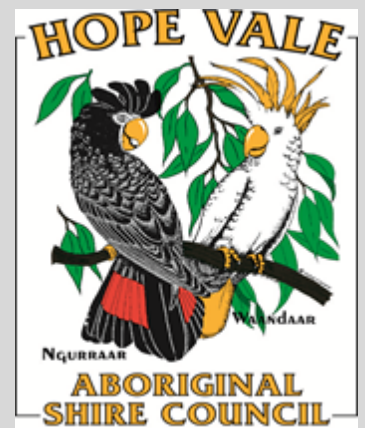


# Interim Hope Vale Local Thriving Communities Advisory Committee Meeting Report

Tuesday 21 November 2023

Council Meeting Room,  
Hope Vale



## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

Mayor Woibo welcomed members to the meeting of the Interim Hope Vale Local Thriving Communities Advisory Committee (LTC) Meeting and declared the meeting open at 9.15 am. Mayor Woibo then acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting is being held and elders, past, present, and emerging.

**2 MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Jason Woibo  
Cr Allison Michael  
Pearl Deemal  
Elaine McIvor

**Apologies:**

Neville Bowen (Jnr)  
Laken Pearson  
Sergeant Karl Ford

**Officers Present:**

Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Chief Executive Officer – Steve Linnane  
A/Regional Director - FNQ Region, Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities, and the Arts – Kerry-Lee Bird  
Local Thriving Communities Coordinator – Carmen Pearson

## 3 OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING REPORT

It was agreed that Report of the meeting that was held on 24 August 2023, be accepted as a true and correct record.

## 5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### 5.1 DJAG

That the Local Thriving Communities Advisory Committee invite DJAG for an overview of Justice Groups as well as funding for Mens and Womens shelter. Discussions were held on the 28 September 2023 with the Mayor, CEO, Councillor Michael and the LTC Coordinator.

**It was agreed that the CEO and Mayor to invite DJAG for a follow up meeting.**

### 5.2 Local Thriving Communities Advisory Committee Structure

The Mayor and the CEO briefed the LTC Advisory Committee on recent Council decisions on the structure of the LTC Advisory Committee. The Council has resolved to make no change to the existing Interim Hope Vale Local Thriving Communities Advisory Committee model. It will also, in due course, call expressions of interest from the Hope Vale community for appointment to the Interim Hope Vale Local Thriving Communities Advisory Committee

## 6 ITEMS OF BUSINESS

### 6.1 Education

Department of Education representatives to be invited to attend the meeting to discuss the following issues.

- Number of Hope Vale students enrolled in primary and secondary schooling,
- Attendance of Hope Vale School,
- Current supports for Hope Vale youth from the school etc,
- Opportunities that could support the students, and
- Barriers being experienced by the youth e.g. transitioning.

**It was agreed that invites to be sent to the Department of Education Mandy Whybird, LEEANNE RAYNER and Duncan Inglis Principal and Deputy Principal Cooktown P-12 State School to attend a scheduled meeting.**

### 6.2 Youth

Update on Youth Strategy- The Director of Social services Deborah Burke gave a brief overview of the Youth forum day and has confirmed that the action plan is currently being developed by Harbrow mentoring, once finalised she will present to Council and the LTC Advisory Committee at the next meeting.

### 6.3 Law and order

Nil

## 6.4 Employment

The CEO briefed the meeting on infrastructure initiatives being undertaken by Council with the aim of promoting employment opportunities within Hope Vale.

# 7 VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

## 7.1 CYAAA Hope Vale School

At 10.10 am, Year 6 students from CYAAA Hope Vale school were admitted to the meeting and presented a letter requesting support for the paying of hall hire fees for their upcoming graduation ceremony held Tuesday 28 November 2023.

**It was agreed that LTC funding meet the cost of Hall charges for the Year 6 graduation ceremony.**

## 7.2 School Infrastructure Program – Dept of Education

At 10.15 am Nathan Manu, Principal Planning Officer, Infrastructure Strategy and Service Planning, Infrastructure Services, Department of Education, Ric De Luca, Principal Planning Officer, Project Planning, Infrastructure Services, Department of Education, Damien Knight, Manager, Rural, Remote and Strategic Initiatives, Department of Education, and Donald Hayes, Manager Infrastructure Strategy were admitted to the meeting for discussions on the Dept of Education's School Infrastructure Program.

Donald Hayes gave a brief overview of how the Queensland government is investing in hundreds of infrastructure upgrades to improve schools across the state. The 'Great Schools, Great Future' program was announced as part of the 2020–21 State Budget and is delivering new and upgraded multipurpose halls and performing arts centres, refurbishment of existing school infrastructure, and local projects such as Outside School Hours Care, playground and fencing upgrades. As part of the 2022–23 State Budget, the Queensland Government announced \$43.2 million over 4 years for infrastructure renewal projects in 18 discrete Indigenous communities Hope Vale being one of the schools.

**It was agreed that the Education Department would keep Council and the LTC Advisory Committee briefed on the development of the program in relation to the School premises.**

# 8 GENERAL BUISNESS

## 8.1 Hope Vale Stake Holder Working Group Forums

The Advisory Committee to discuss a proposal for a series of Hope Vale Stake holder Working Group Forums to commence. It is proposed that these Forums will be undertaken in a joint sitting of the Advisory Committee and Councillors. It is envisioned that the Stakeholder Working Group Forum will be the commencement of collaboration between community and service providers working together to strengthen both the service provision

and allocation of vital resources to meet the needs of the Hope Vale community consistent with the objectives of Council and the Advisory Committee.

**It was agreed that this item be deferred until the investment mapping is received from the State Government.**

## **8.2 Christmas Activities**

Director of Social Services presented an overview to the LTC Advisory Committee of the Christmas events program leading up to Hope Vale Christmas events/activities. The program will start Sunday 3 December 2023 with Carols by candlelight at the church and will conclude on Thursday 7 December 2023 with Sunset with Santa for the children and a fireworks display.

**It was agreed that the following contributions be noted and endorsed by the LTC Advisory Committee –**

- School Culture and Learning Awards - 6 x \$50 Lure Shop Vouchers
- The cost of the hire of the Pioneer Hall for the School graduation ceremony - \$533
- Purchase of prizes as sponsorship of the 2023 Hope Vale Pig Hunt Competition - \$2500
- Fireworks for the Community Christmas Function - \$11,000
- Jumping Castle Amusements for the Community Christmas Function - \$8400

## **8.3 StatShot Profile**

Kerry-Lee Bird presented an overview of latest Hope Vale Statshot Profile prepared by the Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts.

**It was agreed that a copy be distributed to be distributed to members of the LTC Advisory Committee for confidential use.**

## **8.4 State Government Investment Mapping Update**

Kerry -Lee Bird advised the LTC Advisory Committee that the Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts is currently waiting for agencies to provide their final approval of the data, then they will need to determine the best process for distributing this information to Councils, LDMB and other stakeholders.

# **9 NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 23 January 2024

# **10 MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.06pm.