

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting 26 July 2023



Item 1: Meetings Attended

- CEO met with Sally Naughton (Assistant Director), Kerry Darbyshire (Lead FAM), Allison Piercy (FAM) from the Dept of Social Services in Hope Vale on 20 June 2023 in relation to CHSP funding and reporting arrangements.
- Mayor and CEO met with Sumant P Narula, Chief Financial Officer and representatives from Cape Flattery Silica Mines Pty Ltd in Hope Vale on 20 June 2023 in relation a proposed funding arrangement for the pool.
- Mayor, Councillors and CEO attended a Council Meeting in Hope Vale on 21 June 2023.
- CEO and Operations Manager received WHS Responsibility/Integrated WHS Management System Training in Hope Vale on 22 June 2022.
- CEO met (via a Teams Meeting) with Haleel Rane from the Premiers Department on 26 June 2023 to discuss a possible collaborative partnership with Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council, Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council and Cook Shire Council to take a proactive approach to addressing and preventing DFV and youth issues across the 3 local government areas.
- CEO met with Ross Contarino, Community Engagement Manager, NBN in Hope Vale on 27 June 2023 for discussions on recent NBN initiatives.
- CEO met with Scott Quail and Jane Franks from the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy in Hope Vale on 27 June 2023 for discussions on the potential implementation of a Digital Service Centre in Hope Vale
- CEO met with Elle Ackland, Manager, Workforce and Industrial Relations, Mary Lockton, Senior Member Engagement Officer, and Kim Driver, Manager, Governance and Advisory Services from the LGAQ in Hope Vale on 29 June 2023
- CEO and Director Finance and Corporate Services met with Tim Poole and Raechel Oleszek in Cairns on 3 July 2023 for discussions on the Hope Vale Housing Plan
- CEO and Director Finance and Corporate Services met with Jo Stephenson, Project Director, Strategy and Service Delivery, Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and representatives from PWC Indigenous Consulting (PIC) in relation to the Department's project reviewing and identifying opportunities to improve how Indigenous local governments:
 - 1) deliver, own, operate and maintain critical infrastructure (water and wastewater)

2) manage their corporate services functions (including finance, asset management, procurement, governance, and human resources).

- CEO attended the Torres and Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) meeting held in Cairns on 4&5 July 2023.
- CEO attended the LGMA Indigenous CEO's Forum held in Cairns on 7 July 2023.
- CEO attended the official opening of the Cape York Country University Centre in Cooktown on 10 July 2023.
- Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO met with the Hon Warren Entsch MP, Federal Member for Leichhardt in Hope Vale on 10 July 2023 for general discussion on federal government activities.
- Mayor and CEO met (via a Teams meeting) Chris Donovan and Sgt Ford from the Qld Police Service on 11 July 2023 for discussions on the proposed September 2023 Police Summit format changes and preparing an agenda for the Commissioner's panel discussion with Hope Vale.
- Mayor, CEO, Operations Manager and Building Supervisor Rick Ericson attended the Hope Vale Technical Working Group meeting (via a Teams Meeting) on 11 July 2023
- Mayor and CEO met with Rachel Cliffe and Josie Pickering from Telstra in Hope Vale on 12 July 2023.
- 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: Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) Inc - July 2023 Meeting

The Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) Inc met in Cairns on 4 and 5 July 2023. The meeting was attended by the CEO. The attached Meeting Communiqué (Attachment A) on the meeting is attached for Council information.

Recommendation:

That Council note the Meeting Communiqué on the Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) Inc meeting held in Cairns on 4 and 5 July 2023.

Item 3: Torres and Cape Health Care Commissioning Fund (TORCH)

Queensland Health have advised that it is committed to exploring whether bringing funding decisions closer to community under the establishment of a Torres and Cape Health Care

Commissioning Fund (TORCH) will help reform the current state of health care in the Torres and Cape regions.

Representatives from the TORCH project has addressed TCICA on various occasions since April 2021 and have advised that -

TORCH is to be a whole of population approach to health care, but with more than 70% of the population identifying as First Nations' peoples a place-based approach will require First Nation leadership

The project is aligned to the Hospital and Health Service boundaries which incorporates the LGAs of Aurukun, Cook, Hope Vale, Kowanyama, Lockhart River, Mapoon, Napranum Northern Peninsula Area, Pormpuraaw Torres Shire, Torres Strait, Weipa, and Wujal Wujal

TORCH seeks to maximise existing investment and to innovate the way in which health care services are funded, contracted and provided The ambition is to establish an independent entity responsible for commissioning health services across the region.

It will also provide an increased opportunity for communities in the region to influence decision making and investment decisions in health through improved shared partnerships and effective service delivery.

It is now proposed that TCICA Mayors sign a Statement of Intent to establish a Torres and Cape Health Care (TORCH) commissioning entity.

Recommendation:

That Council consider if it supports a proposed Statement of Intent to establish a Torres and Cape Health Care (TORCH) commissioning entity.

Item 4: 2023 LGAQ Conference Motions

The motions 2023 LGAQ Conference have been opened. Motions that have been passed as resolutions by councils are therefore requested to be submitted no later than Wednesday 9 August 2023. This will enable the LGAQ Agenda Committee to review all submitted motions and provide a Preliminary Agenda for member councils four (4) weeks prior to the commencement of Conference.

At both the recent Indigenous Leaders Forum and TCICA meeting, it was agreed that Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council would move the following motion –

That the LGAQ requests the State and Federal governments to

- investigate health service delivery to ensure appropriate integration with complementary services in First Nations communities including community-controlled health services*
- alter the roll out of “home dialysis” programs to include a more expansive “community dialysis” approach - to allow dialysis to take place in community in a safe environment more appropriate to a First Nations context.*
- consider community-led palliative care models to ensure First Nations peoples have their right to heal and seek end-of-life support on country.*

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the following motion for consideration at the 2023 LGAQ Conference –

That the LGAQ requests the State and Federal governments to

- investigate health service delivery to ensure appropriate integration with complementary services in First Nations communities including community controlled health services***

- alter the roll out of “home dialysis” programs to include a more expansive “community dialysis” approach - to allow dialysis to take place in community in a safe environment more appropriate to a First Nations context.***

- consider community-led palliative care models to ensure First Nations peoples have their right to heal and seek end-of-life support on country.***

Item 5 CEO Verbal Briefing

- Everlina Redevelopment
- Digital Centre
- Confirmation of next meeting date
- Tenure Opportunity - Admin Precinct
- LTC Meeting - 27 July 2023



**Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer
24 July 2023**