

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting 20 October 2022



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### Item 1: Meetings Attended

- Mayor, Councillors, and CEO attended the Council Meeting in Hope Vale on 20 September 2022.
- CEO met with Tim McGreen and June Pearson from Hopevale Congress Aboriginal Corporation in Hope Vale on 23 September 2022 in relation to their request for an office in Hope Vale.
- CEO on leave from 24 September 2022 until 9 October 2022.
- Mayor, Cr Bruce Woibo, Cr Alison Michael and CEO, attended a community meeting in Hope Vale on 10 October 2022 to discuss issues associated with recent anti-social behavior by a small number of youth in Hope Vale.
- CEO met with representatives of the Australian Electoral Office in Hope Vale on 10 October 2022 for discussions on the AEC - Indigenous Employment Participation Program (IEPP).
- CEO met with Peter Callaghan from Hopevale Congress in Hope Vale on 12 October 2022 for discussions on various issues including office accommodation, a deputation to a future Council meeting, quarry operations, etc.
- CEO and Director of Social Services met with Andy Bubb for discussions on future options for Aged Care Services in Hope Vale
- A number of other meetings were also held by the CEO in relation to various administration, organizational, staffing and tenure issues.

### Recommendation:

**That Council note the meetings attended by the CEO.**

### Item 2: Regional Growth Framework

The Regional Growth Framework is a coordinated approach by the State Government for the delivery of Regional Infrastructure Plans and statutory Regional Plans, aligned to key industries driving economic and industry growth. The State advises that this approach will support well-planned and liveable communities.

Under the Regional Growth Framework, seven Regional Infrastructure Plans will be delivered between 2022-2024. The delivery of the Regional Growth Framework in Far North Queensland (FNQ)

will be undertaken in three distinct and related phases that will build on one another: an economic strategy, a Regional Infrastructure Plan, and a review of the statutory Regional Plan. Attachment A provides an overview of the Regional Growth Framework.

FNQ Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) has developed and endorsed a set of expectations that its members have for the proposed FNQ Regional Plan (Attachment B)

**Recommendation:**

**That Council note the development of the Regional Growth Framework in Far North Queensland (FNQ) and the set of endorsed expectations from FNQ Regional Organisation of Councils.**

**Item 3: Hope Vale Multi-Purpose Centre**

The Hopevale Foundation has submitted the attached expression of interest (Attachment C) to lease the Hope Vale Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC).

There is merit in external organisations to Council delivering various programs and services as they are less constrained by the various regulatory and award requirements that need to be complied with by Council.

Council also needs to be satisfied that an external organisation has the capacity and ability to deliver the program or service.

However, such an arrangements need to

- be tightly formalized for the benefit of both parties,
- clearly outline the agreed deliverables and reporting arrangements, and
- identify financial costing, maintenance, and operational, arrangements etc

Should Council wish to pursue this arrangement, it is proposed that Council authorise the CEO to undertake further discussions with the Hope Vale Foundation with a view to developing a more detailed proposal for Council to consider.

The Hope Vale Foundation have also been advised that consideration of this proposal, should not hold up the delivery of good programs for the community. Accordingly, it has been suggested that that Hope Vale Foundation representatives hold discussions with Council's Social Services Director to ensure that (at an operational level) both Council's and the HV Foundation's programs not only complement one another, but also deliver better community outcomes.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council authorise the CEO to undertake further discussions with the Hope Vale Foundation with a view to developing a more detailed proposal for Council to consider.**

**Item 3: November 2022 Council Meeting**

The November 2022 Council Meeting is currently set down for Wednesday 16 November 2022 in Hope Vale. However, a Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) meeting has been set down

for Cairns on Tuesday 15 November 2022, followed by the Climate Economic Pathways Conference in Cairns 16 and 17 November 2022. The Mayors and CEOs of TCICA Councils have been invited by Director-General, Dr Chris Sarra from the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships to attend this conference. It brings together experts, academics, industry and community to focus on pathways for positive economic outcomes for Queensland's remote and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in responding to climate change.

**Recommendation:**

**That Council consider an alternate date for the November 2022 Council meeting**

**Steve Linnane**

**Chief Executive Officer**

**14 October 2022**