



Mayor's Message

*Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council's Mayor
Cr Jason Woibo's monthly message*

"I now know how cold it can get in our Nation's Capital, as I had the opportunity to travel to Canberra early this month with fellow Torres Cape Indigenous Council's Alliance (TCICA) Mayors and Councillors.

We met with Federal Government Ministers and Advisors and advocated on behalf of our Communities on a range of issues and particularly, the need for a joint Federal/State review of health and well-being in our communities and a review of the level of Federal Assistance Grants which is well over due for all councils. As a Member of TCICA, I can assure you these issues will be followed up to ensure our collective voice is not forgotten.

It was with great pleasure, I also welcomed the Mayor of Lockhart Aboriginal Shire Council, Wayne Butcher, to our community of Hope Vale. It had been some time since Wayne had visited Hope Vale and he was genuinely impressed with how we have grown into the Township we see today. I was quick to invite him back later this year after we have completed the 'Town Upgrade' works which are currently progressing. I am sure all readers will be looking forward to the completion of our Town Street and buildings upgrade and new amphitheatre on the corner of Muni and Theile Streets opposite the Church. We certainly will have to celebrate this milestone when all works are completed which is a credit to our staff and tradespeople involved.

I would also like to advise the Council, over the past few months, advertised a Tender the future operations of the Hope Vale Supermarket, Service Station and Café. In this past week, we finalised our assessment of the Tenders and I am pleased to announce, Island and Cape Enterprises, our current store operators, have been successful in being awarded a new lease of the current premises for the next 5+ years. The Council looks forward to continuing its close working relationship with Island and Cape for the benefit of all our community.

Finally, I would also like to recognise the success of the Cooktown & Cape York 2021 Expo. Congratulations to Mayor Scott and his team at Cook Shire Council for showcasing the attributes of our region, culture and hospitality. Council looks forward to contributing again to similar events in the future."

Mayor Cr Jason Woibo



Pictured above: Cr Wayne Butcher and Cr Jason Woibo