



# Mayor's Message

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

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Although much needed, it's good to finally see some sunshine across our township. This means a lot of grass-mowing will be happening over the coming days for both Council and residents!

It's been a busy time again for your Council. At the April meeting we received notice from Qld Audit Office on Council's interim annual audit report where no deficiencies were found. A strong governance and financial position is important for Council to be able to provide all the services available in our township and we thank the management team and staff for their efforts in this achievement.

Meetings held with the parents around children's anti-social behaviour has seemed to have a positive effect with a reduction in behavioural issues around township. Council is also in discussion with various relevant agencies regarding programs in this area.

Department of Sport and Recreation funding for PCYC activities has ended and Council has been notified it will cease on June 30th 2022. Council is trying to identify a pathway forward in this area and will keep you informed. It is important to keep up sport and recreational activities to maintain a healthy life.

Speaking of health, cases of COVID19 seems to be slowing in our township. Thanks to everyone for doing their bit to minimise the spread in the community. Please keep up to date with the new isolation rule changes where you now don't have to isolate if close a contact.

Congratulations to the two staff members at Nola's Place who recently completed their Certificate 111 in Children Services. This is a great achievement for the centre and community. Also to Lee-Ann Liddy and Carmen Pearson who have graduated with a Bachelor of Education recently. Well done to everyone.

Recently, Council were in Cairns at the Indigenous Leaders Forum coordinated by the LGAQ and I have an upcoming Brisbane trip with FNQ ROC with other regional Mayors to meet with Ministers to push our case on matters affecting our region and community. Increased commitment to housing will be a big part of these meetings.

Until next month. Stay safe.

**Mayor Jason Woibo**