



# Mayor's Message

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

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On behalf of my fellow Councillors, I am very pleased to present to you Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Councils Annual Report for the 2021-2022 reporting year.

As I reflect on the 2021-2022 financial year, I would like to recognise and thank everyone who has helped drive positive change in Hope Vale. As Councillors we are incredibly fortunate to have such a passionate and engaged community that provides invaluable encouragement, thoughts and ideas as we work together to contribute to a more connected Hope Vale.

I am encouraged by the achievements that have been accomplished for Hope Vale over the past 12 months. It shows not only the ability to do more, but a willingness to do more differently. If our main job was to be a platform where Council could effectively translate your ideas into an action, and more importantly an outcome, then I think we can be proud of the job we have done, not only in making decisions quickly and responsibly but remaining disciplined in our endeavors and focused on what matters most – the needs of Hope Vale. I am even more proud of the impact of these outcomes and of the opportunities to come. These opportunities saw Council transition into the new financial year with projects to support employment for years to come. The proof of this collective impact is contained within the pages of this report.

The Annual Report shows the range of services we deliver to the community. As the tier of government closest to the people, we do the things you see every day - our parks, roads, rubbish collection, building construction and street lighting. We provide services that care for our elders, provide care and learning environments for our children, support assisted living through the provision of daily meals, transport and personal care and support and connect NDIS clients with appropriate services. We provide facilities that generate economic growth for Hope Vale such as meeting rooms, a supermarket, retail spaces and a service station. We also do the things that are not so obvious, such as storm water systems, planning, public health control, water quality testing and regulatory compliance. Then we do some fun things, the swimming pool, the library, local radio broadcasting, the BMX track, the MPC football oval and provide gym equipment. There are also wonderful community driven events such as NAIDOC that continue to be assisted and supported by Council.

This work is important. It's important because it matters and it matters because it directly impacts and supports over 130 clients in Hope Vale who are our friends, our families and our children. Where extraordinarily dedicated Council employees who are also our friends, our families and children, have invested over 24,000 hours in delivering this support. It matters because it makes a difference in someone's life.

Then there are the big projects. With matched funding of \$1.0M from Hope Vale Council we commenced works on Hope Vales \$2.0M Community and Cultural Park which will transform our main street, we completed the \$1.41M bitumen seal extension of Elim Beach Road, we finalised \$1.16M in upgrade works on the buildings and facilities that support the delivery of our care services and a further \$1.31M in the provision of this support. This investment will serve Hope Vale for years to come. Currently we are still progressing works on projects with a total value of over \$6.1M that aim to support critical roads infrastructure, service delivery and social infrastructure.



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You can read more in the Annual Report document which can be found on Council's website [here](#).

On behalf of my fellow Councillors, I would like to say a big thanks to Council's finance director Shannon Gibbs and her team for the huge amount of work that goes into keeping our finances in top shape and for the high level of reporting and financial management.

Until next month. Stay safe.

**Mayor Jason Woibo**

