



# Mayor's Message

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

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Today I'm writing from Parliament House in Brisbane where, along with fellow Mayors, I have spent the last two days talking to and meeting with Ministers as part of the Far North Qld Regional Organisation of Councils delegation. We have had meetings about issues and opportunities for Councils, taking a united stance on representing the region. Of course, for our township, housing is one of the main priorities, along with road access and regionally, water.

With many of the old people who were part of the evacuation to Woorabinda 80 years ago having left us, it was a moving commemoration that was held last week. It's important that through those who are still with us, to keep the memories and stories alive. So, it was also good to see the activities that were held at the school to remind and teach the school children about what happened. I understand that there may be opportunity to make the learnings part of Hope Vale school's curriculum going forward, which would be a positive step. Thank you to all who were involved and who attended the services and activities to mark the special occasion.

I recently attended the opening of the Dreaming Track and Rangers huts. This is important for our community across many levels including jobs and training, economic development and tourism. Well done to all involved. Looking forward to seeing the team out and about on Country.

The Federal election has been won by Labor and we have a new Prime Minister in Anthony Albanese. I'd like to acknowledge the return of Warren Entsch as the Member for Leichardt. Council is looking forward to working with Mr Entsch on the promised airport re-sealing as well as other projects Council identifies as important going forward.

Community members will notice the work on the amphitheatre / culture park is well on its way. There's something different going on each day and when the project is finished there'll be a place for arts, culture and entertainment for our community. Thanks to all who are working on the project.

Special mention for this month goes to the deadly parks and gardens boys for the way they keep the community clean and tidy. I continuously receive comments from Ministers, visitors and others who are travelling in and through the community about how great the town looks. It makes me feel really proud when I hear these comments and it's down to the work of that team. So a big thank you.

Until next month. Stay safe.

**Mayor Jason Woibo**



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On Wednesday during our visit we were also able to meet with the Premier to talk to her about our issues. I thank the Premier for her time and hope our discussions will result in actions across our region.

