



# Mayor's Message

*Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council's Mayor*

*Cr Jason Woibo's monthly message*

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October has been a busy month for Council with one of the Council's major projects being the review of the Alcohol Management Plan (AMP) and of Council's Community Safety Plan (CSP). Consultations have been happening during October with stakeholders, focus groups and through a survey.

We've had a good response, so far to the survey, and we are looking forward to the Community Consultation session to be held on Monday 2 November at the Council meeting rooms. We want you to come in anytime between 2 and 6 pm to have your say and give us your feedback.

Council wants to make sure our community is safe and that we have ways to promote a healthy culture and attitude to alcohol. We don't want to see sly grogging, binge-drinking and home brew become a big problem here.

The main objective of the State Government's renewed approach to alcohol management in our Community is to make sure individuals are safe and the community is self-empowered to manage and reduce alcohol-related harm.

The outcome could include a Tavern with restricted hours and a restaurant. We want your views if alcohol carriage limits are to be kept and revised but that depends on resident's input and feedback during the community consultations.

I hope to see you at the Community Consultation session on Monday 2 November. We need your help to get this right for our township.

Also this month, Councillors and CEO attended the Local Government Association (LGAQ) Qld Annual conference. This was a first time for most of our Councillors, including myself. It was a beneficial experience where we were able to speak to other Councils and have input into policy affecting Queensland Councils for the next year. COVID19 had a big impact across the State and there was plenty of discussion on community resilience, particularly leading into the storm season.

I am also on the LGAQ's Policy Executive and therefore I attend meetings with 9 other Mayors from around the Queensland to discuss major policy issues impacting on Councils and certainly when those issues effect Indigenous Councils. I look forward to continuing to represent our Community at these LGAQ Executive Meetings into the future.

Until next month, stay safe.

**Mayor Cr Jason Woibo**