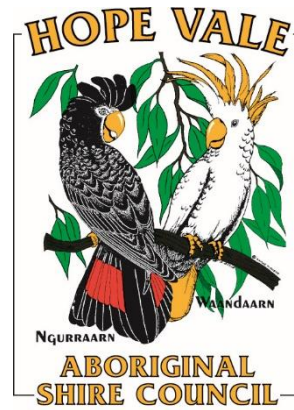


OPERATIONS MANAGER

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting: 16th February 2021



Item 1: Building & Construction

Item 1.1 Once Off Federal Housing Allowance

Plans currently undergoing review/approval process with The Department of Housing:

54 Poland Street

61 Wenke Street

93 Rose Street

7 Flierl Street

20 Flierl Street

Item 2: Civil Construction

Item 2.1 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement Activation

Due to damage received as a result of the widespread rainfall from Ex-Tropical Cyclone Tiffany, Hope Vale Council will participate in the associated regional DRFA Activation request. Damage assessments will be made when all road assets are accessible.

Item 3: Essential Services

Item 3.1 Daily Testing

Routine daily water testing, and weekly third-party water testing results indicate there are no current issues with water quality or capacity. Town water is of a safe and drinkable water standard.

No issues with sewerage.

Rainfall Total January – 569mm

Rainfall Total February as at 11/02/2022 – 215mm

Item 4: Animal Management – Horses

Item 4.1 Horses

There are increasing numbers of Horses coming into community. This has resulted in a number of incidents whereby Council's animal management worker has had to treat injured horses from human and dog attacks, and or remove dead foals as a result of these attacks. There is also the

health risk associated with increasing horse manure across public spaces coming into contact with residents.

Council has requested Operations to explore fencing options for the township to mitigate horses and cattle coming into the Hope Vale residential area. This investigation was based on utilising sections of previously existing fence lines surrounding Hope Vale Community.

Operations identifies the following minimum requirements to mitigate stock wandering into the community; 3.8km of 3 strand fencing and associated fittings, posts and materials, and 5 prefabricated cattle grids landed and installed.

Cost estimate total - \$208,428.00

Operations and Animal Management have also commenced investigations into the following options for Council to consider;

Option A – Hope Vale Foundation is approached to negotiate use of the Ex-Banana Farm for relocating of horses with the consent of owners. Hope Vale foundation are yet to be approach as to whether this would be an acceptable proposal. Furthermore, there would be costs associated with securing the land parcel to ensure re-located stock do not escape.

Option B – Operations organises the QLD Stock Inspectorate to visit Hope Vale to provide an educational information session, covering the responsibilities of Stock owners to Hope Vale residents that claim ownership of horses and cattle. Council will then release a public notice for the requirement of stock owners to remove their stock from the township to a secure holding yard. After a grace period of 3 months Council engage a contractor to come in periodically and remove any stray unmarked horses from the shire.

Recommendation

That Council engage the stock inspectorate for educational purposes, rollout of a public information campaign, followed by compliance and removal if necessary of stray horses from inside the township.

Item 4.2 – Dogs

There has been an increase of stray dogs in the central town area (Muni Street), and increasing instances of animals suffering from mange and poor health. Council Animal Management Worker continues to treat unhealthy animals when found. The problem remains that stray dogs are continuing to make their way into the supermarket and business precinct either following owners to work or in the search of food during store operating hours.

Operations is currently investigating a previous joint partnership with COOK Shire to explore options inside an MOU that would utilise Cook Shire's dog catching services and local pound. Meetings to discuss this matter are scheduled for late February.

Operations will report back to Council for the March meeting to consider any resolutions or plans utilising Cook Shire services including a community education and feedback campaign prior to engaging in any animal removal.

Item 5: Other Current Projects

Item 5.1 Indigenous Councils Critical Infrastructure Program (ICCIP) Projects

Filtration on two existing unused bores (PB 2 & PB3) –Operations has applied for a variation to have

the construction phase of the project cancelled.

Cleaning of Primary Pond at sewerage plant – 100% to be acquitted

Solar Installation at Treatment Plant – 100% To be acquitted

New Depot Fuel bowser and tank array – 80% complete

Item 5.2 Works 4 Queensland 2021/2024

Value: \$1,300,000.00

- **Mclvor Rd Seal** 50% Complete, Road formation underway. No further work until post wet season.
- **MPC Field Upgrade** Operations to apply for additional funding under the Indigenous Local Government Sustainability Program (ILGSP) Round 3 funding program.
- **Council Asset Management Program** 5% complete Minor works underway. Major works to commence in 2022.

Item 5.3 Building Our Regions (BOR) Round 5 – Hope Vale Township Community and Cultural Park

Value: \$2,000,000.00 – 50/50 Funded by BOR5 & Council

An Extension of time has been approved through to September 2022.

- Blockwork for Public Toilets complete
- Core fill for toilets complete
- Front slab complete
- Steelwork underway
- Steel Fabrication tender awarded and works underway

Item 5.4 ATSI TIDS Helipad Upgrade – Contractor engaged, design and survey complete. Works to commence early 2022.

Item 5.5 Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund (QRRRF) Heavy Vehicle Connection – Road formation complete. Culverts installed, headwalls complete. Road to be sealed post wet season in conjunction with Mclvor Rd.

Item 6: 2022 Funding Application Proposals

Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund (QRRRF) 22 – 24

- Concrete causeway installation at the Dip on Elim Beach Rd, 300m east of Alligator Creek Rd turn-off.
- Bitumen Seal of the remaining unsealed Heavy Vehicle Bypass (concrete Batch Plant to Elim Beach Rd).

Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Betterment Funding

- Bitumen Seal of remaining unsealed Mclvor Road from sandy creek bridge to Mclvor river road end.

Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program (RAU) R9

- Upgrade of existing aerodrome to meet recommendations made under the CASA Annual Aerodrome Safety Report including a potential seal upgrade if feasible.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the submission of the following funding proposals;

- ***Concrete Causeway on Elim Beach Road Dip***
- ***Bitumen Seal of Heavy Vehicle Bypass***
- ***Bitumen Seal of Mclvor Road***
- ***Upgrade of Hope Vale Aerodrome***

Security Patrol Investigation

The previous contractor engaged by Council to deliver security services has informed Operations that they require a 12 month engagement contract before being able to accept any further work.

Operations, CEO and Hope Vale Police are currently exploring alternative security options and associated costs for Council to consider. Council will be informed of all potential options once investigations are complete and budget estimates finalised.

Recommendation

That Council notes the Operations Manager report