

OPERATIONS MANAGER

## COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022



### Item 1: Building & Construction

#### **Item 1.1 Once Off Federal Housing Allowance**

Of the 12 properties included in the program the following addresses are currently undergoing the second phase of the design review/approval process with the Department of Housing:

**54 Poland Street**  
**61 Wenke Street**  
**93 Rose Street**  
**7 Flierl Street**  
**20 Flierl Street**  
**38 Poland Street**  
**49 Poland Street**  
**109 Rose Street**

The following properties are still in the design phase:

**24 Flierl Street**  
**111 Rose Street**  
**51 Poland Street**  
**79 Kernich Street**

#### **Item 1.2 Airconditioning at Transitional Houses**

The previous Council endorsed the funding and installation of Airconditioning units at the transitional houses on Keller street.

Qbuild's directive is that the air-conditioners were installed as the Council's initiative and any repairs are council's responsibility. The units are of an age whereby they are beginning to experience maintenance and repair requirements, and job cards are being logged and denied as tenants request to have the units repaired.

Council need to consider if the air-conditioners installed are repaired/maintained on behalf of tenants at cost to the council, or notify Qbuild that this would be at cost to the tenant.

***Recommendation: That Council notify Qbuild that any air-conditioner repairs inside the Keller Street transitional homes are at cost to the tenant.***

## **Item 2: Essential Services**

### **Item 2.1 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.

## **Item 3. Pest / Animal Management**

### **Item 3.1. Local Dog Management Update**

Animal Management have scheduled to complete a community wide census inside a Systematic Inspection Program. The census is a KPI requirement for the Animal Management Funding Program, and will provide council with data regarding dog and cat populations and general health across the community.

***Recommendation: Council endorse a systematic inspection program of properties within the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council's jurisdiction in accordance with Section 133 of the Local Government Act 2009.***

***The properties to be included in the Systematic Inspection Program are to be designated in the town area for animal management purposes in order to monitor compliance with the requirements of the Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008, more specifically dog registration and dog numbers per residence.***

***The systematic Inspection Program will be conducted between the hours of 8am and 5pm on weekdays, commencing on Monday May 30th 2022 and concluding Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> 2022.***

### **Item 3.2. Horse Management Update**

Operations is currently in discussion with Bio-security, the QLD Stock Inspectorate, QLD Tropical Health and FNQROC regarding assistance in implementing a public education campaign including Stakeholder visits, educational material, recommendations, and registration services for live stock and in particular horse ownership.

Additionally, Operations Department is further exploring funding options with the assistance of MyPathways to fund the construction of fencing and cattle grids around the Hope Vale township to further control wandering stock as has been previously discussed with Council.

MyPathway is investigating opportunities and access to capital funding through Community Owned Enterprise and the Warren Entsch Office.

Operations will make Council aware as the horse management discussion, action plan, and fencing project further develops.

## **Item 4: Other Current Projects**

### **Item 4.1 Indigenous Councils Critical Infrastructure Program (ICCIP) Projects**

**Design of Filtration on two existing unused bores (PB 2 & PB3) – 100% To be acquitted**

**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 – 95% complete**

**Data Digitization** – 60% complete

**Soft starter installation across Bore field** – 20% Complete

#### **Item 4.2 Works 4 Queensland 2021/2024**

Value: \$1,300,000.00

**Mclvor Rd Seal** 60% Complete, Road formation underway. Seal treatment programmed for late May.

**MPC Field Upgrade** Council has been advised that additional funding (\$127,456.00) under the Indigenous Local Government Sustainability Program (ILGSP) Round 3 funding program has been approved. Works to commence in July 2022.

The total value of the project is now \$277,456.00. The project will see the MPC field upgraded to a regional NRL standard so that Hope Vale can host regional games. Works will include; automated reticulation, field fencing, field leveling, treatment and topping, grass seeding, drainage and spectator mound alterations.

**Council Asset Management Program** 15% complete Minor works underway. Major works to commence in 2022. Jason Williams has been employed as the Project Manager/Building Supervisor to deliver identified Asset Management projects.

#### **Item 4.3 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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023, although program estimates have the project being completed by October/November 2022.

- Steel for main shelter/stage fabricated
- Footings for Shelter/stage complete
- Electrical rough in for stage complete
- Steel fabrication for Toilets complete
- Procurement for roof contract underway

**Item 4.4 ATSI TIDS Helipad Upgrade** – There will be major civil works being undertaken inside the aerodrome programmed for May, it has been recommended from Aerodrome Management Services (Council Aerodrome Consultant) that the Aerodrome be closed unless for emergency purposes. Works are programmed to take 4 weeks, commencing the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2022. Operations will notify relevant authorities including the Royal Flying Doctors, QLD Health, and QLD Education. A public notification will also be put on face book and the HVASC Web page.

**Recommendation: That Council close the Aerodrome for 4 weeks commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2022.**

**Item 4.5 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. Estimated late May.

**Item 4.6 LRCIP Round 2 – Shade works at MPC Playground and BMX track Upgrade** – Concrete works around playground complete. Procurement underway for a BMX track designer/contractor. Shade shelter, seating and bin enclosure ordered for the BMX track.

#### **Item 4.7 Council Chambers and Office Extension**

Works underway. The Hope Vale Boiler making contractor is currently fabricating steel for the sub-structure. Once steel complete, footings and posts to be constructed.

#### **Item 5: Other Matters**

##### **Item 5.1 Church Ground Request**

The St John's Lutheran Church has formally requested assistance from Council to remove the foxtail Palm trees, raised garden beds, and level off so there are no hinderances or blockages to a church front photo of the congregation celebrating the 80 year church anniversary.

***Recommendation: Council endorse the Parks & Gardens Department to assist the Church in providing:***

- a) support to remove the raised garden beds, level off ground works and remove green waste, including plant and personnel free of charge.***

##### **Item 5.2 Reef Guardian – Cape York Marine Advisory Committee (LMAC)**

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority is advised on Marine Park management issues at a local level by voluntary community-based committees called Local Marine Advisory Committees.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority has identified regional locations Local Marine Advisory Committees can be formed to provide a forum for stakeholders to discuss issues and provide locally specific input into Marine Park management arrangements.

The Cape York Local Marine Advisory Committee (LMAC) region extends from Bloomfield River in the south to the top of Cape York. It includes the catchments of the Endeavour and Annan Rivers and the Normanby, Morehead and North Kennedy Rivers (which drain into Princess Charlotte Bay), Stewart, Lockhart, Pascoe and Olive Rivers.

With an east coast focus, the Cape York LMAC provides a forum for individuals and local groups with an interest in managing the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Cooktown is the administrative centre for the large Cook Shire however there are a number of smaller but significant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities within the Cape York LMAC region including Wujal Wujal, Hope Vale, Laura, Coen/Port Stewart, Lockhart River and communities in the Northern Peninsula Area (Bamaga, Injinoo and Seisia).

Members representing the Hope Vale Community inside the Cape York LMAC have extended an invite to Council, and or any councillors that wish to participate and join the committee as a member or representative.

***Recommendation: Council to consider if any of the councillors wish to nominate becoming a member/representative of the Cape York Local Marine Advisory Committee .***

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***Recommendation: That Council notes and endorses the Operations Manager report***

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Gene Brookes  
Operations Manager

12/04/2022