

ALLIANCE OF  
GUUGU YIMITHIRR  
PEOPLE

8 March 2021

Dear Mayor Woibo and Council,

**RE: Update of AGYP**

We write to update you on the progress of the AGYP Working Group as we note the Council's absence from the last meeting on 11 February, and it's important your valued support and participation continues.

Planning for the Community Action Forum is underway and will take place over three days this week, 9-10-11 March. As planned since November, this Community Forum aims to inform all Hope Vale bama of the opportunity to build a structure with opportunities for all families to be engaged in community planning and priority setting, for their voice to influence service delivery, and our direct negotiations with the Australian Government.

A writing workshop with a small group of local people is being held this week to draft the Local Partnership Agreement, which will take into account all of the Working Group discussions and ideas to achieve broad and inclusive representation and a nomination/selection process to the satisfaction of Guugu Yimithirr People.

This AGYP model and draft Agreement will be the central focus of the Community Forum. There will be workshop sessions to inform, unpack, and debate its contents. It would be reworked and presented back to the community within a few weeks.

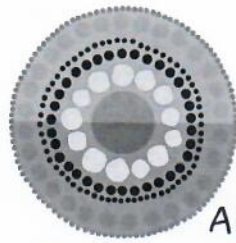
Mayor and Councillors, we all share a desire to bring power back to local hands. We want our community to lead, not to be led or coerced by governments and bureaucrats like decades past. We want to be in the driver's seat. The collaboration of community, clan, cultural and family leaders is most desired for the good of all our futures, especially our children.

At the last meeting we appointed Local Backbone officers and wish to discuss the possibility of the funding for these positions to be auspiced through the Council. Could this please be discussed at your next Council meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March.

In other news, a letter has been written in support of the Preston Campbell Foundation and liaison with the Commonwealth is underway. A second letter has been written to the Queensland Police Commissioner in support of our local Sergeant who seeks PLOs to help restore law and order. We attach the two letters for reference.

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We understand the commitments and many hats worn by the Mayor and Councillors in Hope Vale so appreciate your time considering this letter. With your support we would be pleased to provide an update on the work of the AGYP at monthly Council meetings. The 17 March meeting would be timely to provide feedback on the Community Forum and the value input from the people of Hope Vale.

We look forward to working together in the future.

Yours sincerely,

The Working Group- Alliance of Guugu Yimithirr People