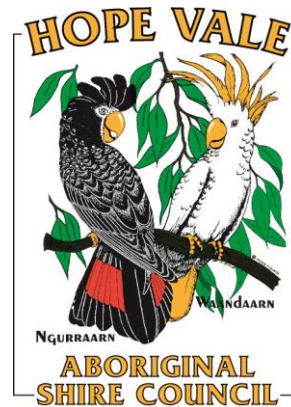


CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting 15 June 2022



Item 1: Meetings Attended

- Mayor, Councillor Michael, CEO and Operations Officer and the CEO attended the opening of the Gamaay Dreaming Track and Gamaay Ranger Base on 19 May 2022.
- CEO met with CEO Duncan Taylor and Director Equity & Engagement, Chris Ronan from Country Universities Centre in Hope Vale on 24 May 2022 for discussions in relation to the proposed Country Universities Centre Study Hub in Cooktown.
- CEO and Director of Finance and Corporate Services met (via teleconference) with Federal Government representatives from the Department of Social Services on 25 May 2022 for discussions in relation to the Department's offer of a CHSP funding agreement variation for the 2022-23.
- CEO and Director of Finance and Corporate Services attended a HR Forum - 'Attraction and Retention - Finding Solutions' presented by Peak Services in Cairns on 26 May 2022.
- CEO attended the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) Board Meeting in Cairns on 2 June 2022.
- CEO participated in a teleconference of the Regional Aged Care Services Working Group on 3 June 2022.
- CEO met with Acting Sergeant Damian Porter in Hope Vale on 8 June 2022 for discussions on the Multi-Purpose Sports Centre.
- CEO and Operations Manager met (via teleconference) on 8 June 2022 with various members of the team developing the Hope Vale Regional Waste Plan
- Mayor, CEO and Director Social Services met with Kerry-Lee Bird, Manager – Cape, Cape and Torres and Cairns and Hinterland Regions, Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships in Hope Vale on 9 July 2022
- CEO met with Inspector Mark Henderson, Queensland Police Service in Hope Vale on 9 June 2022.
- CEO met with Ross Contarino, Community Engagement Manager, nbn Local in Hope Vale on 10 June 2022 in relation to the provision of free Wi-Fi at the new Pavilion in Muni Street.
- A number of other meetings were also held by the CEO in relation to various administration, organizational, staffing and tenure issues.

Recommendation:

That Council note the meetings attended by the CEO.

Item 2: Code of Conduct for Advisory Committee Members Policy

As Council has recently endorsed the creation of an advisory committee appointed by Council pursuant to section 264(1)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, it is considered prudent that Council should also adopt a Code of Conduct for its members. Both Councillors and Council employees operate under Codes of Conduct.

The proposed Code of Conduct for Advisory Committee Members (Attachment A) sets out standards of behaviour aimed at helping Advisory Committee Members understand how the principles and values are put into practice while performing their role to provide advice and recommendations to Council. Each standard of behaviour is not intended to cover every possible scenario. However, they provide general guidance about the manner in which Advisory Committee Members are expected to conduct themselves. It is important to note that the principles, values and standards set out in the Code of Conduct are of equal importance.

The behavioural standards in the proposed Code of Conduct for Advisory Committee Members relate to, and are consistent with, the local government principles and their associated values.

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the Code of Conduct for Advisory Committee Members Policy attached to the Chief Executive Officers report.

Item 3: Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) Mayoral Delegation

On 24 and 25 May 2022, the Mayor participated in a Delegation with other Mayors from the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils to the State Parliament to advocate for those priority FNQROC projects.

Attached to this report (Attachment B) is the Advocacy report prepared by FNQROC on the Mayoral Delegation

Recommendation:

That Council receive and note the FNQROC Advocacy Report on the Mayoral Delegation to State Parliament on 24 and 25 May 2022.

Item 4: Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) Board Meeting – June 2022

The Board meeting for the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils was undertaken on 2 June 2022. A copy of the unconfirmed Minutes are attached (Attachment C). Topics discussed included –

- Rivers to Reef Climate Resilience Alliance Pilot – a request to create a technical committee under FNQROC was supported in principle subject to some further information.
- Presentation provided by the Privacy and Information Commissioner
- North Queensland State Alliance – which gave a constitutional history lesson which was quite informative

- Ms Fiona Simpson attended the meeting and provided some updates from the State Opposition
- Potential LGAQ motions for FNQROC Support
- Endorsement of the Wet Tropics and Hinterland to Gulf Regional Resilience Strategies

Also included for Council's information is a copy of FNQROC e-news (Attachment D)

Recommendation:

That Council note the unconfirmed Minutes of the June Meeting of the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils Board and the FNQROC e-News.

Item 5: Interim Hope Vale Local Thriving Communities Advisory Committee

The State Government has recognised that the establishment of the Interim Hope Vale Local Thriving Communities Advisory Committee on 16 March 2022 was a significant step towards bringing decision-making closer to the Hope Vale local level. A key principle of the State Government's LTC implementation is for each community to determine membership and structure of a local group, and for this group to engage directly with government as well as continuing to engage within their community to ensure that what is being progressed in partnership with government is representative of community's collective vision and aspirations.

Through LTC the Queensland Government seeks to build on a community's strengths, embracing existing leadership structures to enable local LDMBs that will:

- influence and co-design and delivery of services;
- ensure investment makes their community stronger; and
- maximise opportunities for local service and industry partnerships.

Council Officers have been undertaking ongoing discussions with the State Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships outlining the Council's lack of capacity to take on the important coordination role associated with the implementation of this initiative.

On 9 June 2022 the State Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships advised that it had approved an LTC Grant of \$100,000 to provide support of the work at the local level to enable the successful operation and coordination for Hope Vale's Interim LDMB

Recommendation:

That Council note the State Government's funding to provide support of the work at the local level to enable the successful operation and coordination for Hope Vale's Interim LDMB.

Steve Linnane

Chief Executive Officer

13 June 2022