

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting 18 May 2022



Item 1: Meetings Attended

- Mayor, Councillors, and the CEO attended the Council Meeting held in Hope Vale on 20 April 2022.
- CEO participated in a teleconference of the Regional Aged Care Services Working Group on 22 April 2022
- CEO met with Kathrina Southwell from the National Recovery and Resilience Agency in Hope Vale on 22 April 2022 for discussions on the role of the Agency
- CEO participated in an FNQ District Disaster Management teleconference on 22 April 2022 for a briefing on the COVID-19 situation across the TCHHS footprint including vaccination rates.
- Mayor, Councillors Bruce Woibo, Keithean Bowen, and Barry Bowen, and the CEO attended the Local Government Association of Qld Indigenous Leaders Forum in Cairns on 27 and 28 April 2022.
- CEO, Director Finance and Corporate Services, and Director Social Services met (via teleconference) with Andy Bubb and Deb D'Costa from Remote and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Service Development Assistance Panel (SDAP) on 6 May 2022 to progress the review of Council's Aged Care Services function.
- Mayor and CEO met with Brian Arley from ABT Associates, in Hope Vale on 9 May 2022. The firm has been tasked by the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DSDSATSIP) to conduct a review of Family Responsibilities Commission. Mr Arley was accompanied by Kerry Lee Bird from DSDSATSIP.
- Mayor and CEO attended Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) meeting in Cooktown on 10 and 11 May 2022.
- Mayor, Cr Keithean Bowen, CEO, and Director Social services met with Chris Coutts and John Buttigieg from Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport in Hope Vale on 12 May 2022 for discussions in relation to the Queensland Governments decision to cease funding of the Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program (ICSRP) after 30 June 2022 and transitioning to the Indigenous Community Sport and Recreation Program (ICSRP).

- CEO participated in an FNQ District Disaster Management teleconference on 12 May 2022 for a briefing on the COVID-19 situation across the TCHHS footprint including vaccination rates.
- Mayor and CEO met with David Kempton Chair and CEO Sonja Johnson, Regional Development Australia Tropical North Inc. in Hope Vale 16 May 2022.
- 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: Hope Vale Aged Care Services

As previously advised, Council's Executive team is currently undertaking a review of the Aged Care Services that are provided by Council. This work is being undertaken in conjunction with Andy Bubb and Deb D'Costa from Remote and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care Service Development Assistance Panel (SDAP)

The aim is to develop a Plan for council consideration, that identifies the strategic direction and organisational structure of our aged care services that provides objectives and clear, achievable targets for operations.

The review is necessary to ensure that the following factors are addressed -

- Increased levels of compliance in the Aged Care industry
- Abolition of the CHSP and the introduction of the new Support at Home Program on 1 July 2023. The new program will support senior residents to remain independent and in their own homes for longer. Support at Home will reform the delivery of in-home aged care. This includes assessment, provider funding, and regulation of the market. Support at Home will put a greater focus on reablement and restorative care. It will provide more clarity to senior Hope vale residents and providers with individualised support plans and clear service inclusions.
- The opportunity for economies of scale for Council's through the joint operation of the Aged Care Hostel and the proposed Support at Home Program that will hopefully deliver a better range of aged care services to the Hope Vale community

Recommendation:

That Council note that the Chief Executive Officer and members of the Executive Leadership Team are undertaking a review of the Council's Aged Care services with a view to submitting a Plan to Council for consideration within the next few months.

Item 3: Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) Meeting

Mayor and CEO participated in a Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) Inc meeting in Cooktown on 10 and 11 May 2022. A Communique on the meeting has been distributed by the Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance and attached for Council's reception and noting (Attachment A). Quite a number of attendees at the meeting took the opportunity to visit Hope Vale, including representatives from Kowanyama, Mapoon, and Weipa Town Authority.

Recommendation:

That Council receive and note the Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance Communique for the Meeting held on 10 and 11 May 2022.

Item 4: Silica Sand Mining Proposals

There are a number of silica sand mining projects currently being proposed within the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council area, including proposals from Metallica Minerals Limited and Diatreme Resources. Assessment of these proposals will be undertaken by the relevant State and Federal Government Agencies. Council's statutory involvement will be limited to assessing development applications under its Planning Scheme should applications need to be assessed. Assessment of these applications (if applicable) are required to be in accordance the Planning scheme and based on good planning principals. Applicants (and objectors) have the rights to appeal Council's planning decisions through the court process.

Although Council will not be the approving authority for the mining proposals, it is considered important that Council maintains a dialogue with both the mining companies and the State and Federal governments to ensure that

- the community's concerns in relation to the proposals are raised, and
- should the mining proposal be approved then the benefits to Hope Vale community are maximised.

Recommendation:

That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to continue discussions with the sand mining companies and the relevant Government Agencies in relation to the silica sand mining projects currently being proposed within the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council area

Steve Linnane

Chief Executive Officer

16 May 2022