

HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

AUGUST 2023 MONTHLY SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT



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Summary of Current Activities

- Review of Quality Improvement Plan for Aged Care Hostel – *Ongoing*
- Review of Continuous Improvement Plan for George Bowen Memorial Kindergarten - *Ongoing*
- Review of Quality Improvement Plan for Nola's Place – *Ongoing*
- Review of Quality Improvement Plan for Commonwealth Home Support Program – *Ongoing*
- Review of Policy and Procedures for Aged Care Hostel and Commonwealth Home Support Programme - *Ongoing*
- Review Policy and Procedures for George Bowen Memorial Kindergarten - *Ongoing*
- Review Policy and Procedures for Nola's Place - *Ongoing*
- On-going Monitoring Outbreak Management Plan for Aged Care
- Facilities Maintenance – Works orders and register are continuously updated to ensure the continuity of all services

Grant Funding – Agreements

2023 Indigenous Languages Grants ILG2023

Application Form Application No. ILG2023-088

Application submitted 26 June 2023

Indigenous Broadcasting and Media Program

The Indigenous Broadcasting and Media Program has been extended for a further 2 years. Funding for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2025 will be \$222,860.00.

Discussion with funding body to review the current funding amount.

Further discussion

Current Projects

Hope Vale Youth Engagement Strategy

Planning has commenced to review the Hope Vale Youth Engagement Strategy. The workshop is scheduled for the 27th September 2023 which will involve key stakeholders and Hope Vale Youth participants.

Further consultation is in progress

Machinery Training and Certification

Hope Vale Engagement Program currently accessing 10 potential candidates who must be vetted accordingly due to risks associated with using heavy machinery use. Date confirmed for the 9th – 13th October 2023 at Normanby Station.

- Preferably 17 years and older target group
- Be engaged in Youth activities
- Youth Engagement to provide supervisory staff to oversee participants during the day and evenings

Further consultation is in progress

Hope Vale Community Market

Expression of Interest provided to the Hope Vale Community in relation to the Hope Vale Market. Expression of Interest sourced however no official application received. Director of Social Services will provide support to any enquiries received.

Recommendation that Council support the initiation of the Hope Vale Markets to be hosted last Saturday of every month from 7am – 3pm. This event to be hosted at the Cultural Park.

Community Events

AFLCY Boys House – Camp Tour

AFLCY Boys House with Council permission would like to come into Hope Vale and connect more widely with Hope Vale community and enterprises. AFL Staff will reach out individually to Elim Beach camp ground to book their accommodation.

Amanda has advised that with some consultation with some Hope Vale connections; people living in Cairns, they have begun thinking about how to organise our full house camp, over a 3 day and 3 night period (31/8 – 3/9).

The aim of the camp is to allow the young Hope Vale / AFLCYBH boys to be proud of their community. The boarding school host young people come from the Torres Strait, Cape York and Northern Territory. The boys have recommended swimming at Isabella falls, spearing and fishing along coloured sands.

The camp will see 30-45 young people and approximately 5-7 staff attend.

AFLH are particularly interested in:

- Welcome to Country at the Tree of Knowledge or Council
- Practical activities such as:
 - Spear making (Trevor Gibson)
 - Horse work and dog work (Lillian and Richard Bowen)
 - Cave painting tours (Wilfred Gordon)

Further consultation is in progress

Future Immortals Tour Cook Region 6-10 September 2023

Anticipation is building for the Arthur Beetson Foundation Future Immortals Tour that will make its way through Hope Vale, Cooktown and Wujal Wujal from 6-10 September. More than 20 of the nations most treasured rugby league stars will participate in activities that encourage communities to live well, play well and be well. A partnership between Gungarde Community Centre,

Hope Vale Foundation, My Pathway and Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council has curated the events. The program provides opportunities that will empower communities to be happier, healthier and more productive and are excited to mix with the community, explore some of the beautiful local sites and take part in some amazing activities. And, of course we're keen to play some football with players from the region. Civoniceva will be joined by other big sporting names including Brenton Bowen, Nathan Blacklock and Willie Tonga to name a few. Over four days the players will be participating in smoking ceremonies, school and community appearances, cultural activities, coaching clinics, exhibition matches and fundraising events. A full list of events can be found at abffit.com.au.

Social Services Department REPORT

Nola's Place Child Care Centre

Nola's Place Child Care Centre is licensed for twenty – nine (29) children fulltime. (0 to 2 years – 8 and 2 to 5 years – 21).

Operating Hours

8:00am – 5:00pm -Monday to Thursday

8:00am – 15:00pm – Friday

- 27 Children enrolled at Nola's Place
- 0 Vacancy in the 2-4 year-old room
- 0 Vacancy in the 0-2 year old room
- 2 Enrolments were ceased due to 42 days absent days
- 23 Children attended in the reporting month
- 06 Day care kids are enrolled to attend kindy from 09:00-2:30pm Mon-Wed
- 0 No referrals made this month

26 children participate on a regular basis, with 27 children enrolled on a staggered attendance base. The current extension to the Nola's building is near to complete. Additional resources are being sourced to ensure adequate supplier of resources are available for children to access.

George Bowen Memorial Kindergarten

George Bowen Memorial Kindergarten is licensed for twenty – five (25) children of Kindergarten age. The centre is currently regulated by the Education and Care Services National Law and the Education and Care Services National Regulations (National Regulations). The service receives Federal and State Government Funding. The children attend on Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-2:30pm.

Operating Hours

8:00am – 5:00pm Monday to Thursday

8:00am – 12:15pm Friday

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Children enrolled in the educational program	Number of children attended in the reporting month	Referrals made

Programs and Activities

Kitchen Garden Project

Kitchen Garden Project has commenced which gets the children involved in planting and growing their own fruits and vegetables to be used in cooking. The children are encouraged to take home to grow in their own homes.

The project has given provided much satisfaction to the staff who has enjoyed watching the children get excited to fill up their watering cans and water our gardens and trees that are growing in our back yard.

Language Program

A lot of learning has happened through Nanny Alice Walker, who delivers our language program. We are understanding some simple words for parts of our bodies and animals that are involved in our everyday lifestyles.

Youth Engagement Program (YEP)

The Hope Vale Youth Engagement Program is to work with Hope Vale youth between the aged of 12 – 18, to support their engagement and ongoing participation in education, training, employment, recreation, and referral pathways that align with individual needs and aspirations.

Operating Hours

- Monday to Thursday 8:00am – 5pm
- Friday 8:00am – 12:15pm

Programs:

- Currently reviewing Youth data and updating accordingly
- Engaging and networking with relevant stakeholders
- Supporting the Youth Strategy Workshop
- Reviewing School Holiday Program
- Sourcing support for a Fishing Competition
- Reviewing Sports and Recreational Activities to be embedded into programs

Indigenous Knowledge Centre (IKC)


Indigenous Knowledge Centres (IKCs) are a Queensland public information hub and library owned and operated by Indigenous Shire Councils, with assistance provided by the Library Board of Queensland (Library Board). The IKCs work in their communities to document and record the local histories, stories and language as part of their local collections. IKCs coordinate a range of programs and activities that support the documentation, maintenance and preservation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages. Such activities may include recording language, conducting language workshops or culture love programs in their communities. Other services provided by IKCs to their communities are delivered at the discretion of Council and vary between IKCs, but may include:

- **Loan of items**
- **Public access to Information Technology**
- **Public programs**
- **Family history research**
- **Preservation of materials**

Operating Hours

Monday to Thursday 10:00am – 2:00pm
Friday Closed

Programs and Activities

 <p>4 sessions delivering FSF 30 children attended</p>	<p>Visitors to the Centre 52</p>	<p>Members 80</p>	<p>Loans 8</p>
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Swimming Pool & Splash Park

Hope Vale's Sport and Recreation Program aims to provide physical and recreational activity opportunities for the people of Hope Vale. through activities conducted through the Multipurpose Centre, Gym, Swimming Pool, Outdoor Gym, MPC Oval and BMX Complex.

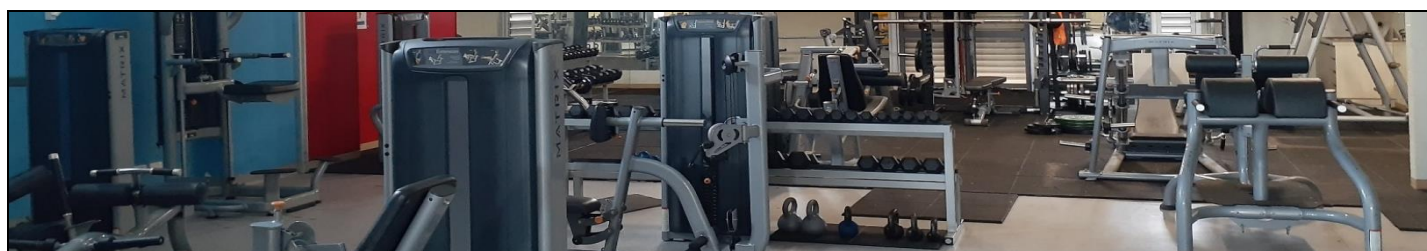
Operating Hours:

3:30pm – 5:30pm - Wednesday to Thursday

1:00pm – 5:00pm – Friday, Saturday and Sunday



145 participation occurred at the pool for the month of June. As the weather is a bit cooler this will allow us to do some maintenance work in the facility. The work that is required to be done are the installation of a new ladder and the new pump to allow the splash park to operated effectively.



Gym&Fitness

Operating Hours
4:00pm – 8:00pm – Monday – Thursday
Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Gym & Fitness Centre's membership for the month

- 46 Members
- 1 Under 18

New membership has/is being currently done throughout opening times with children, youth & adults

238 visitors to the Gym & Fitness Centre for the month

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Connector

The Remote Community Connector Program aims to “**engage, inform and assist**” people living in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander remote communities through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Connector NDIS pathway process.

Operating Hours:

8:00am-3:00pm Monday - Thursday

Active Participants 28
6 participants with Centacare
22 participants with ITEC Health

The NDIS Community Connector position is currently being covered by the Director of Social Services until this position is recruited.

Indigenous Radio Station

The Communications and Media Centre is funded by the Federal Government. Currently we have two (2) community people employed at the Radio Station – a senior broadcaster and a junior broadcaster.

Operating Hours

8:00am – 5:00pm - Monday to Thursday

8:00am – 12:15pm - Friday

Shows/Programs that are airing

- Youth Show
- Talkblack
- NIRS News
- Health Show
- Community show
- Health show
- Community show addressing local issues
- School show

Indigenous broadcasting & communications services communicating government messages

- Live broadcasting via the National Indigenous Radio Service
- Local current affairs
- National and local current affairs per week
- National News per hours per day
- Community services announcement per week

The Radio Station broadcasting team frequently request more local news and event information to be shared with the team for promotion and advertisement.

Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)

The Commonwealth Home Support Program helps the frail, older people living in Hope Vale to maximise their independence whilst still being able to live in their homes. This program is funded by the Federal Government and works closely with the State Government Department of Health.

Operating Hours:

8:00am-4:00pm Monday - Thursday

We currently provide the below community services:

- CHSP - Commonwealth Home Support Program
- NDIS - National Disability Insurance Scheme
- QCCS - Queensland Community Care Services

Hope Vale Council provides the following services to the community:

- domestic assistance
- transport
- meals
- personal care
- yard maintenance
- social support – individual
- social support – group
- flexible respite

CHSP Staff deliver services to:

- CHSP Clients – 50
- NDIS Client – 2
- Queensland Community Support Scheme – 3

Aged Care Hostel

The Aged Care Facility is regulated under the Aged Care Act 1997 and is federally funded. The Hostel is a 20 bed facility with occupancy levels fluctuating over the last 12 months. The service boasts a fantastic and dedicated team of local staff providing culturally appropriate care to residents in their own community.

Resident and Respite Care

Number of residents: 7	Number of respite residents: 1	Residents discharged: 1 (Respite)	Palliating residents: 1
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Accommodation

Number of rooms used for accommodation

- 2 x rooms utilised by Hope Vale Council Contractors on a full-time basis
- 7 x rooms being used by Residents
- 2 x modified Rooms used by Diversional Therapist
- 1 x Room used for Dialysis
- 2 x Rooms used for storage of dialysis stocks

Other:

Notice of Decision to Grant Exemption

Official Approval Notice received from the Delegate of the Department regarding 24/7 RN Responsibility Exemption Application: E23-160490 Hope Vale Aged Hostel (NAPS ID 353). The **period of exemption** shall take effect from 3 August 2023 and will cease to be in force on 30 June 2024.

The Government has in place workforce initiatives to help grow the aged care workforce and boost the skills of aged care nurses, many with a focus on support for regional, rural and remote areas.

Director of Social Services will work closely with the department for support with the rollout of a 24/7 RN.

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