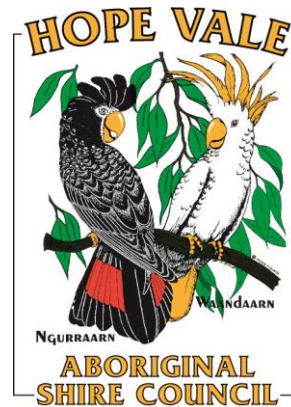


CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting 15 May 2024



Item 1: Meetings Attended

- Mayor and Councillors attended the Council meeting held on 24 April 2024 in Hope Vale.
- CEO attended (via Teams) the BOM Northern Queensland Weekly Situational Briefing on 29 April 2024
- Mayor and CEO met with QPS Inspector Garry Hunter and Sgt Karl Ford on 29 April 2024 in Hope Vale.
- CEO and Director of Finance and Corporate Services attended (via Teams) a meeting with Jane Frank, Director, Regional Digital Business, Queensland Government Customer and Digital Group for discussion on the establishment of Hope Vale Digital Service Centre.
- Mayor, CEO, and Director of Finance and Corporate Services met (via Teams) with Esther Chew and Cassandra Buddingh from Peddle Thorp and Ricardo Sandoval Lillo from DATSIP on 2 May 2024, for discussions on the Hope Vale Town Precinct Options.
- CEO and Director of Finance and Corporate Services met (via Teams) with Brian Jackson and Mike Fideli from PEAK Services on 3 May 2024 for discussions on the Hope Vale Energy Options proposal.
- CEO attended (via Teams) a meeting of Indigenous Council's CEOs on 3 May 2024.
- A number of other meetings were also held by the CEO in relation to various administration, organizational, staffing and tenure issues.

Recommendation:

That Council

- (a) receive the Chief Executive Officer's Report, and
- (b) note the meetings attended by the Chief Executive Officer

Item 2: Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program (RJED).

The National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) wish to liaise with Council on the design of the new Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program (RJED). The RJED will start in the second half of 2024 and create 3000 jobs over three years in remote areas of Australia.

The Australian Government has committed to replacing the Community Development Program (CDP) with a program that will:

- create local, paid jobs with good conditions
- let communities decide what jobs are created
- be developed in partnership with First Nations people.

A Factsheet on the Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program (RJED) is attached to this report (Attachment A)

Representatives from the NIAA have been invited to attend this meeting.

Recommendation:

That Council note the Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program (RJED) Factsheet

Item 3: Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils

On Thursday 18 April 2024, Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils Board Meeting was undertaken in Cairns. The Minutes of this meeting is attached for Council information (Attachment B)

Recommendation:

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils Board Meeting held on 18 April 2024.

Item 4: Chief Executive Officer Recruitment

As advised to the last Council Meeting, Peak Services have been appointed to lead the recruitment process for the new Chief Executive Officer. Applications for the position close on 13 May 2023. It is recommended that Council develop and endorse a timetable for the appointment of the new Chief Executive Officer. A Special Meeting may need to be planned for Council to make an appointment.

Recommendation:

That Council develop and endorse a timetable for the appointment of the new Chief Executive Officer.

Item 5: 2023/2024 Operational Plan – Third Quarter Report

Council's Annual Operational Plan documents the annual progress in the implementation of the long term corporate plan and manages Council's operational risks. Attachment C to this report provides an assessment on Council's progress towards implementing the annual Operational Plan for the third quarter ending 31 December 2023.

Recommendation:

That Council receive and note the assessment on Council's progress towards implementing the annual Operational Plan for the third quarter ending 31 March 2024 as shown as Attachment C of the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

Item 6: Hope Vale Educational Precinct

The Infrastructure Strategy, Infrastructure Services Division, of the Department of Education has forwarded to Council its Draft Site Analysis for the Hope Vale Campus of the Cape York Aboriginal Academy. (Attachment D)

In discussions with Departmental Officers, it was suggested that Council should submit the plans for the redevelopment of the building behind the existing Kindy building to the Department for funding. The redevelopment of the newer building will enable it to be used as the Kindy premises. (Attachment E)

Recommendation:

That Council note –

- (a) Draft Site Analysis for the Hope Vale Campus of the Cape York Aboriginal Academy, and**
- (b) Make application to the Department of Education for funding for the redevelopment of the proposed Kindy building.**

Item 7: CEO Verbal Briefing

- **Local Thriving Communities**
- **Domestic Family Violence Action Plan**
- **Councillors Portfolios**



Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer
7 May 2024