



## Local Thriving Communities Joint Coordinating Communique – No. 6

**23 March 2022 – Brisbane and remotely via Teams**

The Local Thriving Communities (LTC) Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) met in Brisbane and online on 23 March 2022.

### **LTC Implementation**

Community representative Michael Bond co-chaired the first meeting of 2022 alongside Dr Chris Sarra. Dr Sarra provided an Acknowledgement of Country and Traditional Custodians in Brisbane and other parts of Queensland where members and guests were joining from online.

The co-chairs noted the engagement with the Torres Strait Island Regional Council seeking a nomination of a community representative from the Torres Strait to join the JCC. This will enhance Torres Strait Islander perspective and oversight of the Local Thriving Communities reform.

The Committee noted LTC community implementation updates, including progress of interim Local Decision Making Bodies (LDMBs) and other leadership models and recent engagements in Mapoon, Napranum, Aurukun, Hope Vale and Kowanyama. Mapoon is working with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) to improve community-led policing outcomes. Napranum held its inaugural meeting on 24 February 2022 including engagement with Queensland Health (Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service) and Apunipima and met again on 9 March to discuss policing and engagement with the QPS. Kowanyama and Pormpuraaw are progressing models of local decision making in partnership with community. Aurukun's *Wik Thonam* is scheduled to meet on 24 March 2022 with QPS attending to engage on the model of policing and opportunities to engage across the community. The Committee acknowledged efforts from both the Queensland and Commonwealth Governments to ensure community aspirations and self-determination are enabled through coordinated local decision-making that is driven by community.

The Committee noted the significant milestone of Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council ratifying the model and Terms of Reference for an interim LDMB as an Advisory Committee to Council at its meeting on 16 March 2022. The Mayor will chair the Committee, with Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council to select five community members and one Councillor to sit on the Advisory Committee.

An update was provided on the renewed approach to alcohol management and Community Safety Plans submitted to date. The Committee noted the work done to progress approvals to Mornington Island's alcohol carriage limit, which are nearing completion. Committee members noted the amendment was a significant step in delivering the renewed approach to alcohol management. Other program updates were provided on social and emotional wellbeing, social reinvestment, domestic and family violence action plans the 'Positive and Respectful Relationships' trial project in Yarrabah.

The Committee acknowledged the LTC team in developing the first LTC Action Plan 2022-2024, which aims to build capacity within existing mechanisms, through comprehensive engagement across government as well from remote and discrete communities. The Action plan is being finalised but will progress five key priority areas: investment mapping, data sharing and monitoring and evaluation, standing up Local Decision Making Bodies, whole-of-government capacity building and mapping existing procurement and legislative frameworks.

The Committee noted the strength of leadership shown by First Nations communities in their response to COVID-19, with a particular focus on the community-led response developed and implemented in Yarrabah. Many of the responses were led by strong local community leaders who were proactive in implementing locally led strategies to minimise transmission and boost vaccination rates. It was agreed

that important lessons learnt from the pandemic can inform the LTC reform and the establishment and operation of LDMBs. These include the success that comes from enabling community to determine and implement local solutions and the positive impact of government supporting community in a coordinated way.

Mr Jason Kidd, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Legislation, presented to the Committee on development of the Queensland Government's new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Strategy. The Strategy will replace the current Moving Ahead framework, which is due to expire on 30 June 2022, and is currently proposed for launch later in 2022. The Committee noted the strong alignment between the Strategy and the LTC reforms, particularly in exploring opportunities for local-level economic development and decision-making. Discussions noted the disadvantages that people living in remote areas face such as high unemployment rates and higher cost of living. Committee members agreed on the importance of the strategy being ambitious and bold to enable the local economies in remote and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to thrive and to include tangible actions.

The Committee noted the meeting schedule for 2022, noting the decision made last year to hold quarterly meetings. Additionally, the Committee noted the intention to meet in community in 2022 with options of possible meeting locations including Woorabinda and possibly Palm Island, pending any COVID-19 restrictions.



## LTC Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting 23 March 2022 Attendance

<b>Attendees</b>	Dr Chris Sarra (Co-Chair)	Director-General, Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
	Mr Michael Bond (Co-Chair)	Community representative
	Ms Kelly Barclay	Community representative
	Ms Joann Schmider	Community representative
	Ms Zhanae Conway-Dodd	Youth community representative
	Mayor Patricia Yusia	Mayor, Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council
	Mr Drew Ellem	Head, Policy and Performance, Queensland Treasury
	Ms Jennifer Lang	Deputy Director-General, Justice Services, Department of Justice and Attorney-General
	Mr Paul Taylor	Deputy Commissioner, Queensland Police Service
	Ms Haylene Grogan	Chief Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Officer and Deputy Director-General, Queensland Health
	Mr Robert Willmet	Group Manager, Operations & Delivery, Eastern Group (Qld, NSW & ACT), National Indigenous Australians Agency
<b>Proxies</b>	Mr Ron Weatherall (proxy – Ms Kate Connors)	Executive Director, Indigenous Strategy and Policy, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs
	Ms Jo Stephenson (proxy - Ms Natalie Wilde)	Executive Director, Strategy and Service Delivery, Department of State Development Infrastructure Government and Planning
	Ms Jessica Martin (proxy – Ms Rebecca McGarrity)	Director, Social Policy, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
	Mr Kade Brindell (proxy – Ms Mary-Anne Curtis)	Executive Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Unit, Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy
<b>Apologies</b>	Mayor Mislam Sam	Mayor, Palm Island Regional Council
	Mayor Janita Motton	Mayor, Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council
	Mayor Kyle Yanner	Mayor, Mornington Shire Council
	Mayor Josh Weazel	Mayor, Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
	Ms Susan Sewter	Community representative
	Mr Peter Kelly	Deputy Director-General, State Schools, Department of Education
	Ms Mary-Anne Curtis	Associate Director-General, Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy
	Ms Natalie Wilde	Deputy Director-General, Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning
	Ms Rebecca McGarrity	Deputy Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
	Ms Kate Connors	Deputy Director-General, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs
	Mr Leon Proud	Assistant Director-General, State Schools – Indigenous Education

<b>Other Attendees</b>	Mr Jason Kidd	Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Legislation, Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
	Ms Florence Bridger	Director, Economic Policy, Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
	Ms Kathy Parton	Deputy Director-General, Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DSDSATSIP)
	Mr Greg Anderson	Executive Director, Regional and Infrastructure Coordination, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.
	Mr Tim Fell	Executive Director, LTC, Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.
	Ms Charlotte Young	Director, LTC, Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.
	Ms Michelle Hoffman	Manager, Governance and Policy, LTC, Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.
	Ms Margaret Ross-Kelly	Secretariat, LTC, Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
	Ms Jaya Foley	Principal Policy Officer, LTC, Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships