



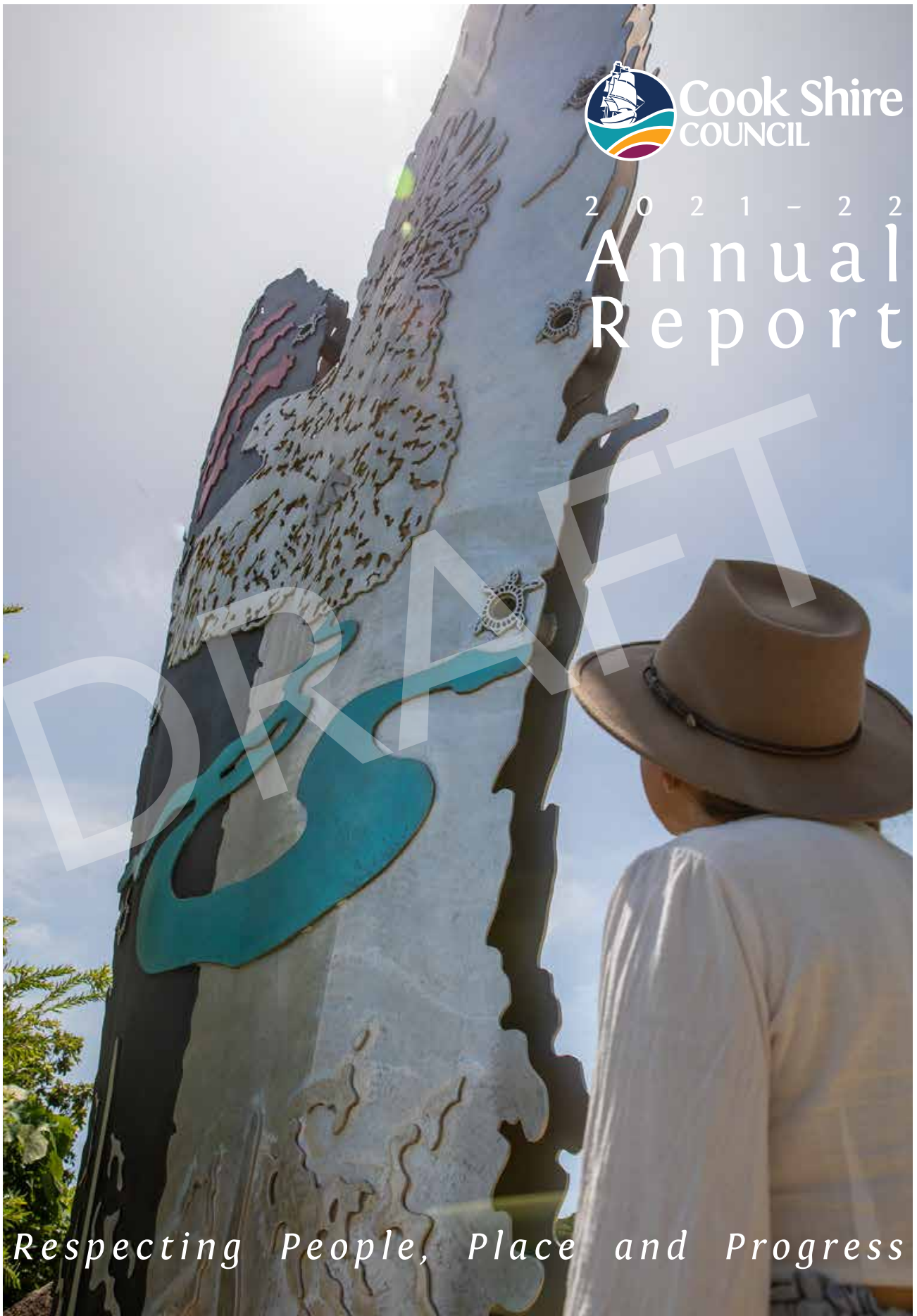
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Special Council Meeting

8 November 2022

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Welcome (Guugu Yimithirr)

Cook Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout the Shire and recognises their continuing connection to lands, water and community. We pay our respects to the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across our vast Shire and to elders and leaders past, present and emerging.

Under the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council must publish an Annual Report, which provides an update to the community about Cook Shire Council's finances, performance and how Council has delivered against the Corporate and Operational Plans. Legislation requires particular information to be included in an Annual Report. This report also includes a summary of the performance against Council's Operational Plan 2021–22.

Cover: Reconciliation Rocks

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Message from the Mayor



This Annual Report for 2021–22 is a congratulatory reflection on the dedication and ability of our community, our staff and our councillors, in not only keeping the Cook Shire operation on track, but in positively progressing our large and diverse community across the social, business, environmental and cultural spheres.

Challenges have been pronounced. COVID and global political issues, extreme weather and cost of living increases, combined with the broad shift to regional areas from interstate and the capital cities is placing so much pressure on housing affordability and availability. Ongoing trades and material shortages further compound this.

Our reported financial position for financial year ended on 30 June 2022 shows a \$1.1 million operating profit after depreciation of \$11.1 million that is a result of increased revenue, advance payments of grants and a close control of expenditure.

Covering a land area of 106,000 km² we are the largest local government area in Queensland and we have a vast road network of almost 3,000 km. However, our small population means that rate income is inadequate to cover administrative costs and we rely heavily on Government grants for over 80% of our revenue.

Cook Shire obtained an unqualified audit this year and we are seen as an exemplar for governance and liveability in the regional /remote context. This is achieved primarily by our wonderful workforce but also in partnership with the lobby and operational collaboration of Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC), The Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) and the Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) as well as the State and Federal Government Departments and Agencies.

We thank those who have been contributors to our Council and our community who have moved on and welcome those coming aboard.

We are heading into a challenging time – both financially and climatically – but with confidence in the proven resilience and support demonstrated over our many years of working together.

CR PETER SCOTT
MAYOR, COOK SHIRE COUNCIL

