



TRUSTEE MEETING
23 MAY 2025

MINUTES

Time: 9.00am

Venue: The Pullman Cairns International, 17 Abbott Street, Cairns Qld. 4870

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PRESENT:

Mayor

Division 1 – Boigu

Division 2 – Dauan

Division 3 – Saibai

Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**

Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls), Mua Island

Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)

Division 10 – Warraber

Division 11 – Poruma

Division 12 – Masig

Division 13 – Ugar

Division 14 – Erub

Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby

Cr Dimas Toby – *joined meeting at 9.05am*

Cr Torenzo Elisala

Cr Chelsea Aniba

Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Cr John Levi

Cr Seriako Dorante

Cr Kabay Tamu

Cr Francis Pearson

Cr Ted Mosby

Cr Rocky Stephen

Cr Nixon Mye

Cr Bob Kaigey

APOLOGIES:

Division 4 – Mabuiag

Cr Keith Fell

ABSENT:

Division 6 – Arkai

Cr Iona Manas

Division 9 – Iama

Cr Aggie Hankin

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Building Services

Executive Director Community Services

Executive Director Corporate Services

Executive Director Engineering Services

DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native

Title Advisor

Preston Law

Manager Governance & Risk

Executive Assistant to the Mayor

IT Support Officer

TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William

Mr Wayne Green

Mr Dawson Sailor – *joined meeting at 9.05am*

Ms Susanne Andres

Mr David Baldwin

Ms Joanne Bryant

Mr Julian Bodenmann

Ms Kim Kerwin

Ms Trudy Lui

Ms Krystal Garnett

Mr Darryl Brooks

APOLOGIES:

Executive Director Financial Services

Ms Hollie Faithfull – *on leave*

A. WELCOME & QUORUM CONFIRMATION | ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS | OPENING PRAYER | OBSERVANCES

At 9.00am the Mayor formally opened the May 2025 Trustee Council meeting, noting that a quorum of members was present.

The Mayor welcomed attendees and made the following acknowledgements:

- Papa God for His awesome wisdom, knowledge, favour and understanding, blessings upon our region, our collective leadership, our people and our Council;
- lives, our families, our leaders, our region and people and our Council and staff;
- The Traditional Custodians of land and sea throughout the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes and the communities and constituents that Council serves;
- The Traditional Custodians of Kaurareg and Cairns who host elements of the TSIRC footprint.

The Mayor conveyed to those members of the Torres Strait Islander community throughout the homelands and on the Australian mainland who may currently be experiencing Sorry Business, the collective thoughts, prayers and well wishes of Council during this time.

Cr John Levi delivered the opening prayer and the Council observed a minute of silence as a gesture of respect and reflection to honour the memory of deceased loved ones.

B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

The following apologies were noted and accepted by Council:

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Seconder
Division 4 - Mabuiag	Cr Keith Fell – <i>unwell</i>	CR MYE / CR PEARSON

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) DECLARATIONS

The Mayor invited Councillors to advise if they had any COI declarations to disclose in relation to items listed on the agenda.

Cr John Levi declared a COI in relation to Agenda Item 4 (St Pauls Deed of Agreement). No other declarations were made by Councillors.

The Mayor also requested that if there are any legal matters involving Councillors, then Councillors should advise the Mayor as soon as possible. No declarations were made by Councillors.

D. LIVE STREAM

The Mayor advised Council that this meeting is being LIVE STREAMED on Council's YouTube Channel and welcomed those members of the general public who may be viewing proceedings.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (23 April 2025)

#T24-28/2025-5/1

CR TAMU / CR DORANTE

Council (as Trustee) confirms the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 23 April 2025, subject to the following amendment:

- reason for absences of Crs Aniba and Cr Elisala were due to a commemoration ceremony on Saibai and not for 'cultural commitments'.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.1. UPDATE ON ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) spoke to this item and the update was noted by Council.

2. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#T24-28/2025-5/2

CR PEARSON / CR ELISALA

Council (as Trustee) resolves to close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 84 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to allow the Trustee to discuss items listed on the agenda for closed discussion and for the reasons outlined under those items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Culture, Arts, Land & Heritage (CALH) Advisory Committee – Update on Land & Native Title Strategic Matters – *verbal update by Cr Chelsea Aniba*

[Reason for Closed Discussion: To discuss business which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the trustee council or someone else].

No update provided, as this matter was discussed at the May 2025 Council Workshop.

- *Cr Levi left the meeting at 9.20am prior to the commencement of discussion on Agenda Item 4 due to his declared Conflict of Interest.*
- *Cr Elisala left the meeting at 9.22 declaring that he held a Conflict of Interest in his role as the GBK Native Title Support Officer for PBCs on matters pertaining to Agenda Item 4.*

4. St Pauls Deed of Grant

[Reason for Closed Discussion: To discuss business which public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the trustee council or someone else].

#T24-28/2025-5/4

CR ANIBA / CR MYE

Council (as Trustee):

- Seeks to formalise the arrangements agreed to in two agreements that formed part of the Mualgal Native Title Determination (the Moa ILUA and St Pauls Deed of Agreement) [the Existing Agreements]; and**
- Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to progress negotiations to give effect to this resolution, including by seeking that the Mualgal PBC enters into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) reflecting the terms of the Existing Agreements, and negotiates, finalises and executes on behalf of Council any further agreements including an ILUA.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *Crs Levi and Elisala returned to the meeting at 9.50am.*

5. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#T24-28/2025-5/5

CR ANIBA / CR T. MOSBY

Council (as Trustee) resolves to move out of closed discussions pursuant to Section 84 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Council (as Trustee) formally resolved as detailed in Agenda Items 3 to 5 above.

7. ITEMS ARISING

Nil.

8. NEXT MEETING – 17 JUNE 2025 (Masig)

Noted by Council (as Trustee).

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor closed the Trustee Council meeting at 9.55am.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 17 June 2025

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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

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James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council