



TRUSTEE MEETING

30 SEPTEMBER 2025

MINUTES

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am

Venue: *Microsoft (TEAMS) Meeting ID: 497 084 745 781 | Passcode: 8kW64JJ9*

PRESENT:

Mayor

Division 2 – Dauan
Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**
Division 6 – Kubin
Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls), Mua Island
Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)
Division 9 – Iama
Division 10 – Warraber
Division 11 – Poruma
Division 12 – Masig
Division 13 – Ugar
Division 14 – Erub
Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby
Cr Torenzo Elisala
Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Cr Iona Manas – *joined meeting at 9.35am*
Cr John Levi – *joined meeting at 9.20am*
Cr Seriako Dorante
Cr Aggie Hankin
Cr Kabay Tamu
Cr Francis Pearson
Cr Ted Mosby
Cr Rocky Stephen
Cr Nixon Mye
Cr Bob Kaigey – *joined meeting at 9.15am*

APOLOGIES:

Division 4 – Mabuiag

Cr Keith Fell – *family commitments intrastate*

ABSENT:

Division 1 – Boigu
Division 3 – Saibai

Cr Dimas Toby
Cr Chelsea Aniba

OFFICERS:

Acting Chief Executive Officer
Executive Director Building Services
Executive Director Engineering Services
Executive Director Financial Services
Manager Governance & Risk
DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure & Native Title
Advisor
Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Executive Assistant to the CEO
TSIRC Secretariat

Mr Dawson Sailor
Mr Wayne Green
Mr David Baldwin
Ms Hollie Faithfull
Ms Kim Kerwin
Ms Joanne Bryant
Ms Trudy Lui
Ms Amy Orr
Mr Darryl Brooks

APOLOGIES:

Acting Executive Director Community Services
Executive Director Corporate Services

Mr David Abednego – *work travel commitments on Division*
Ms Susanne Andres – *annual leave*

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

At 9.10am the Mayor formally opened the September 2025 Trustee Council meeting, noting that a quorum of members was present.

The Mayor welcomed attendees and made the following acknowledgements:

- Traditional Custodians of land and sea throughout the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes and the communities and constituents that Council serves; and
- 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 locally and throughout the homelands and on the Australian mainland who may currently be experiencing Sorry Business, the collective thoughts, prayers and well wishes of the Trustee Council during this time.

Cr Francis Pearson delivered the opening prayer and the Trustee 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 the Trustee Council:

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Seconder
Division 4 - Mabuiag	Cr Keith Fell – <i>family commitments intrastate</i>	CR PEARSON / CR HANKIN

Cr Dimas Toby submitted a late apology.

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. No declarations were made.

D. LIVE STREAM

The Mayor advised 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. The Mayor added that this livestreaming service offers transparency and allows members of the general public and organisational partners in the region TSIRC footprint to be informed of the Trustee Council's deliberations.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (20 AUGUST 2025)

#T24-28/2025-9/1

CR TAMU / CR T. MOSBY

Council (as Trustee) confirms the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 20 August 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.1. UPDATE ON ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Acting Chief Executive Officer (Mr Dawson Sailor) spoke to this item and the update was noted by the Trustee Council.

- *The DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure & Native Title Advisor (Ms Joanne Bryant) spoke to the following agenda item.*

2. SAIBAI MECHANICS SHED W4Q ROUND 5 – LOT AMALGAMATION

#T24-28/2025-9/2

CR WOSOMO / CR PEARSON

Council (as Trustee):

- (a) notes that the new Saibai Mechanics Shed is funded under W4Q Round 5;
- (b) consents to the registration of Survey Plan SP354947, which provides for the amalgamation of lots 34 and 35 on SP267944 into one lot, being lot 345 on SP354947, for the purposes of realigning land boundaries for the construction of the new shed; and
- (c) delegates to the Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor, the power to sign the Titles Form 18A (Registered Owner consent to a survey plan).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#T24-28/2025-9/3

CR ELISALA / CR HANKIN

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

- *In the absence of Cr Chelsea Aniba, the DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure & Native Title Advisor (Ms Joanne Bryant) spoke to the following agenda item.*

4. 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].

Council (as Trustee) noted the verbal update.

- *The Executive Director Building Services (Mr Wayne Green) and the DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure & Native Title Advisor (Ms Joanne Bryant) spoke to AI 5 below.*

5. QuickStarts – Update on Native Title Consent Consultation (verbal)

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

Council (as Trustee) noted the verbal update.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#T24-28/2025-9/6

CR STEPHEN / CR WOSOMO

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Council (as Trustee) formally resolved as detailed in Agenda Items 3 to 6 above.

Action Required:

CEO to oversee:

1. extending an invitation to the Hon. Samuel (Sam) O'Connor MP (Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth) to attend the November 2025 Council Workshop to discuss the housing crisis across the region (including the lack of timely and cost-sufficient release of funding e.g. QuickStarts) to TSIRC. If the Minister is unable to attend, the invitation should request the Minister to send an appropriate senior Departmental representative (decision-making level) on his behalf;
2. Exploring options for an Inquiry (at Parliamentary level) into the increasingly high costs of housing delivery in the region – including the need for Cabinet and Budgetary Committees to be fully aware and have it formally recognised that the cost of infrastructure delivery in the region is continually rising and is severely impacting on the delivery of critical housing needs.
3. Council advocacy with relevant State and Federal Parliamentary Committees (i.e. the Queensland Government's State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee) to urgently address and acknowledge the ever-increasing high cost of infrastructure delivery in the region and ever-increasing demands for critical housing needs.
4. Seek assistance from the TSRA in advocating for urgent Federal Government action in relation to the critical needs to address housing issues across the region.

8. ITEMS ARISING

Cr Torenzo Elisala requested an update on developments in relation to the Trustee Policy endorsed in July 2025. The DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure & Native Title Advisor (**Ms Joanne Bryant**) advised that recruitment is underway to engage a Trustee Leasing Officer to progress all outstanding applications for leases across the region and to look at all of the home ownership and commercial leases and these will be presented to Council for consideration. Following the engagement of the Trustee Leasing Officer (hopefully within the next 3-4 weeks), community consultations will commence in relation to lease applications. In relation to divestment matters, any businesses for divestment will be divested under a commercial leasing arrangement as per policy.

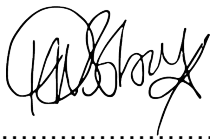
9. NEXT MEETING – 21 OCTOBER 2025 (Dauan)

Noted by Council (as Trustee).

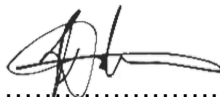
10. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor closed the Trustee Council meeting at 10.00am.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 21 October 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

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