



ORDINARY MEETING  
21-22 OCTOBER 2025

# MINUTES

**Time:** 10.45am to 5.55pm

**Venue:** Tabipa Mau Recreation Centre, Dauan (Torres Strait)

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## (DAY 1 - Tuesday, 21 October 2025)

### PRESENT:

#### **Mayor**

Division 1 – Boigu

Division 2 – Dauan

Division 3 – Saibai

Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**

Division 6 – Kubin

Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)

Division 9 – Iama

Division 11 – Poruma

Division 12 – Masig

Division 13 – Ugar

Division 14 – Erub

Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby

Cr Dimas Toby

Cr Torenzo Elisala

Cr Chelsea Aniba – *by TEAMS*

Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Cr Iona Manas

Cr Seriako Dorante – *by TEAMS*

Cr Aggie Hankin

Cr Francis Pearson

Cr Ted Mosby

Cr Rocky Stephen

Cr Nixon Mye

Cr Bob Kaigey

### APOLOGIES:

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

Division 10 – Warraber

Cr John Levi – *Sad news*

Cr Kabay Tamu

### ABSENT:

Division 4 – Mabuiag

Cr Keith Fell

### OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Community Services

Executive Director Corporate Services

Executive Director Engineering Services

Executive Director Financial Services

Head of Engineering Services

Manager Governance & Risk

Manager Information Technology

Executive Assistant to the CEO

TSIRC Travel Officer

TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William

Mr Dawson Sailor – *left meeting at 4.55pm for travel commitments*

Ms Vicki Bishop

Mr David Baldwin – *by TEAMS (left meeting after Agenda Item 14.2)*

Ms Hollie Faithfull – *left meeting at 4.55pm for travel commitments*

Mr Adeah Kabai – *by TEAMS (joined meeting from Agenda Item 14.3)*

Ms Kim Kerwin

Mr Warren Jenkins

Ms Amy Orr

Ms Emma William

Mr Darryl Brooks

GUESTS:

Chief Executive Officer LG Services  
Group

Mr Scott Mason – *by TEAMS for Agenda Item 10.1 only*

Consultant

Mr Anthony Ottaway – *by TEAMS for Agenda Items 15.2 & 15.3 only*

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

At 10.45am, the Mayor welcomed Councillors, Executives and staff and members of the public to the Ordinary Council Meeting for the month of October 2025, noting that a quorum of members was present.

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 Council during this time.

## **B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES**

#C24-28/2025-10/B-1

The following apologies were noted and accepted by Council:

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Seconder
Div. 7 – Wug (St. Pauls)	Cr John Levi – <i>Sad News</i>	CR PEARSON / CR WOSOMO
Div. 10 - Warraber	Cr Kabay Tamu	CR ELISALA / CR MANAS

## **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 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 members of the general public who may be viewing proceedings.

## **1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#C24-28/2025-10/1

### **1.1. 5 SEPTEMBER 2025, 24 SEPTEMBER 2025 & 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Council confirms the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on  
5 September 2025.**

*MOVED/SECONDED: CR STEPHEN / CR KAIGEY*  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 September 2025 (inquorate).**

*MOVED/SECONDED: CR PEARSON / CR T. MOSBY*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 September 2025.**

*MOVED/SECONDED: CR MANAS / CR MYE*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **1.2. Action Items Update**

The Mayor reiterated comments made during the Trustee Meeting thanking Mr Dawson Sailor for his tenure as Acting Chief Executive Officer during the past two months, as well as acknowledging the support provided to Mr Sailor by the Executive Team during this time. The Mayor also acknowledged the leadership shown by the Deputy Mayor during the past two months as well.

The Mayor then requested that Mr Sailor present the Action Items Update on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer. Items noted as 'completed' during this update will be deleted from future reports.

The update was noted by Council.

## **1.3. Strategic Action Reference Group (SARG) Standing Committee Meeting Minutes (11 July 2025)**

Noted by Council.

## **2. MAYORAL REPORTS**

### **2.1. Mayoral Monthly Report**

The Mayor spoke to his report. The report was noted by Council.

➤ *The Mayor suspended the meeting from 12.25pm to 1.30pm for lunch.*

### **2.2. Advisory Committees – 1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter Reporting**

The Mayor spoke to this item and invited Advisory Committee Chairs to provide a brief verbal update on the status of the work of their respective Committee.

The report and verbal updates provided by Advisory Committee Chairs were noted by Council.

#### **Action Required:**

Executive Director Corporate Services to oversee the preparation of a report for the next Council Meeting to update Council on the processes required to enable Council to change its name from TSIRC to Zenadth Kes Regional Council.

### 3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

#### 3.1. CEO Monthly Report (October 2025)

The Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) requested that the Executive Director Community Services (Mr Dawson Sailor) speak to this report, as it was prepared for the period when he was Acting Chief Executive Officer.

The report was noted by Council.

#### 3.2. Change of Dates – November 2025 Council Workshop & November 2025 and December 2025 Monthly Council Meetings

#C24-28/2025-10/3.2

CR TOBY / CR MANAS

**Council:**

- (a) resolves that the November 2025 Council Workshop be held in Cairns from 10–14 November 2025;
- (b) resolves that the Trustee Council and Ordinary Council Meetings for November 2025 be held virtually on Wednesday, 19 November 2025; and
- (c) resolves that the December 2025 Trustee Council and Ordinary Council Meetings be held virtually on Wednesday, 10 December 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 3.3. Indigenous Councils' Accord – *verbal report*

The Executive Director Community Services (Mr Dawson Sailor) spoke to this item, highlighting the following key points:

**Objective** - The Queensland Indigenous Councils Leaders Accord (Accord), as a sub-agreement to the *Equal Partners in Government Agreement*, consolidates the partnership between Queensland's 17 discrete First Nations local governments and the Queensland Government. The Accord's objective is to improve the liveability and opportunities for discrete Indigenous communities through the delivery of economic, social and cultural infrastructure and services, with a focus on progressing outcomes established in the *National Agreement on Closing the Gap*.

**Principles** - The Accord's principles are underpinned by a shared commitment to work in partnership to overcome the inequality experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and achieve life outcomes equal to all Queenslanders.

**Membership** - The Accord Committee comprises of nominated representatives (or proxies) of:

- the department responsible for local government (Chair)
- mayors of the discrete First Nations local governments
- Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ)

- the department responsible for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partnerships
- agencies responsible for progression of identified priorities (time-limited membership while a relevant issue is under consideration)

**Priorities** - The mayors of First Nations local governments will identify two priority issues for the Committee which affect their communities and align with Closing the Gap outcomes.

**Meetings** - The Accord Committee will meet twice a year, on agreed dates coinciding with LGAQ's Indigenous Leaders Forum, to discuss identified priorities.

**State Cabinet Meetings** - The members of the Accord Committee will meet annually with the full State Cabinet to report back on progress and escalate significant issues, as required.

The update was noted by Council.

**Action Required:**

Chief Executive Officer to oversee the preparation of a report to the next Council meeting seeking formal endorsement of TSIRC representatives on the Accord Committee.

**4. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

Nil.

**5. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

Nil.

**6. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

**6.1. Community Grants Program Allocation (September 2025)**

#C24-28/2025-10/6.1

**1. Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to applicants in accordance with the *Community Grants Policy*:**

- **CG2026-027 PORUMA BEACH DAY CLEAN UP DAY, PORUMA for \$152.50 exclusive of GST;**

*MOVED/SECONDED: CR MANAS / CR KAIGEY*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to applicants in accordance with the *Community Grants Policy*:**

- **CG2026-028 PORUMA CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION, PORUMA for \$710.00 exclusive of GST;**

*MOVED/SECONDED: CR WOSOMO / CR MANAS*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to applicants in accordance with the *Community Grants Policy*:**

- **CG2026-036 – CMF FELLOWSHIP, ST PAULS for \$1,500.00, exclusive of GST;**

*MOVED/SECONDED: CR MANAS / CR PEARSON*

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**4. Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to applicants in accordance with the *Community Grants Policy*:**

- **CG2026-037 – ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH, ERUB for \$500.00, exclusive of GST;**

*MOVED/SECONDED: CR ELISALA / CR HANKIN*

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

➤ *Council also noted the following:*

- (a) one (1) Community Grant application required divisional contributions;*
- (b) one (1) Funeral applications were deemed ineligible for processing;*
- (c) two (2) Community Grant applications were deemed ineligible for processing;*
- (d) three (3) applications processed for out-of-cycle in September;*
- (e) two (2) applications were unable to be assessed within the time frame.*

**6.2. Funding Acquisition Report (September 2025)**

The Manager Governance and Risk (Ms Kim Kerwin) spoke to the report. The report was noted and received by Council.

The Mayor expressed his thanks on behalf of Council to the Executive Director Engineering Services (Mr David Baldwin) and his Team for the successful applications in September 2025 which will benefit the communities of Badu, St Pauls, Erub and Boigu.

**6.3. Business Continuity Policy Report**

#C24-28/2025-10/6.3

CR PEARSON / CR ELISALA

**Council resolves to endorse the Business Continuity Policy.**

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**6.4. Development Application – Operational Works (Prescribed Tidal Works) – Proposed Warraber Coastal Defence Project (Seawalls Stages 2 and 3) – Lots 4, 26 and 907 on SP270859**

#C24-28/2025-10/6.4

CR ELISALA / CR MYE

**Council resolves to:**

- 1. Approve the development application for Operational Works (Prescribed Tidal Works including Marine Plant Disturbance) and**

**Material Change of Use (Environmentally Relevant Activity (ERA 16) - (Seawalls Stage 2 and 3), on land described as Lot 4, 26 and 907 on SP270859 located at Esplanade, Warraber (Sue Island), subject to the conditions set out in the Recommendation in this report; and**

- 2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to the development permit.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

Nil.

**8. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

**8.1. Financial Dashboard Report (September 2025)**

#C24-28/2025-10/8.1

CR MYE / CR MANAS

**Council receives and endorses the monthly financial statements attached to the officer's report for the 2025-26 year to date, for the period ended 30 September 2025, as required under Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.2. Audit Committee Meeting Minutes (14 August)**

#C24-28/2025-10/8.2

CR T. MOSBY / CR PEARSON

**Council receives and notes the confirmed minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 14 August 2025.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

#C24-28/2025-10/9

CR MYE / CR MANAS

**The Council resolves to close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to allow the Council to discuss items listed on the agenda for closed discussion and for the reasons outlined under those items.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**10.1. TSIRC Transition Action Plan (TAP) Update -*verbal update by Mr Scott Mason*)**

*[Reason for Closed Discussion: In accordance with section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012, it is recommended that this matter be considered by Council in Closed Business as it includes "matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals".]*

Noted by Council.

**11. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

Nil.

**12. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

Nil.

**13. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

Nil.

**14. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

**14.1. Contractual Matter – Award Tender TSIRC2023-606 – Warraber Sewer Pump Station Upgrade**

*[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government".]*

#C24-28/2025-10/14.1

CR PEARSON / CR TOBY

**Council resolves:**

1. **Subject to finalisation of additional funding, award contract number TSIRC2023-606 for Warraber Sewer Pump Station (SPS) 1 Upgrade to Koppen Construction Pty Ltd for the lump sum price of \$3,350,751.00 excl. GST; and**
2. **Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:**
  - power to make, amend or discharge the contract; and
  - power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**14.2. Funding Matter – TSIRC.0050.2425LREC Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement**

#C24-28/2025-10/14.2

CR MANAS / CR ELISALA

**Council resolves:**

1. **To enter into the proposed funding agreement for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement & Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA), administered by Queensland Reconstruction Authority in relation to Council's submission of TSIRC.0050.2425L.REC for a grant sum of up to \$8,026,893.50 (excl. GST); and**
2. **Pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:**

- power to make, amend or discharge the Funding Agreement; and
- power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and funding agreement including without limitation any options and/or variations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**14.3. Funding Matter – Boigu Aerodrome Airstrip Reseal**

#C24-28/2025-10/14.3

CR ELISALA / CR MANAS

**Council resolves:**

1. To enter into the proposed funding agreement for Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program – Round 11 administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts in relation to Council's submission of RAUPXI000089 for a grant sum of up to \$3,970,850 (excl. GST); and
2. Pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
  - power to make, amend or discharge the Funding Agreement; and
  - power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and funding agreement including without limitation any options and/or variations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**14.4. Funding Matter – Warraber Sewer Pump – INF MIOP 02 25-26**

#C24-28/2025-10/14.4

CR WOSOMO / CR MANAS

**Council resolves to:**

1. Enter into the proposed TSRA Funding Agreement - Warraber Sewerage Pump Station (SPS) 1 Replacement - INF MIOP 20 25-26 for a grant sum amount of up to \$2,701,250.00 (excl. GST) administered by Torres Strait Regional Authority; and
2. Pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
  - power to make, amend or discharge the Funding Agreement; and
  - power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and funding agreement including without limitation any options and/or variations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**14.5. Contractual Matter – Award Tender TC25072 – Dauan Barge Ramp Upgrade**

#C24-28/2025-10/14.5

CR ELISALA / CR T. MOSBY

**Council resolves:**

1. To award contract number TC25072 for Dauan Island Barge Ramp Upgrade to T.I. Concrete Works Pty Ltd for the lump sum price of \$1,692,200.00 excl. GST, and
2. Pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
  - power to make, amend or discharge the contract; and
  - power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project, funding and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**14.6. Information Report – Capital Works**

*[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government".]*

#C24-28/2025-10/14.6

CR MANAS / CR MYE

**Council notes and receives the report.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**15. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

**15.1. Audit Committee Meeting Minutes (20 June 2025)**

*[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This pertains to industrial matters affecting employees.]*

#C24-28/2025-10/15.1

CR MANAS / CR STEPHEN

**Council receives and notes the confirmed minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2025.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**15.2. Mirabou Energy – Renewable Energy Project Status Update**

*[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government".]*

#C24-28/2025-10/15.2

CR MANAS / CR PEARSON

**Council notes the status update on the renewable energy project as endorsed by the Project Steering Committee on 3 October 2025.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**15.3. Extension of Mirabou Master Agreement**

*[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government".]*

#C24-28/2025-10/15.3

CR STEPHEN / CR ELISALA

**Council notes the proposed 12-month extension to the Master Agreement for Pilot the Agreement) executed with Mirabou Pty Ltd trading as Mirabou Energy (Mirabou) for delivery of the renewable energy project.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**15.4. Contractual Matter – Large Procurement Contracts Awarded Under Delegation**

*[Reason for this matter to be discussed in Closed Business: This matter contains information on negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government".]*

#C24-28/2025-10/15.4

CR ELISALA / CR HANKIN

**Council receives and notes the report.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**16. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION**

#C24-28/2025-10/16

CR STEPHEN / CR HANKIN

**The Council resolves to move out of closed discussions pursuant to Section 254I of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**17. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Council formally resolved on the decisions taken above in relation to Agenda Items 10-16.

**18. ITEMS ARISING**

**Action Required:**

1. Executive Director Community Services to liaise with the Manager Housing to explore options to reduce noise pollution from tenants of public housing, as well as liaison with QPS on Thursday Island for local police to be made aware of growing public nuisance incidents across the communities.
2. Executive Director Community Services to explore options around the introduction of night curfews for youth and/or social supports for families to engage bored youth.

**19. INFORMATION REPORTS**

- 19.1. BUILDING SERVICES – Building Services Report (September 2025)**
- 19.2. COMMUNITY SERVICES – Information Report - Community Services (September 2025)**
- 19.3. CORPORATE SERVICES - Corporate Services Information Report (September 2025)**
- 19.4. ENGINEERING SERVICES – Engineering Operations**
- 19.5. ENGINEERING SERVICES – Information Report - Water and Wastewater (September 2025)**
- 19.6. ENGINEERING SERVICES – Kirirri Wastewater**

Noted by Council. Any enquiries by Councillors in relation to the information reports can be raised directly by Councillors with the respective Directorate Executive Director, or the Chief Executive Officer.

In relation to Agenda Item 19.6 above, **Cr Dorante** requested that the Kirirri Wastewater matter remain a high priority under SIP when this matter is considered at the November 2025 Council Workshop. The **Mayor** responded that more work also needs to be done in partnership with the TSRA to lobby State and Federal Governments for additional funding.

**20. NEXT MEETING – 19 NOVEMBER 2025 (VC)**

Noted by Council.

**21. CLOSE OF MEETING & PRAYER**

In closing Day 1, the Mayor thanked Councillors and staff for their contributions and participation. The Mayor formally closed Day 1 of the meeting at 5.55pm.

**(DAY 2 - Wednesday, 22 October 2025)****Time:** 9.00am to 12.30pm**Venue:** Tabipa Mau Recreation Centre, Dauan (Torres Strait)*Microsoft TEAMS Meeting ID: 493 850 364 48 | Passcode: ip2Ee2MC***PRESENT:****Mayor**

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Mr Warren Jenkins

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Ms Emma William

Mr Darryl Brooks

**GUESTS:**Torres & Cape Hospital and Health  
Service (TCHHS) DeputationMs Marita Sagigi – *by TEAMS for Day 2 only*

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

At 9.00am, the Mayor welcomed Councillors, Executives and staff and members of the public to Day 2 of the Ordinary Council meeting for the month of October 2025, noting that a quorum of members was present.

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of Dauan in the beautiful region that Council serves.

The Mayor also conveyed to those members of the Torres Strait Islander community throughout the homelands and on the Australian mainland who may be observing Sorry Business, the collective thoughts and prayers of Council at this time of bereavement.

**Cr Ranetta Wosomo** delivered the opening prayer.

**B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES**

#C24-28/2025-10/B-2

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**C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) DECLARATIONS**

The Mayor noted that he had not received any COI declarations from Councillors for Day 2 deliberations.

The Mayor also noted that **Cr Aggie Hankin** is an employee of TCHHS, but does not have a pecuniary COI in relation to the deputation and will remain present in the meeting.

**D. LIVE STREAM**

N/A

**DEPUTATION #1: Torres & Cape Hospital and Health Service (TCHHS)**

The Mayor welcomed Ms Marita Sagigi (Executive General Manager Northern Sector) to the meeting.

Ms Sagigi thanked Council for the opportunity to meet and then spoke to a presentation which provided data on:

- Adult & Child Health Checks
- Smoking Rates
- Chronic Conditions
- TCHHS Highlights and Progress

General discussion and feedback between Councillors and Ms Sagigi was undertaken around the following matters:

- importance of whole-of-family screening on communities and households when delivering health care;
- need for adequate levels of quality housing availability for better health outcomes to be a collaborative initiative between Health and Housing agencies;
- need for more on-ground delivery of health services, rather than patients and family supports having to leave community and travel to Thursday Island (or even further) for assessment and treatment;
- repatriation supports for deceased patients back to community (including morgue access);
- improved transit and accommodation for patients (and their families) who travel away from home for specialist health care;
- need for longer hours (more funding) for HLOs in communities;
- more support for mental health, social and emotional and well-being issues, especially for children who are being exposed to drugs (methamphetamines) and it is important to have the appropriate support positions across the region for culturally-appropriate engagement;
- promotion and support from Health agencies to fund and support the reintroduction of community gardens for healthy eating and mental and social wellbeing outcomes;
- support from TCHHS for the 'Deadly For Diabetes' program to be implemented across the region.

Ms Sagigi advised that TCHHS is pushing for improved collaboration on the ground with TCHHS health centre managers and cluster coordinators and local Councils (and Councillors) to better understand each community's individual approach, with the ultimate aim of identifying and addressing any gaps, and to offer outreach to those people who aren't engaging in the health service.

Ms Sagigi advised Council that her Office has reached out to health partners in the region, including people or industries who are delivering health related services (such as IBIS, Torres Health, TSIRC healthy lifestyle program managers, TSRA and DATSIP, etc.) in an effort to collaborate and work better and smarter together to deliver effective health services on-ground in communities.

Ms Sagigi also highlighted TCHHS activities during recent months which included:

- partnering with the Australian Department of Defence (through the ACAP program being delivered) and was able to get the Department to do some physiotherapy services and oral health services on community. Efforts are now being made for the Department of Defence to have access to TCHHS health records so that Defence clinicians are able to provide patient services when in the region or to do some health promotion education programs when in community;
- health equity strategy – community yarns across the Torres Strait and NPA have concluded and a report is currently due to be completed by end of November 2025;
- investments in new staff positions within the Torres Strait and NPA region. Now have a new health worker educator for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce and a manager of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce in the north. These positions will work to support the Indigenous workforce with creating pathways for younger practitioners into our health centres and into our health service and then

upskilling and providing professional development for the health workers who are in the in the health centres already;

- engagement of two Indigenous hospital liaison officers (Bamaga and Thursday Island) to provide support to patients and their families whilst they are at the hospitals and two identified registered nurse positions in the Primary Healthcare Centres on Thursday and Bamaga;
- being mindful of ageing health infrastructure, as well as ageing health workforce, and are exploring ways to retain and attract staff to the region;
- housing shortages for staff remains a serious issue;
- cross-border health demands are placing additional stress on staff and services;
- currently looking at our healthy lifestyle programs to see what funding can be obtained for other positions or practitioners we could bring in to be able to develop those sorts of programs that help encourage and support communities.

The Mayor requested a future meeting with Ms Sagigi and Council to discuss TSIRC concerns in relation to the health investigation report. Ms Sagigi responded by advising that both herself and the TCHHS CEO would be happy to meet with Council on the matter, adding that there were 26 recommendations in the report: 6 of the recommendations are at a systems level and Queensland Health has accepted that more work is required around cultural responsiveness and the cultural approach to service delivery and the other 20 recommendations are for TCHHS to address as an organization.

The Mayor thanked Ms Sagigi for her deputation and leadership in championing our First Nations voice in the health services sector and stated that it is the hope of Council that this conversation is the beginning of a strong partnership between TSIRC and TCHHS to also improve on the capture of health data across the Torres Strait. Improved data will enable all partner organisations (in particular TSIRC) to effectively lobby governments on their responsibilities to deliver greater and improved investments across all social settings in the Torres Strait (such as improving access to quality housing, education and social supports) as these are crucial for improving health equity for all Torres Strait residents.

Ms Sagigi advised Council that she is happy to work with Council to advocate on health issues across the region so that individuals and families can live life healthy in their community.

**Action Required:**

Executive Director Community Services to provide TCHHS with a copy of the outcomes report/data on the “Deadly For Diabetes” trial in the TSIRC footprint.

## **CLOSE OF MEETING & PRAYER**

The Mayor thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillors and Staff for their contributions in making this Council Meeting on Dauan possible and made a special acknowledgement to Cr Elisala, the Dauan Community and the Dauan TSIRC staff for their heartfelt welcome and support during Council’s visit.

The Mayor formally closed the October 2025 Ordinary Council meeting at 10.30am and **Cr Rocky Stephen** delivered the Closing Prayer.

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