



# TRUSTEE MEETING

20 MAY 2026

# MINUTES

**Time:** 9.00am to 10.30am

**Venue:** *Microsoft (TEAMS) Meeting ID: 479 839 580 640 24 | Passcode: Bg238BD2*

## PRESENT:

|                                          |                                                  |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Division 2 – Dauan                       | Cr Torenzo Elisala                               |
| Division 3 – Saibai                      | Cr Chelsea Aniba                                 |
| Division 4 – Mabuiag                     | Cr Keith Fell                                    |
| Division 5 – Badu / <b>Deputy Mayor</b>  | Cr Ranetta Wosomo                                |
| Division 6 – Kubin                       | Cr Iona Manas – <i>joined meeting at 10.15am</i> |
| Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls), Mua Island | Cr John Levi                                     |
| Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)    | Cr Seriako Dorante                               |
| Division 10 – Warraber                   | Cr Kabay Tamu                                    |
| Division 11 – Poruma                     | Cr Francis Pearson                               |
| Division 12 – Masig                      | Cr Ted Mosby                                     |
| Division 13 – Ugar                       | Cr Rocky Stephen                                 |

## APOLOGIES:

### **Mayor**

|                    |                                                      |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Division 1 – Boigu | Cr Phillemon Mosby – <i>medical appointment</i>      |
| Division 14 – Erub | Cr Dimas Toby                                        |
| Division 15 – Mer  | Cr Nixon Mye – <i>long standing prior commitment</i> |
|                    | Cr Bob Kaigey – <i>prior commitment</i>              |

## ABSENT:

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| Division 9 – Iama | Cr Aggie Hankin |
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## OFFICERS:

### **Chief Executive Officer**

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| Executive Director Building Services                    | Mr James William    |
| Executive Director Community Services                   | Mr Wayne Green      |
| Executive Director Corporate Services                   | Mr Dawson Sailor    |
| Executive Director Financial Services                   | Ms Michelle Webster |
| DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and<br>Native Title Advisor | Ms Hollie Faithfull |
| Executive Assistant to the CEO                          | Ms Joanne Bryant    |
| Executive Assistant to the Mayor                        | Ms Amy Orr          |
| TSIRC Secretariat                                       | Ms Trudy Lui        |
|                                                         | Mr Darryl Brooks    |

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

At 9.10am the Deputy Mayor (**Cr Ranetta Wosomo**) formally opened the Trustee Council meeting for the month of May 2026, noting that a quorum of members was present.

The Deputy Mayor advised that she will be chairing the monthly Trustee Council Meeting in the absence of the Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor welcomed attendees and made the following opening acknowledgements on behalf of Council:

- Our Heavenly Father for His protection, His love, His blessing over our Families and our Communities throughout our region;
- The Traditional Custodians of the lands from where we are all joining this meeting today – from Sydney (where the Deputy Mayor and Cr Chelsea Aniba are joining from), the TSIRC footprint in Cairns (Gimuy), and from Zenadth Kes.

The Deputy Mayor acknowledged and conveyed to those members of the Torres Strait Islander community throughout the homelands and on the Australian mainland who may currently be experiencing Sad News/Sorry Business, the thoughts and prayers of Council throughout their bereavement.

**Cr John Levi** 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 by the Trustee Council:

| Division           | Councillor/Reason                                   | Mover/Seconder                                                                          |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mayor              | Cr Phillemon Mosby – <i>medical reasons</i>         | CR PEARSON / CR ELISALA                                                                 |
| Division 1 – Boigu | Cr Dimas Toby                                       | CR PEARSON / CR STEPHEN<br>(Cr Elisala and Cr Aniba were AGAINST accepting the apology) |
| Division 14 – Erub | Cr Nixon Mye – <i>longstanding prior commitment</i> | CR FELL / CR ANIBA                                                                      |
| Division 15 – Mer  | Cr Bob Kaigey – <i>prior commitment</i>             | CR STEPHEN / CR ELISALA                                                                 |

## C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) DECLARATIONS

The Deputy Mayor advised that no written COI notifications were provided by Councillors in relation to the Trustee Meeting for May 2026.

The Deputy Mayor reminded Councillors of their responsibility for informing Council of any prescribed or declarable conflict of interest on matters to be discussed and that Councillors are required to provide COI in writing prior to the meeting being held. If in doubt, declare your conflict of interest and Council will advise a way forward.

The Deputy Mayor added that if throughout the course of the discussion that any Councillors become aware of a potential conflict of interest, could that Councillor please immediately let the meeting know and advice would be provided on the way forward.

## D. LIVE STREAM

The Deputy Mayor advised that this meeting is being LIVE STREAMED on Council's YouTube Channel and welcomed members of the general public who may be viewing proceedings. The Deputy Mayor added that this livestreaming service offers transparency and allows members of the general public and organisational partners across the TSIRC footprint to be informed of Council's deliberations and decisions which impact on the region.

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (22 APRIL 2026)**

#T24-28/2026-5/1

CR PEARSON / CR ANIBA

Council (as Trustee) confirms the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 22 April 2026.

**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 the Trustee Council. *Items noted as 'completed' during this update will be removed from future reports.*

**2. PORUMA – DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – EXTENSION OF CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT TO LEASE TO SATISFY NATIVE TITLE SPECIAL CONDITION**

#T24-28/2026-5/2

CR PEARSON / CR LEVI

Council (as Trustee):

- a) resolves, pursuant to the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991*, to grant a 12—month extension (from 18 March 2026 to 18 March 2027) to the Conditional Agreement to Lease to the State of Queensland (represented by the Department of Education), to satisfy the Native Title special condition for the grant of a lease over Lot 50 on SP270862, Poruma; and
- b) delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to undertake necessary actions to finalise the extension, including the power to approve any additional extensions and the power to sign required deeds of variation and the subsequent lease.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

#T24-28/2026-5/3

CR ANIBA / CR LEVI

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**

**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 updates provided by **Cr Aniba** and **Ms Joanne Bryant** (DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor).

**5. IAMA – DEED OF GRANT IN TRUST (DOGIT) TRANSFER**

**Ms Joanne Bryant** (DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor) spoke to a confidential information report. Council noted the verbal update.

**6. KIRIRRI (HAMMOND ISLAND) – 99 YEAR HOME OWNERSHIP LEASE APPLICATIONS**

*On advice from the Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William), and with the agreement of Cr Seriako Dorante and the Deputy Mayor, the Trustee Council agreed that this item be laid on the table for consideration at the Trustee Council's June 2026 meeting.*

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

#T24-28/2026-5/7

CR STEPHEN / 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**

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

The Deputy Mayor advised that no formal decisions arose during the Closed Session discussions, other than as indicated in Agenda Items 4 to 7 above.

**9. ITEMS ARISING**

**(a) St. Pauls Community – Deed of Agreement Matters**

**Cr John Levi** requested an update on the status of the Deed of Agreement for St Paul's Community. **Ms Joanne Bryant** (DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor) advised that Council has sought feedback from the PBC in relation to entering into the Agreement. **Cr Iona Manas** advised that he will follow-up further off-line with Cr Levi and Ms Bryant.

**(b) Council Meeting with State Government Ministers in Brisbane**

**Cr John Levi** proposed that Council meet with relevant State Government Ministers in Brisbane to discuss issues in relation to DOGIT. The Chief Executive Officer (**Mr James William**) advised that this proposal can be considered as a future option.

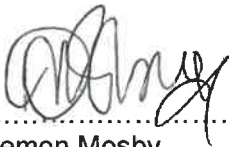
**10. NEXT MEETING – 23 June 2026 (VC)**

Noted by the Trustee Council.

**11. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Deputy Mayor formally closed the Trustee Council meeting at 10.25am.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 23 June 2026



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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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