



TRUSTEE MEETING
23 JUNE 2026

MINUTES

Time: 9.00am to 10.30am

Venue: *Microsoft (TEAMS) Meeting ID: 468 207 238 961 58 | Passcode: Yf3RA6ZB*

PRESENT:

Mayor

Division 1 – Boigu
Division 3 – Saibai
Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**
Division 6 – Kubin
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
Cr Chelsea Aniba
Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Cr Iona Manas
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 2 – Dauan
Division 4 – Mabuiag

Cr Torenzo Elisala – *prior intrastate commitment*
Cr Keith Fell – *prior intrastate commitment*

ABSENT:

Division 9 – Iama

Cr Aggie Hankin

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Building Services
Executive Director Community Services
Executive Director Corporate Services
Executive Director Financial Services
DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and
Native Title Advisor
Acting Manager Governance & Risk
Executive Assistant to the CEO
TSIRC Secretariat

Mr James William
Mr Wayne Green
Mr Dawson Sailor
Ms Michelle Webster
Ms Hollie Faithfull

Ms Joanne Bryant
Ms Belinda Down
Ms Amy Orr
Mr Darryl Brooks

GUESTS:

Consultant (Culturev8)

Ms Julia Mauro – *agenda item 2 only*

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

At 9.10am the Mayor (**Cr Phillemon Mosby**) formally opened the Trustee Council meeting for the month of June 2026, noting that a quorum of members was present.

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

- Our Heavenly Father for His awesome wisdom, knowledge, understanding and favour upon our lives, and upon the journey of our Council, where we have been, where we are today, and where we're heading as a Council and as a region.
- Traditional Owners of the length and breadth of our beautiful home - Zenadth Kes - including where the TSIRC footprint is here in Gimuy.
- Traditional Owners Walubara Yidinji and Djabugay.
- Our Elders and Leaders – past, present and emerging across the region and across our homelands.

The 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 collective thoughts and prayers of Council throughout their bereavement.

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.

Prior to further progressing with the official agenda program, the Mayor thanked and acknowledged the Deputy Mayor (**Cr Ranetta Wosomo**) for her leadership during his absence and commended her drive and enthusiasm in championing Council's vision during these challenging times. The Mayor also acknowledged all Councillors for supporting the Deputy Mayor's leadership, as well as Council's Chief Executive Officer (**Mr James William**) and his Executive Team for stepping up their support to the Deputy Mayor and Councillors over this period.

The Mayor encouraged all Councillors to reflect on the current political, cultural and economic climate with a view to planning Council's directions and forward planning over the next 6—18 months.

The Mayor also advised that he will be returning to work on light duties and that he is currently clarifying with the Deputy Mayor the extent of responsibilities that will be carried out by the Deputy Mayor during this time, particularly on strategic leadership roles. Following further consultation with the State Department (including legal advice), the Mayor will advise Council of arrangements as they are finalised.

In relation to Councillor absences (including himself), the Mayor advised that the matter of granting leave of absence for Councillors will be discussed further during the Ordinary Council meeting. This matter has arisen as a result of the Mayor's enquiries in relation to his own absences during recent months.

B. NOTING OF APOLOGIES

The following apologies were noted by the Trustee Council:

Division	Councillor/Reason	Mover/Seconder
Division 2 – Dauan	Cr Torenzo Elisala – <i>intrastate for prior NAIDOC commitment with Dauan Community</i>	CR MANAS / CR PEARSON
Division 4 – Mabuiag	Cr Keith Fell – <i>intrastate for prior sporting commitment for the annual Laurie Spina Carnival</i>	CR LEVI / CR ANIBA

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) DECLARATIONS

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

The 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 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.

Cr Dimas Toby enquired whether **Cr Seriako Dorante** had a COI in relation to the Closed Business report [“Kirirri (Hammond Island) – 99 Year Home Ownership Lease Applicants”]. Cr Dorante and the DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor (**Ms Joanne Bryant**) advised the meeting that the matter was discussed prior and Cr Dorante advised that he did not have a COI in relation to this matter.

D. LIVE STREAM

The Mayor advised that this meeting is being LIVE STREAMED on Council's YouTube Channel and welcomed members of the general public who view these proceedings. The 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 (20 MAY 2026)

#T24-28/2026-6/1

CR LEVI / CR PEARSON

Council (as Trustee) confirms the Minutes of the Trustee Meeting held on 20 May 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.*

➤ *Ms Julia Mauro (Consultant, Culturev8) spoke to the following item.*

2. UPDATING STATUTORY DELEGATIONS

#T24-28/2026-6/2

CR WOSOMO / CR TAMU

Council (as Trustee) resolves to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the exercise of Trustee powers under the following statutory instruments and these powers must be exercised subject to the Conditions Imposed on All Delegations and any further limitations contained in the 2026 Register of Delegations, as presented:

1. **Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003**
2. **Land Access Ombudsman Act 2017**
3. **Land Act 1994**
4. **Land Title Act 1994**
5. **Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014**
6. **Mineral Resources Act 1989**
7. **Nature Conservation Act 1992**
8. **Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004**
9. **Planning Act 2016**
10. **Planning and Environment Court Act 2016**
11. **Property Law Act 2023**
12. **Retail Shop Leases Act 1994**
13. **Soil Conservation Act 1986**
14. **Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Act 2003**
15. **Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998**
16. **Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003**
17. **Transport Infrastructure Act 1994**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

➤ *The Mayor raised the matter of Cr Francis Pearson having a COI in his dual role as the local PBC Chair. Cr Pearson advised that he supports the granting of the lease, wishes to remain for discussion but will abstain from voting on the matter.*

3. DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS (DHA) LEASE – PORUMA ISLAND

#T24-28/2026-6/3

CR MYE / CR KAIGEY

*[CR PEARSON ABSTAINED]***Council (as Trustee):**

- (a) approves, in accordance with the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991*, the grant of an 8-year lease for telecommunication facilities to the Department of Home Affairs' (DHA) over Lot 5 on SP270862 Poruma Island; and
- (b) delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to formalise the Trustee's approval set out in this resolution, by progressing negotiations with DHA on commercial terms and by signing a Conditional Agreement to Lease and subsequent lease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**4. DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS (DHA) LEASE – ERUB ISLAND**

#T24-28/2026-6/4

CR PEARSON / CR MYE

Council (as Trustee):

- (a) approves, in accordance with the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991*, the grant of an 8-year lease for telecommunication facilities to the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) over part of Lot 29 SP270873 described as Lease B on SP139198 (Erub Island); and
- (b) delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to formalise the Trustee's approval set out in this resolution, by progressing negotiations with DHA on commercial terms and by signing a Conditional Agreement to Lease and subsequent lease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Action Required:**

1. Executive Director Financial Services to provide Quarterly Reports to Council (as Trustee) detailing Trustee Fund Balances for each relevant Division.
2. Executive Director Financial Services to provide relevant information (application forms and policy/procedure on use of trust money) to Councillors.
3. The Culture, Arts, Land & Heritage (CALH) Advisory Committee to review the policy/procedure with a view to enhancing accessibility to the community. The review is to be tabled at future Strategic Action Reference Group (SARG) Standing Committee.
4. Chief Executive Officer to list the matter on the agenda for discussion at the Council Workshop in October 2026, with a view to Council considering a report on the matter at the December 2026 Trustee Council meeting.

- *The meeting was suspended from 10.40 am to 10.55am for a morning tea break.*

5. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#T24-28/2026-6/5

CR WOSOMO / CR PEARSON

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 those items listed in the officer's report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *Council (as Trustee) held Closed Discussions from 11.05am to 12.25pm to discuss the following matters:*
- ❖ *[Standing Agenda Item] Culture, Arts, Land & Heritage (CALH) Advisory Committee - Update on Land and Native Title Strategic Matters – verbal update by Cr Chelsea Aniba*
[s.84(2)(a) - Matter may prejudice the interests of the trustee council or someone else]
 - ❖ *Kirirri (Hammond Island) – 99 Year Home Ownership Lease Applications*
[s.84(2)(a) - Matter may prejudice the interests of the trustee council or someone else]
 - ❖ *Iama DOGIT Transfer – Update*
[s.84(2)(a) - Matter may prejudice the interests of the trustee council or someone else]
- *Cr Seriako Dorante elected to absent himself from the meeting during discussion in relation to Resolution 7.1 [Kirirri (Hammond Island) – 99 Year Home Ownership Lease Applications] and was not present when this matter was considered.*

6. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#T24-28/2026-6/6

CR STEPHEN / CR ANIBA

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 formally resolved as follows:

7.1. Kirirri (Hammond Island) – 99 Year Home Ownership Lease Applications**Executive Summary**

This report seeks Trustee approval for 11 Expressions of Interest that were received for 99-year home ownership leases on Hammond Island.

#T24-28/2026-6/7.1

CR ANIBA / CR STEPHEN

Council (as Trustee):

(a) approves, in accordance with the *Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1991*, the Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for 99-year home ownership leases on Hammond Island for the following 11 applicants:

1. ADIDI; Mary Loretta – Lot 48SP248418
ADIDI; Fran-Sione

SOKI; Morris Gabriel
SOKI; Daniel Frederick
2. AHWANG; Derek – Lot 68SP248418
3. BAKER; Alexander Lennox – Lot 5SP292850
DORANTE; Roxanne Rubena
4. BOWIE; Daniel Anthony – Lots 19 and 20SP248418
5. CURRY; Georgina – Lot 67SP248418
6. DORANTE; Josephine Mary – Lot 92SP248418
7. GARNIER; Marietta – Lot 17SP248418
8. SABATINO; Charles Anthony – Lot 73SP248418
9. SABATINO; Nicholas Thomas – Lot 63SP248418
SABATINO; Tunam

SABATINO; Jessica

LOBAN; Nicholas Charles
10. SABATINO; Thomas John (Jnr) – Lot 58SP248418
11. TURNER; Regina – Lot 103SP248418: and

(b) approves the surrender of social housing lease (718258431) over Lot 5SP292850; and

(c) delegates to the Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor each the power to:

- i. formalise the Trustee's approval in relation to all matters set out in this resolution;
- ii. execute necessary documents, including Conditional Agreements to Lease and subsequent leases;
- iii. sign the surrender of social housing lease (718258431) over lot 5 on SP292850; and
- iv. refund the land (lease) sale price to any applicants identified through the Trustee Policy as having a traditional connection to the land.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action Required:

Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director Building Services to consider strategies to enable cost-effective repairs and maintenance to homeowners, particularly in light of the increasing applications for 99-year leases.

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

Executive Summary

Discussions involve sensitive matters in relation to land or native title.

Discussion only. Council (as Trustee) noted the verbal updates provided by **Cr Aniba** and **Ms Joanne Bryant** (DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor).

7.3. Iama DOGIT Transfer – Update

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide the Trustee with an update on the proposed transfer of Iama Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT).

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

8. ITEMS ARISING

The Mayor requested that the Chief Executive Officer's monthly report to the Ordinary Council Meetings include information on his engagements pertaining to Council's responsibilities as Trustee.

9. NEXT MEETING – 21 July 2026 (Mabuiag)

Noted by the Trustee Council.

10. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor acknowledged and thanked the CALH Advisory Committee Chair (**Cr Chelsea Aniba**) and Committee Members, the Chief Executive Officer (**Mr James William**) and the DOGIT Transfer, Land Tenure and Native Title Advisor (**Ms Joanne Bryant**) in advising Council and managing Council's day-to-day responsibility as the Trustee for DOGIT matters across the TSIRC footprint.

The Mayor formally closed the Trustee Council meeting at 12.35pm.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 21 July 2026



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Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Deputy Mayor / Meeting Chairperson
Torres Strait Island Regional Council



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James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council