ORDINARY MEETING
19 August 2026

MINUTES

Time: 10.30am to 5.00pm

Venue: *Microsoft (TEAMS) Meeting ID: 490 796 011 588 78 | Passcode: NV3ea23L*

PRESENT:

Division 2 – Dauan	Cr Torenzo Elisala *– via TEAMS*
Division 4 – Mabuiag	Cr Keith Fell *– via TEAMS*
Division 5 – Badu / **Deputy Mayor**	Cr Ranetta Wosomo *– via TEAMS*
Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls), Mua Island	Cr John Levi *– via TEAMS*
Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond Island)	Cr Seriako Dorante *– via TEAMS*
Division 9 – Iama	Cr Aggie Hankin *– Travel (Unavailable 1100hrs – 1300hrs) (Returned 12:08pm)*
Division 11 – Poruma	Cr Francis Pearson *– via TEAMS*
Division 12 – Masig	Cr Ted Mosby *– via TEAMS*
Division 13 – Ugar	Cr Rocky Stephen *– via TEAMS*
Division 14 – Erub	Cr Nixon Mye *– via TEAMS*
Division 15 – Mer	Cr Bob Kaigey *– via TEAMS*

APOLOGIES:

Mayor	Cr Phillemon Mosby *– Medical / Illness*
Division 1 – Boigu	Cr Dimas Toby *– Sorry Business*
Division 3 – Saibai	Cr Chelsea Aniba *– Sorry Business*
Division 6 – Kubin	Cr Iona Manas *– Other Commitments*
Division 9 – Iama	Cr Aggie Hankin *– Travel (Unavailable 1100hrs – 1300hrs)*
Division 10 – Warraber	Cr Kabay Tamu*– Personal Commitments / Travel*

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer	Mr James William
Executive Director Building Services	Mr Wayne Green
Executive Director Community Services	Mr Dawson Sailor
Acting Executive Director Corporate Services	Ms Joanne Bryant
Executive Director Engineering Services	Mr David Baldwin
Executive Director Financial Services	Ms Hollie Faithfull
Executive Assistant to the Mayor	Ms Trudy Lui *– via TEAMS*
Executive Assistant to the CEO	Ms Amy Orr
TSIRC Secretariat	Ms Sarah Acton

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

At 10.10am, the Deputy Mayor welcomed Councillors, Executives and staff to the Ordinary Council meeting for the month of August 2026, noting that a quorum of members was present.

The Deputy Mayor made the following acknowledgements:

- Our Heavenly Father for His hand of favour, and His blessing over lives for each and every one of us, our families and throughout the region;
- Traditional Owners throughout Zenadth Kes.

The Deputy Mayor also acknowledged and conveyed prayer to those members of the Torres Strait Islander community throughout the homelands and on the Australian mainland who may currently be experiencing Sorry Business.

B. LEAVES OF ABSENCE & APOLOGIES

#C24-28/2026-8/B

CR HANKIN / CR ELISALA

Council:

a) **notes the following written apologies from Councillors for the August 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting:**

Division	Councillor	Reason
Division 6 – KUBIN	Cr. Iona Manas	Other Commitments

and

b) **grants leave of absence for each of the following Councillors for the Ordinary Council Meeting dated as listed:**

Division	Councillor	Date of Absence	Reason
Mayor	Cr. Philemon Mosby	19 August 2026	Medical / Illness (health-related reasons or medical appointments)
Division 1 – BOIGU	Cr. Dimas Toby	19 August 2026	Personal Commitments (family or personal matters) *Attending funeral*
Division 3 – SAIBAI	Cr. Chelsea Aniba	19 August 2026	Personal Commitments (family or personal matters) *Funeral preparations; Late Jeff Aniba Waia & Late Peter Papua MBD*
Division 9 – IAMA	Cr. Aggie Hankin	19 August 2026 (Partial Absence)	Travel (planned interstate or overseas travel) *Available 0900hrs-1100hrs* *Unavailable 1100hrs-1300hrs* *Available 1300hrs onwards*
Division 10 – WARRABER	Cr. Kabay Tamu	19 August 2026	Personal Commitments (family or personal matters) Travel (planned interstate or overseas travel)

Division 5 - BADU	Cr. Ranetta Wosomo	28 October 2026	Personal Commitments (family or personal matters) Travel (planned interstate or overseas travel)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) DECLARATIONS

The Deputy Mayor advised that no written COI notifications were provided by Councillors in relation to the Ordinary Council Meeting for August 2026 and invited Councillors to make any declarations before today's proceedings commence any further.

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.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (21-22 July 2026)

#C24-28/2026-8/1

CR ELISALA / CR FELL

Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21-22 July 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.1. Action Items Update

The Chief Executive Officer (**Mr James William**) spoke to this item.

The update was noted by Council.

Items noted as 'completed' during this update will be removed from future reports.

Cr Keith Fell enquired about discussions in relation to Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) funding for Mabuiag, particularly the level of engagement and collaboration from the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA).

Action Required:

The Chief Executive Officer to bring further advice to Council in relation to Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) funding for Mabuiag once consultation with the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) has been completed fully.

2. MAYORAL REPORTS

2.1. Mayoral Monthly Report

The Deputy Mayor spoke to this report on behalf of the Mayor.

The report was noted by Council.

- *The Deputy Mayor advised that she was experiencing technical difficulties and therefore upon completion of speaking to the Mayoral Monthly Report, would delegate the Chair to Cr Keith Fell.*
- *At 10.25am the Deputy Mayor delegated the Chair to Cr Keith Fell, which resulted in the following resolution by Council:*

#C24-28/2026-8/2.1

CR PEARSON / CR ELISALA

The Council resolves that the Deputy Mayor as Chair of the meeting, 19 August 2026, delegates the role of Chair to Councillor Fell for the remainder of the meeting, effective as of this time 10.25am. Councillor Fell will assume the role of the Chair accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Torenzo Elisala enquired about feedback from the visits mentioned in the Mayoral Monthly Report, in particular the Minister for Home Affairs and Border Security Delegation on Saibai Island and the Senate Hearing on Thursday Island, and how further engagement and action could be achieved and advocacy and lobbying facilitated, such as utilising the opportunity of the Council workshop being held in October 2026.

The Chief Executive Officer responded that the feedback could be provided once wider consultation has occurred, and that further discussions in relation to these matters can be taken offline to be discussed between Cr Torenzo Elisala, the Chief Executive Officer and relevant Councillors and Executives.

Cr Francis Pearson enquired about possible approaches to conversation with government officials visiting the Torres Strait Island Region to ensure their visits uphold greater intention and action for tangible results.

The Chair responded that a new perspective and approach is needed, and it is an important discussion that can continue offline between Cr Francis Pearson and the Chief Executive Officer.

2.2. Mayoral Minute

Nil.

3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

- *Prior to the commencement of Agenda Item 3, the Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) sought approval from the Chair to seek Council endorsement for an additional item to be added to the published August 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting agenda.*
- *The Chair agreed to the request and the Chief Executive Officer tabled a motion which resulted in the following resolution by Council:*

#C24-28/2026-8/3

CR PEARSON / CR MOSBY

In accordance with section 254D(4) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council agrees to an amendment to the published agenda for the August 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting to include a late report tabled by the Chief Executive Officer which relates to a change in the venue and location of the September 2026 Trustee & Ordinary Council Meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.1. CEO Monthly Report (August 2026)

The Chief Executive Officer (**Mr James William**) spoke to this report.

The report was noted by Council.

3.2. Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance Membership (TCICA) (2026-2027)

#C24-28/2026-8/3.2

CR PEARSON / CR MYE

AGAINST: CR ELISALA / CR LEVI / CR KAIGEY / CR DORANTE

The Chief Executive Officer (**Mr James William**) spoke to this report.

Council resolves to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to approve payment for Council's annual membership to the Torres Cape Indigenous Alliance (TCICA) of $16500 for the 2026-2027 financial year.

CARRIED

Cr Torenzo Elisala raised concerns for the TCICA membership regarding value for money and achieving results.

The Deputy Mayor requested information be provided to Council in relation to the positives and negatives of having an annual membership with TCICA.

The Chair requested that information provided to Council also include what has been achieved and what has not been achieved through TCICA and the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ). The Chair additionally requested information in relation to how improvements can be made on how Council utilises entities such as TCICA and LGAQ to voice opinions, articulate requirements and concerns, and achieve tangible results.

Action Required:

The Chief Executive Officer to provide information to Council in relation to:

- the positives and negatives of having an annual membership with the Torres Cape Indigenous Alliance (TCICA);
- what Council has achieved and has not achieved through TCICA and the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ); and
- how Council can improve on using entities such as TCICA and LGAQ to voice opinions, articulate requirements and concerns, and achieve tangible results.

The above information is to be provided to Council at the Council workshop being held in October 2026, subject to the relevant information being readily available and prepared by that date.

3.3. Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Climate Alliance Forum Update (October 2026)

#C24-28/2026-8/3.3

CR WOSOMO / CR MOSBY

The Chief Executive Officer (**Mr James William**) handed this agenda item to the Executive Director Community Services (**Mr Dawson Sailor**), who recommended this report.

Mr Dawson Sailor spoke to this report.

The CEO then further spoke to this report.

The Chair responded noting it has already been discussed how Council wants to move forward, with strategies and documents that have been reviewed previously and the plan to collaborate to assess the priorities. The Chair further noted the intention for future collaborations to be more outcomes driven rather than solely discussions.

Council resolves the following:

1. **Note the update regarding the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Climate Alliance Forum scheduled for 22–23 October 2026 in Cairns.**
2. **Note that TSIRC is leading forum development on behalf of the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Climate Alliance, with strategic support from Mirabou and funding support from the Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW).**
3. **Note that the Forum is intended to elevate Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area climate priorities and contribute Indigenous-led evidence and solutions to national and international climate policy discussions, including activities associated with COP31 and the IPCC Seventh Assessment Cycle (AR7).**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Deputy Mayor noted there are often a number of people representing the Torres Strait region at such climate change forums and queried whether the people representing the Torres Strait region receive the information required to appropriately represent the region.

The Chief Executive Officer responded that although there are a number of people, agencies and stakeholders that represent the Torres Strait region at such climate change forums, and often with a variety of views, priorities and opinions, that regardless and ultimately the Council has a substantial part and obligation to maintain to support the Torres Strait community going forward at such forums, due to their responsibility as elected leaders appointed by the community to address such important issues and their ownership of governing relevant assets. The Chief Executive Officer further mentioned that therefore Council cannot pass that responsibility to someone else as it is central to Council's responsibility as a significant service provider to the region.

The Chair addressed the many moving parts for this topic and the importance of Council leading the discussion around it, especially in relation to sourcing funding to achieve tangible results. The Chair mentioned the abundance of statistics and data that has been made available to not only Council but other relevant people, agencies and stakeholders, and therefore the need for sourcing funding to become a priority.

3.4. Change of Venue Location – September 2026 Trustee & Ordinary Council Meetings (Late Report)

#C24-28/2026-8/3.4

CR WOSOMO / CR PEARSON

The Chief Executive Officer (**Mr James William**) spoke to this report.

Cr Bob Kaigey also spoke to this report.

Council resolves to conduct the September 2026 Trustee & Ordinary Council Meetings as a virtual meeting on Teams on Wednesday 22 September 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. BUILDING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

6. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

6.1. Community Grants Program Allocation (July 2026)

#C24-28/2026-8/6.1

The Acting Executive Director Corporate Services (**Ms Joanne Bryant**) spoke to this report.

The report was noted by Council.

In accordance with Sections 194 and 195 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Council's Community Grants Policy, Council resolves:

1. **to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants:**
   - **CG2027-013 – KULPIYAM FOOTBALL TEAM, BADU for $1,500.00**

MOVED/SECONDED: CR WOSOMO / CR STEPHEN
CARRIED UNAMINOUSLY

   - **CG2027-014 – CHURCH OF GOD, KUBIN for $3,000.00;**

MOVED/SECONDED: CR MYE / CR PEARSON
CARRIED UNAMINOUSLY

   - **CG2027-015 – MIRIAM NONA, BADU for $1,000.00;**

MOVED/SECONDED: CR HANKIN / CR ELISALA
CARRIED UNAMINOUSLY

6.2. Funding Acquisition Report (July 2026)

#C24-28/2026-8/6.2

CR ELISALA / CR PEARSON

The Acting Executive Director Corporate Services (**Ms Joanne Bryant**) spoke to this report.

The Chair thanked the team for their effort of sourcing funding as related to this report.

Council resolves to note this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Nil.

8. FINANCIAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

8.1. Financial Dashboard Report (July 2026)

#C24-28/2026-8/8.1

CR WOSOMO / CR DORANTE

Council receives and endorses the monthly financial statements attached to the officer's report for the 2026-27 year to date, for the period ended 31 July 2026, as required under Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2. Benefit Realisation of Procurement and Financial Policies

#C24-28/2026-8/8.2

CR DORANTE / CR PEARSON

The Executive Director Financial Services (**Hollie Faithfull**) spoke on this report.

The report was noted by Council.

Council resolves to note this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

#C24-28/2026-8/9

CR MOSBY / CR WOSOMO

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 those items listed in attachment to the officer's report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. RESOLUTION TO RETURN THE MEETING TO OPEN DISCUSSION

#C24-28/2026-8/10

CR WOSOMO / CR PEARSON

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Council formally resolved as follows:

11.1. *[Standing Agenda Item]* Update on Current Legal Matters before Council *(verbal update only)*

Executive Summary
Verbal update provided by the Chief Executive Officer on the status of any current legal matters before Council.

Discussion only.

The verbal update provided by the Chief Executive Officer (**Mr James William**) was noted by Council.

11.2. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Capital Works – Information Report

Executive Summary
This information report provides a status update on some of Council's key capital projects managed by the Engineering Services Capital Works Team. Key projects include QRA DRFA Activated Event request, QRA DRFA Betterment works, QRA Crucial Access Links program, DRFA roads works at Erub Island and Central Island, Marine Infrastructure Upgrades on Dauan and Saibai, and seawall projects at Warraber and Masig.

#C24-28/2026-8/11.2

CR LEVI / CR WOSOMO

The Executive Director Engineering Services (**Mr David Baldwin**) spoke to a confidential information report.

Council resolves to note this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Funding Matter – TSIRC.0059.2526G.REC DRFA

Executive Summary
This funding report is in relation to the Council's submission TSIRC.0059.2526G.REC for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements grant assistance for the Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets works following the Queensland Monsoon Trough, Cyclone Koji, Cyclone Narelle and Severe Weather 24 December 2025 – 24 April 2026 weather events' impact on Erub Kemus Road Culvert Scour.

#C24-28/2026-8/11.3

CR MYE / CR PEARSON

Council resolves:

1) **To enter into the proposed funding agreement for TSIRC.0059.2526G.REC for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) & Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA), administered by Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) for a grant sum of up to $1,022,903.43 (Excl. GST); and**

2) **Pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:**

   a. **power to make, amend or discharge the Funding Agreement; and**

   b. **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

11.4. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Contractual Matter – Tender Evaluation and Award of Contract TC25194 Top Western 2025 DRFA Works

Executive Summary
Tenders were invited via public advertisement for this contract and assessed by an evaluation panel to determine best value. A scored evaluation was conducted in accordance with the pre-determined evaluation plan and the applicable policy and procedures.

#C24-28/2026-8/11.4

CR HANKIN / CR LEVI

Council resolves:

3) **To award contract number TC25194 for Top Westerns 2025 DRFA Works to T.I. Concrete Works Pty Ltd for the lump sum price of $2,020,175.39 ex GST for a term from 31 August 2026 to 28 February 2027; and**

4) **Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:**

   (a) power to make, amend or discharge the contract; and

(b) 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

11.5. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Contractual Matter – Tender Evaluation and Award of Contract TC25195 Western Islands 2025 DRFA Works

Executive Summary
Tenders were invited via public advertisement for this contract and assessed by an evaluation panel to determine best value. A scored evaluation was conducted in accordance with the pre-determined evaluation plan and the applicable policy and procedures.

#C24-28/2026-8/11.5

CR PEARSON / CR LEVI

Council resolves:

5) **To award contract number TC25195 for Western Islands 2025 DRFA Works to Torres Strait Island Homes Pty Ltd for the lump sum price of $5,858,508.46 ex GST for a term from 31 August 2026 to 28 February 2027; and**

6) **Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:**

   (c) power to make, amend or discharge the contract; and

   (d) 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

11.6. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Contractual Matter – Tender Evaluation and Award of Contract TC24040 Boigu Aerodrome Reseal

Executive Summary
Tenders were invited via public advertisement for this contract and assessed by an evaluation panel to determine best value. A scored evaluation was conducted in accordance with the pre-determined evaluation plan and the applicable policy and procedures.

#C24-28/2026-8/11.6

CR ELISALA / CR MOSBY

Council resolves:

7) **To award contract number TC24040 for Boigu Aerodrome Reseal to Koppen Construction Pty Ltd for the lump sum price of $3,656,426.50 ex GST; and**

8) **Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:**

(e) power to make, amend or discharge the contract; and

(f) 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

11.7. CORPORATE SERVICES: Expiring Subordinate Legislation – *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities (Justice, Land and Other Matters) Regulation 2008*

Executive Summary
This Expiring Subordinate Legislation report is to provide Council with an update regarding the status of the expiry of subordinate legislation, *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities (Justice, Land and Other Matters) Regulation 2008*

#C24-28/2026-8/11.7

CR HANKIN / CR WOSOMO

The Acting Executive Director Corporate Services (**Ms Joanne Bryant**) spoke to this report.

Council resolves to note this report and the update.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEPUTATION #1: Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service (TCHHS) – Department of Health

<u>Discussion Topic</u>: General Update and Question Time

<u>Deputation Lead Speaker</u>: Marita Sagigi | Executive General Manager Northern Sector | Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service

<u>Other Attendees</u>: Emma Pickering – Operations Manager Public Health, Lindsay Pickstone – Senior Director Infrastructure, Eva Burns – Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Professions, and Charlotte Nona – Director Primary Health Care Services, Damien Arndt – Acting Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, Reece Griffin – Executive Director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

The Chair welcomed the TCHHS deputation to the meeting.

The Executive General Manager Norther Sector – Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service (TCHHS) (**Ms Marita Sagigi**) addressed the Council.

Ms Marita Sagigi acknowledged the Kaurareg people as the Traditional Owners on the lands where she is located on Waibene, Thursday Island, recognising the connections that they hold to the lands, winds, water and community and pay her respects to them, their elders past, present and emerging, but also extend that recognition and thanks to the Traditional Elders on the lands where all the Council Meeting attendees are joining from across the region.

The Senior Director of Infrastructure - TCHHS (**Mr Lindsay Pickstone**) addressed the Council.

The Acting Director for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health – TCHHS (**Mr Damian Arndt**) addressed the Council.

The Director for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health - TCHHS (**Ms Eva Burns**) addressed the Council.

The Director Primary Health Care Services - TCHHS (**Ms Charlotte Nona**) addressed the Council.

The Executive Director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health - TCHHS (**Mr Reece Griffin**) addressed the Council.

Ms Marita Sagigi spoke on some of TCHHS Highlights & Opportunities, including a Quit Connectors Program (QCP) – Smoking Cessation Partnership, Diabetes Yarning Train the Trainer sessions, and Torres Strait & Northern Peninsula Area Health Partnerships.

Ms Martia Sagigi provided Council with data on their Health Centre Performance for matters such as immunisations, health checks, chronic conditions and smoking rates. Ms Marita Sagigi also provided information on TCHHS challenges, such as staff safety & collaboration, and the nursing workforce.

Mr Lindsay Pickstone provided the Council with a TCHHS infrastructure update which includes Moa Island Primary Health Care Centres where a construction contract has been awarded.

The Deputy Mayor noted that Mr Lindsay Pickstone mentioned Badu and that there has been community consultations in regard to the new building. The Deputy Mayor mentioned that there has been limited information throughout community on what is occurring, and would therefore appreciate TCHHS advocating for that building and procuring the funds for that building.

Mr Lindsay Pickstone responded that there will be an opportunity to advocate and assess what the preferred options is, and although it cannot be guaranteed it is certainly something that will be advocated for.

The Deputy Mayor further responded that it would be appreciated if communication could get out to the community, and if timeframes on the consultation process can be provided.

Mr Lindsay Pickstone agreed and responded that the intention is for communication to be delivered sooner rather than later.

Cr Seriako Dorante queried whether efforts can be made toward the procurement of some form of facility on Hammond Island that delivers a health service.

The Chair further raised and mentioned the urgency of having some form of health facility on Hammond Island due to the lack of health assistance for critical patients that require urgent assistance, and to assist in alleviating the amount of fatal patients.

Cr Francis Pearson noted his support for the issues and concerns raised by fellow council members in relation to Hammond Island, and noted the considerable delays that have been experienced and insisted on an answer being provided at the next meeting between Council and TCHHS.

Cr Rocky Stephen highlighted that Hammond Island is an Australian community and the importance of all Australian communities being supported equally and fairly and noted his disappointment that Hammond Island has not been adequately captured in the TCHHS infrastructure update.

Cr Torenzo Elisala wished to support the notations and issues raised by fellow council members in relation to Hammond Island, expressing the amount of times this issue for Hammon Island has been previously raised and the urgency for outcomes to be provided.

Mr Lindsay Pickstone responded that the feedback from Council has been received and noted that from an equity point of view that a health care centre on Hammond is required and that TCHHS have previously raised this issue and the underlying need and escalated those concerns to the Department of Health. Mr Lindsay Pickstone further responded that the response TCHHS previously received was that further consideration needs to be explored towards non-infrastructure solutions, however the concerns and urgency raised by Council have been received and will be acknowledged.

Ms Marita Sagigi commented that TCHHS will continue to work with Cr Dorante and the Torres Strait Island Regional Council as a whole for advocacy and support for TCHHS's future presentations and projects to the government.

Mr Damian Arndt and Ms Eva Burns provided Council with information on TCHHS EDATSIH Highlights, including a Health Equity Strategy, Community Guides, and A&TSI Health Workforce Education and Training.

The Operations Manager Public Health - TCHHS (**Ms Emma Pickering**) provided Council with an update and data in relation to Public Health in the Torres Strait, including items such as notifiable conditions, malaria outbreak, and boil water alerts.

Ms Marita Sagigi closed the presentation from TCHHS and confirmed that a copy of the presentation slideshow will be made available to Council sometime after the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor thanked Emma Pickering, Martia Sagigi and the rest of the team for their efforts and information presented.

Councillors took the opportunity to put forward any final queries to the TCHHS team in relation to the presentation and any other matters. Several matters were discussed such as the issue of retaining nursing staff long term within Torres Strait communities to foster good working relationships and enabling connection between nursing staff and community members to be upheld, TCHHS staff attending and presenting at the Council October 2026 workshop, TCHHS and the Torres Strait Regional Council (**TSIRC**) collaborating together to improve services and outcomes for the Torres Strait communities, implications and management of the H5N1 bird flu virus, vaccination errors, and consideration for greater access to vaccination services such as home visits for the elderly to assist with greater vaccination coverage.

12. ITEMS ARISING

Council noted there were no items arising.

13. INFORMATION REPORTS

13.1. BUILDING SERVICES – Building Services Report (July 2026)

13.2. COMMUNITY SERVICES – Community Services (July 2026)

13.3. CORPORATE SERVICES - Corporate Services Information Report (July 2026)

13.4. ENGINEERING SERVICES – Engineering Operations

13.5. ENGINEERING SERVICES – Information Report - Water and Wastewater (July 2026)

Council received and noted the information reports.

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.

14. NEXT MEETING – 21-22 September 2026 (Mer)

Noted by Council that the next meeting has been changed from 21-22 September 2026 on Mer Island to instead be held on **22 September 2026 as a virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams**, as per agenda item 3.4.

15. CLOSE OF MEETING & PRAYER

The Chair thanked Councillors and Officers for their participation and constructive engagement throughout the meeting and formally closed the Council meeting at 2.00pm.

In her closing remarks the Deputy mayor thanked the outgoing Secretariat Officer for their work and contribution to council.

Cr Francis Pearson delivered the closing prayer.

MINUTES CONFIRMED – 22 September 2026

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Cr Phillemon Mosby Mayor Torres Strait Island Regional Council	James William Chief Executive Officer Torres Strait Island Regional Council