



Housing and Safe & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting

Agenda

Date:	8 June 2023
Time:	10.00am to 12.00nn
Venue:	(VC) Executive Committee Room – VMR 0299 165 402 #Guest PIN 6905

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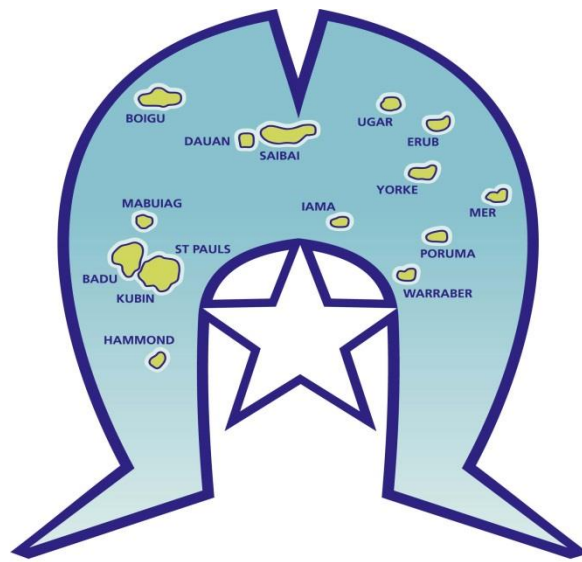
Time	Agenda Item
10.00am	1. Welcome (Chair)
10.05am	2. Opening Prayer
10.10am	3. Attendance / Apologies
10.15am	4. Conflict of Interest (COI) - Declarable/Prescribed
10.20am	5. Noting of Ratified Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 2 February 2023
10.25am	6. Action Items from Previous Meeting
10.35am	7. COMMUNITY SERVICES: Community Services Update (<i>verbal</i>)
10.45am	8. COMMUNITY SERVICES: Draft Domestic Violence Plan (<i>late paper</i>)
11.05am	9. HOUSING MATTERS (Chairperson) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13M Regional Rent Arrears• Regional Housing Strategy• Abandoned Homes• Blue Phone• Healthy Home Program (Badu)
11.15am	10. HEALTH MATTERS (Chairperson) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hammond Health Centre• RN for UGAR• Asbestos concerns within Communities• Major Infrastructures
11.25am	11. ANIMAL MANAGEMENT MATTERS (Chairperson) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major concerns within St Pauls and Badu• Regional Dogs and Cats Issues (feral)
11.35am	12. SPORTS & RECREATION MATTERS (Chairperson) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sporting facilities not safe for communities to use• HLOs - Funding & Hours

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| 11.45am | 13. | SAFE COMMUNITIES MATTERS (Chairperson) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacement of Major Infrastructure (STP/Council Offices/Marine/Airports/Workshops/Roads/Sporting Facilities). |
| 11.55am | 14. | General / Other Business (on notice) |
| 12.00nn | 15. | Next Meeting Date: 28 September 2023 |
| 12.05pm | 16. | Closing Remarks & Prayer |



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes

HOUSING AND SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, 2nd February 2023

Time: 10:05am to 12:49pm

Venue: Video Conference

PRESENT:

Cr Phillemon Mosby – Mayor
Cr Keith Fell – Chair – Division 4, Mabuiag
Cr Francis Pearson – Division 11, Poruma

STAFF:

Mr Dawson Sailor, Head of Community Services
Mr Wayne Green, Executive Director Building Services
Ms May Mosby, Acting Secretariat Officer

APOLOGY

Cr John Levi, Division 7 St Paul's

Agenda

1. Welcome (Chair)

Cr Keith Fell welcomed Mayor Mosby, Councillor Francis Pearson and Executive Staff to the meeting and paid respects to traditional owners on the land we meet today in Cairns and in our respective communities throughout Zenadth Kes.

Two representatives from Aboriginal and Torres Islander Housing, Ms Jacinta McKewen and Ms Toni Ford were also present at the meeting.

2. Opening Prayer

Cr Francis Pearson opened the meeting in prayer at 10:05am

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to the dearly departed. May they rest in peace.

3. Apologies

Cr John Levi, Division 7 – St Paul's due to PNG Nationals' unexpected visit.

Due to time constraints, Cr Fell gave the two representatives from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing an opportunity to provide the Committee with an update of the blue phone process.

Ms Jacinta McKewen, Acting Director for Deliver, ATSI Housing based in Cairns addressed the Committee in detail on the process of the blue phone and the issues tenants are experiencing in the Torres Strait, Thursday Island, NPA and Cape. Jacinta spoke on the information that they currently have and working on collaboratively with SSQ as the Government Call Centre and also with QBuild locally in Cairns around a suite of options and potentially some good solutions that may work. What works in one community does not always work in another.

Cr Fell stated that the two main concerns for us are logistics and timing.

Jacinta advised that she has had meetings with her Executive Director for ATSI Housing, Sharon Kenyan, SSQ leaders and Michelle Catteral from QBuild and a few matters were raised such as:

- What is the scripting that the SSQ Call Centre staff have?
- What is their geographical knowledge and awareness of the locations?

Especially in Torres is the geographical awareness; How we can work with them to understand more both from the customer perspective and also from times when that

maintenance request go from the call centre to QBuild then to Council for the delivery of the work and how that customer is being communicated to.

Further discussions were held on the issues with QBuild maintenance requests and QBuild tendering those requests out to contractors.

Cr Fell thanked Jacinta and Toni for their attendance and participation in today's meeting. Jacinta and Toni left the meeting at 10:43am.

Committee Meeting resumed at 10:56am.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest (COI) (Prescribed and Declarable)

No declarations or relevant legal proceedings declarations were made by Councillors.

5. Confirmation of previous minutes – 8th November 2022

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That the Committee notes the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2022 as true and accurate account of that meeting.

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6. Action Items List

Executive Director Building Services, Mr Wayne Green updated the Committee with the action item from last meeting.

Discussions took place on the topic of the service audit.

ACTION:

Head of Community Services to organise??

ACTION:

That the Committee put this subject of blue phone process to SARG with a draft scope to recommend to full council.

7. Standing Agenda Item:

Head of Community Services - Housing Authority (verbal)

ACTION:

Secretariat Officer to remove the Standing Agenda of Housing Authority from future Agenda.

11:19am – Manager Environment and Health, Mr Ewan Gunn dialled in to the meeting. Cr Fell welcomed Ewan to the meeting.

Mayor Mosby asked the Chair to look further into what decision was made into this matter as it is not administration or CEO determine this course. It has to go through to full council for a formal resolution.

7a. Community Services Department – Verbal

Head of Community Services, Mr Dawson Sailor provided an update on the following:

Housing Team.

Finalising the recruitment process for Manager Housing with interviews scheduled this week.

Environmental Health

Workshop planned throughout the year for Animal Management.
Successful in the Bio Security grant.

Child Care/Aged care

7b. Youth Program 2023 Grant Applications

Head of Community Services, Mr Dawson Sailor provided the Committee with a verbal update.

7c. Women Program 2023

Head of Community Services Mr Dawson Sailor spoke to the report. This report is to raise awareness of empowering women. The aim of this program is to empower women in our region. The program was planned to be delivered on Badu and Warraber however lack of accommodation availability on Badu and time constraints, the program will be delivered on Warraber.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Keith Fell

That the Committee notes the Information on this report

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7d. Island of Origin Support

Head of Community Services, Mr Dawson Sailor spoke to the report. The intent of the report is to raise awareness of a grant program through Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport and seek feedback from the Committee for financial support for sport related events.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Keith Fell; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That the Committee notes the Information on this report.

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Cr Fell suggested an out of session discussions on this subject.

8. Capital Housing Program

Executive Director Building Services, Mr Wayne Green provided a verbal update on the capital housing program.

Wayne advised they have identified flaws in the previous plugins that's been done with the use of contractors up in the Torres Strait. Wayne is working closely with other funding partners such as Health and QBuild to understand what work that these contractors already have and for us to engage and get them on board, we are not going to get value for money.

QBuild are currently doing a procurement process for \$800m worth of houses and we could partner with them to get better value for money. They have shortlisted 11 major contractors and are currently going through the designs. They have reassured us they will look like residences. Requests from Councillors are for 3-4 bedroom houses. QBuild will have the procurement methodology all sorted by June and would have a better outcome for Council long term. Wayne will keep the Committee up to date.

ACTION:

Executive Director Building Services to touch base with each councillor in the coming weeks on the capital works program.

9. Health Centre and Ferry update (Hammond) – Verbal

Mayor Mosby advised he has not received any feedback to date.

The ferry service is back in operation since school started.

Cr Fell suggested a paper be prepared from the Committee to support Cr Seriako Dorante so he is aware that we have taken action on this matter.

Cr Fell also suggested that this topic be taken out of session to be discussed further.

ACTION:

Head of Community Services to prepare a letter of support for Cr Dorante regarding a Health Centre at Hammond.

10. Animal Management – Verbal – Ewan Gunn, Manager Environment and Health

Cr Fell raised the issues of dogs throughout the region and the concern of Moa Island Community has of horses and invited Ewan to speak more on this subject.

Mr Ewan Gunn spoke at length on the dogs roaming in communities and dog attacks. Ewan advised that most of the Environmental Health Workers are authorised persons under the Local Government Act. Some of his Environmental Health Workers will be undertaking training later in the year in animal management and training with staff that haven't completed a Cert IV in Animal Management.

The horse issues on Moa has been a concern for a number of years.

Cr Fell asked if RSPCA could be involved or maybe look into some sort of cage that could house stray dogs. Ewan stated that are VET visits are every 6 months.

Further discussions took place on the topic. Cr Fell asked if this topic could be taken out of session to discuss further.

11. Alcohol Management – Verbal

Cr Fell brought up a concern of Cr Toby. Cr Fell suggested an out of session catch up on this topic.

12. Regional Fuel update – Verbal

There is no fuel update at this time.

13. Policing and Border Force concerns – Overstayers PNG – Verbal

Cr Fell raised this topic as there are 2 overstayers in his community Border Force has been assisting.

14. Jetty closing update – Verbal

Cr Fell asked that the Committee bring this topic SARG and then to February's meeting.

ACTION:

That the Committee bring raise this topic at February's SARG meeting and then to Council's OM in February.

15. HF Radio & Satellite phones – Verbal

Cr Fell spoke on the importance of HF Radios and Sat phone usage. A concern of the Committee about the process in making sure the SAT phones works. 5 SAT phones in Mabuiag but none of them work when there's a storm.

The Committee would like to see an information report on more communities making sure the SAT phones and HF Radios works for instances of medi vacs to people lost at sea.

12:37pm - Mayor Mosby thanked and commended the Committee and Staff for their ongoing commitment to this portfolio.

16. General/ Other Business (on notice)

Head of Community Services, Mr Dawson Sailor advised that he spoke with the Manager of Governance and Compliance regarding the Terms of Reference for the Housing and Safe and Healthy Communities Committee with having himself and the Executive Director Building Services assign to the Committee.

Cr Fell asked if a report could be prepared for the March Ordinary Meeting for a proposed service audit.

ACTION:

Executive Director Building Services to prepare a service audit report for March Ordinary Meeting.

Further business matters raised:

- Updated Report on Regional Housing in the Torres Strait and include consultation in the region. Support the Housing Officers on ground.
- Prepare a report to full council on the Health Centre on Hammond.
- Report to Council regarding animal management on dogs and horses.

Cr Fell thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in today's meeting.

17. Next meeting date – Thursday, 1st June 2023

18. Closing Prayer

Cr Fell closed the meeting in prayer.

MEETING CLOSED - 12:49PM

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Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date:

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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date:



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ACTION ITEMS

Actions Arising from February 2023 Meeting

Agenda Item	Action	Action Area	Current Status
AI 6	That the Committee put this subject of blue phone process to SARG with a draft scope to recommend to full Council.	Community Services/ED Building Services	Discussed at May 2023 TSIRC Workshop and will be discussed further at the Community Services/BSU Workshop on 13 June 2023.
AI 7	Secretariat to remove the Standing Agenda Item of 'Housing Authority' from the Committee's agenda.	Secretariat	Completed
AI 8	Executive Director Building Services to touch base with each Councillor in the coming weeks on the capital works program.	ED Building Services	Completed
AI 9	Head of Community Services to prepare a letter of support for Cr Seriako Dorante regarding a Health Centre at Hammond Island.	Community Services	
AI 14	That the Committee raise this topic (Jetty closure) at the February 2023 SARG meeting and then to Council's Ordinary Meeting in February 2023.	ED Engineering Services	<i>Kubin, St. Pauls and Badu jetties??</i>
AI 16	Executive Director Building Services to prepare a service audit report for the Council's March 2023 Ordinary Meeting.	ED Building Services	



TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

INFORMATION REPORT

COMMITTEE:	Housing and Safe and Healthy Communities Committee
DATE:	8 June 2023
ITEM:	Agenda Item for Information by Committee
SUBJECT:	Draft Domestic & Family Violence Action Plan
AUTHOR:	Dawson Sailor, Head of Community Services

Recommendation:

Notes the information on this report:

Executive Summary:

Intent of this report is to present a draft regional Domestic & Family Violence Action Plan.

Background:

In March 2022, the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership (DSDSATSIP) through its Local Thriving Communities Initiative awarded Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC) \$175,000 to develop, implement and monitor a Domestic & Family Violence Action Plan for the Torres Strait region.

The objective of the project is to:

1. Reducing domestic and family violence in community
2. Supporting people experiencing domestic and family violence; and
3. Reducing reoffending, including working with perpetrators

Attached to the report is a draft Action Plan; Implementation Plan for the Committee's consideration prior to presenting to full Council in July 2023 Ordinary meeting.

In line with Councils procurement procedure, Peak Services support was engaged to lead the procurement process of suitable Consultant to deliver the project on behalf of Council. Unfortunately, no suitable candidates were engaged through the VendorPanel process. A Torres Strait islander business who expressed interest didn't not submit all required documentation, despite numerous requests from Panel Chair

(Jonieli Palenzuela, Peak Services). CEO and Executive have signed off to close this process, candidates notified.

With increasing pressure from DSDSATSIP on contractual obligations, Community Services changed the direction to deliver the project in-house with our Health & Wellbeing team. This was a much better approach, as it allowed maximization of grant funding to the project, as well as collaboration with other health and wellbeing related projects.

A national “Pathways to Safety” Report indicated that, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are 32 times more likely to be hospitalized due to family violence compared to non-First Nations women, 10 times more likely to die due to assault and 45 times more likely to experience violence. The topic of Domestic and Family Violence is sensitive and taboo topic in for Torres Strait Island people, the focus of the grant focusses on Women in the region.

At out-set of the project, it was agreed by regional stakeholders that a cost-effective and culturally appropriate way to achieve deliverables of the grant is to consult with women will be to host a regional Womens get together in a safe space and collectively.

A workshop was held on Warraber early March 2023 “Empowered Women, Empower Women”. The workshop was attended by 40 women from across the region, the engagement focused on empowering women to give them a voice to open discssion on the Regions Action Plan. TSIRC facilitated this workshop and invited specialist in the field to empower attendees. The workshop received positive feedback from participants and also received interest from regional stakeholders on the model of delivery from other non-Govt organisations and individuals to host similar event.

Considerations

Risk Management

Consultation:

- 40 Torres Strait Islander Women from the region
- Angela Ruska, Manager Thriving Communities, DSDSATSIP
- Manager Health & Wellbeing TSIRC
- Joneili Palenzula, Senior Advisor Peak Services
- Business Services Accountant, TSIRC

Links to Strategic Plans:

Corporate Plan 2020-2025

- Sustainability - Objective 7: Our communities are consulted around livable places, aligned to lifestyle and environmental suitability

- Operational Plan 2022 - 2023

Statutory Requirements:

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Conclusion:

That the Committee notes the information in this report.



Endorsed:

Dawson Sailor
Head of Community Services


Approved:

James William
Chief Executive Officer



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CONNECTING THROUGH STORIES



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A DSDSATSIP INITIATIVE FUNDED THROUGH TORRES
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TSIRC Plan – Domestic and Family Violence Action Plan.

Reshaping Our Future Stories.

Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners -

This document acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the islands across Zenadth Kes on which Torres Strait Regional Council works and live. We acknowledge Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal peoples past, present and future. We also acknowledge our histories, cultures, knowledge, and stories shared.

We take a moment to remember the lives of our mothers and sisters who have died through domestic and family violence.

About this ACTION PLAN

A Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership initiative funded through Torres Strait Island Regional Council. To develop and implement a Domestic and Family Violence Action and Implementation Plan.

Domestic violence affects us all. This plan focuses on women. More women dying because of domestic violence. Domestic and Family Violence is passed on in families – what they witnessed or experienced as children is passed on from generation to generation. Domestic violence has become silent in our community, Domestic and family violence is not a Torres Strait Island Cultural practice.

This plan, our plan, is everyone's' business – even if it's not happening to you. But know that somewhere, someone close to our heart, maybe our nieces, nephews, next door neighbour, friends and family are affected by some sort of Domestic and Family Violence.

An Empowered Women Empower Women Workshop held on Warraber Island from 1st of March to 3rd of March 2023, empowered forty (40) women from right across the islands of Zenadth Kes to have a voice on how the stories around Domestic and Family Violence needed to change.

Ladies from Saibai, Mabuiag, Badu, Kubin, St Pauls, Hammond, Iama, Warraber, Masig, Mer and Erub attended the 3-day workshop on Warraber. Due to sorry business within the communities of Boigu, Dauan and Ugar, ladies from these communities were not able to attend.

At the workshop, a safe space was created which allowed some ladies to share openly their stories.

The focus of the Domestic and Family Violence session was to listen to ideas, strategies and actions that would contribute to changing community stories around Domestic and Family Violence.

An action identifies was not to call the plan the 'TSIRC Domestic and Family Violence Action Plan'. The ladies felt that the use of the words Domestic and Family Violence Action Plan created a negative stigma and a plan with such name have detrimental effect on community member. Enhance the document title **Connecting Through Stories.**

TSIRC Plan – Domestic and Family Violence Action Plan.

Reshaping Our Future Stories.

This plan includes:

- What we are going to do: Actions identified Torres Strait Island Regional Council women constituents.
- How we are going to do it: Implementation plan by Torres Strait Island Regional Council, as lead agency.

The Action and Implementation Plan include strategies to address the following actions:

- reducing domestic and family violence in community
- supporting people experiencing domestic and family violence; and
- reducing DFV reoffending, including working with perpetrators.

This document is only made available through the use of a QR Code. The final public document will be a one pager – A3 folded in half with Connect Through Stories Action and Implementation Plan.

OUR VISION

Casting a community safety net that empowers community to connect through stories by reshaping future stories around domestic and family violence in our communities.

OUR GOAL

Within two (2) years, equip our community with five (5) simple everyday life skills to reshape the way stories are told around domestic and family challenges.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - THEMES

Themes from Community Engagement sessions held on the 2nd of March 2023.

Themes	What Stood out from community engagement.
Reducing domestic and family violence in community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The healing power of writing down one's thoughts and feelings. • Women want a space/ a collectively designed and contributed journal, to gather their thoughts and reflect. • Bring together a locally reflected journal – first self-care, connection to others through their words, quotes, recipes, anything that is important to them. • A safe place to 'put everything down' that one is feeling/ thinking. • Climate change is contributing to domestic violence. • Climate change affects livelihoods, affecting the future, and cause huge stress.
Supporting people experiencing domestic and family violence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If we take this at the family level – family groups gathering, can be a way to heal at a whole family and community level. • People's reluctance to come along to a session with a title around 'domestic violence talks'. • It's a hard topic to address, and this workshop, in secrecy, asked if women were ok to speak about domestic violence. • It's a shame factor, no-one would have come if advertised on the flyers. • How to be proactive in the community? • Bring reflective and curious dialogue around the situation: Unpack it – why do we behave the way we do? Get curious. Maybe: didn't finish high school/ got fired from a job? • How can we empower our fellas to become the protectors of our community.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What's a next step we could do, to help our mental and physical and emotional and cultural self?• Times are changing – we are getting stronger; women have a voice.• Need to work in partnership with men.• Feeling of being trapped – can't get out.• How to help communicate ways 'to get out' – what are pathways used by women before.• Stories can give hope.• What is the pathway through the spiritual community? Are they integrated into services?• Support through agencies – not effective.• When we tell our DV story – don't know where that data or story goes?• Need to have the money go back to the community, create employment, men and women, work together.• Fly in and fly out business doesn't work.• A hub or facility in community that offers education around many holistic streams (eg alcohol & drug abuse, what triggers DV, what signs to look for?).• Services in community now. Employment in the community. Made in community and stays in community.• Community taking control and owns the solutions.• Avoid taking kids away. Community solutions around that. Can we develop a 'kinship' plan where people put their hands up to take kids at risk of being put in child protection.• Child safety – the kids can be removed, and they could go anywhere.• Should bring in a kinship structure to the solution as a proactive system of support.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding funding for DV champions – currently funded through the justice group (made up of little organisations. • Frustrated with the fly in and fly out service as not adequately servicing the needs. • How do we get funding on the ground, and support communities in more remote settings? • Decentralisation of resources and supportive personnel is needed. • As a victim – there is no support. • Don't want to talk to a stranger or have friends talk behind back. • Wanted confidential conversation, talk face to face. • Participant shared: Struggle that she found herself in. She ended up counselling own self and used her experience with her cousins. Talking with her brothers can be healing too. Can talk through issues. • In the Torres Strait outer island, if ring 000 won't get that support– paddy wagon doesn't turn up straight away therefore there is no support that could save life or assist.
reducing DFV reoffending, including working with perpetrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The correctional centres have the program – but the environment in the community needs to bring change. • There has been no shelter for men. • What's the process to return home to community after watchhouse on TI? • Isolated communities have other issues, compared to the more populated islands. • Some can deal with one time, but not consistent and re-offenders etc. • DV cycle still be there it's hard to break the cycle • Change the language when referring to domestic and family violence. • People will step back from participating in gatherings and events that may use those words.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is another word that can be used that isn't so shaming or triggering for people?• Words are abuse too. We need to be told that is part of violence too, it can wear a human down. It's much bigger than just physical violence. Family members who commit DV – get sent away to watch house, perhaps a few months.• Then on return comes back the stress and the cycle starts again. They don't have money, resources, ideas, support to go and get help. How do we empower to make change to change the - for support of men's education/ gathering /group?
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TSIRC Plan – Domestic and Family Violence Action Plan.

Reshaping Our Future Stories.

CONNECTING THROUGH STORIES

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Pillars	Timeframes		Action Plan - What are we going to do	Implementation Plan- How we are going to do it.
	Short Term	Before 30 th of June 2023		
<u>Boat</u>		Action 1	Use positive language when referring to the TSIRC Domestic and Family Violence Action Plan.	Change language from TSIRC Domestic and Family Violence to <u>'Connecting Through Stories'</u> as program and activity titles. Translated 'Connecting Through Stories' into Torres Strait customary languages.
		Action 2	Create a platform for healing through Connecting Empowered Women Empower Women Stories	Create, publish, and distribute, a <u>self-heal reflection space</u> through a creative reflective journal. From the Empowered Women Empower Women Workshop held on Warraber from 1 -3 of March 2023, women's thoughts, words, voices, stories, 'I believe' statements, self-empowered tools and photos were collected to connect all women through stories. These elements would form the basis of a self-heal creative reflection journal.

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				<p>Journal to include directory of resources. Links to where information can be found.</p> <p>Tips and techniques for women available through QR Scanner Code.</p> <p>Recording of some tips and technique</p> <p>Create safe environment for women to write and share (if need be) – reflective writing space.</p> <p>Women yarning circle – Mediator create a safe space for women to share and tell their stories.</p> <p>Platform designed and written by local empowered women in the Torres Strait</p>
			Action 3	<p>Encourage Individual, Family and Community shared understand of Connecting Through Stories.</p>
		1 st of July 2023 to 30 th December 2023	Action 4	<p>Connect Champions Through Stories.</p>
				<p>Working with other agencies to create and implement culturally safe and appropriate family wellbeing programs in 5 pilot communities.</p> <p><u>Mediation Training Program</u></p> <p>Seek funding for paid <u>Connecting Through Stories Champions</u> for community-based employments for women and men.</p> <p>Creating <u>community centre yarning circles</u> for youths, men, and women.</p> <p><u>Purchase activity resources</u> for community yarning gathering</p> <p>Through community capacity building of mediation training, will come employment opportunities, community self-develop life skill tools using cultural protocol that can be used to better</p>

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						equip community to address challenges faced in the community. Enable champions to implement community education sessions
				Action 5	Develop a 5 year 'Connecting through Stories' for Health and Wellbeing Action plans by the community for the community	<u>Seek funding</u> and support with external stakeholders to <u>develop a 5 year Connecting through Stories Health and Wellbeing Action plan</u> starting with 5 communities.
<u>Net</u>	Medium	1 st of January 2024 to 30 th of June 2024	Action 6	Annual mass gathering for women in the Torres Strait.		<u>Seek funding and create women voices together through connecting stories.</u> The gathering of Torres Strait Island women will enable women to support and empower each other, in finding a <u>T.A.I.L</u> to strength their voices. Finding a TAIL was a <u>tool</u> given to women at the Empowered Women Empower Women Workshop held on Warraber from 1 -3 of March 2023. <i>T – talented, A – amazing I – inspiring, L – lady</i>
<u>Anchor</u>	Long		Action 7	Creating safe environment within individual islands.		Establishment of Youth Centres to support youth programs. Establishment of Supportive Multi-Purpose Support Cluster/Hub or Agencies, Establishment of Network of community SAFE houses. Creating culturally safe infrastructure was identified and noted and it was agreed that these actions would require discussion with leaders and traditional landowners and a more holist government discussion.

Connecting Through Stories - Implementation Plan

Project Name:	Connecting Through Stories	
Project Manager:	Mr Dawson Sailor	
Project Sponsor:	Department of Seniors, Disability Servcies and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership	
Project Objective:	To develop and implement a Domestice and Family Violence Action and Implement Plan for	

Action Plan Number	Implmentation Plan	Implmentation Actions Required	Budget Allocation	Respsonsilbitiy Person	Priority	Status	Start Date	Target Completion Date	Action Completed Date	Comments/Note
1	Change language from TSIRC Domestic and Family Violence to: “	Connecting Through Stories” to utilise this positive <i>TITLE</i> for various programs and activities.	\$ -	Ella Kris	High	Completed	3/03/2023	3/03/2023	3/03/2023	
		Translate “Connecting Through Stories” into Torres Strait customary languages.	\$ 500.00	Ella Kris	High	Pending	3/03/2023	30/06/2023		Need to pay Meriam Mir (Eastern) and Kalau Lagau Ya(Western) interperer
2	Create, publish, and distribute, a Self-Heal Writing & Reflection Space as a locally inspired journal.	Design	\$ 1,000.00	Ella Kris/Brendand John	Medium	In Progress	3/03/2023	15/06/2023		
		Production	\$ 2,500.00	Ella Kris/Brendand John	Medium	will proceed after Design Phase	3/03/2023	30/06/2023		
		Printing	\$ 2,500.00	Ella Kris/Brendand John	Medium	will proceed after Design Phase	3/03/2023	31/08/2023		
		Create Women’s Yarning Circle - to share Journal	\$ 10,000.00	Ella Kris	Medium	Will proceed after Printing	3/03/2023	31/12/2023		
3	Family Wellbeing Programs - Work with other agencies to create and implement culturally safe appropriate family wellbeing programs in 5 pilot communities, initially, before expanding to more communities.	Create Partnership	\$ -	Ella Kris	High	Completed	3/03/2023	28/04/2023	16/02/2023	Partnership created with James Cook University Family wellbeing Program and Mura Kokse Women Organisation on TI
		Contents Awareness and Training	\$ 5,000.00	Ella Kris (HWB Manager), Suzanna Mosby (Masig) , Niki Mackie (Poruma) and Loretta Arbua (Boigu)	High	Completed	3/03/2023	28/04/2023	28/04/2023	This training was done in Cairns on 27th and 28th of April. Attended by Ella Kris (HWB Manager), Suzanna Mosby (Masig) , Niki Mackie (Poruma) and Loretta Arbua (Boigu)
		Community identified - Masig - Family Wellbeing Community Champions training	\$ 2,000.00	Susana Mosby June Messa Collin Messa	High	Completed	3/03/2023	28/04/2023	12/05/2023	This budget is allocated in the Facilitators Training. Facilitators training was conducted on Masig in May 2023
		Community identified - Poruma Family Wellbeing Community Facilicator training	\$ 2,000.00	Ivy Fauid Niki Mackie	High	Completed	3/03/2023	30/06/2023	12/05/2023	completed on Masig May 2023
		Community Identified - Iama Family Wellbeing Community Facilitators training	\$ 2,000.00	Anthony Bann Nelly Billy Gladys Kelly	High	Completed	3/03/2023	30/06/2023	12/05/2023	This budget is allocated in the Facilitators Training. Facilitators training was conducted on Masig in May 2023
		Community identified - Boigu Family Wellbeing Community Facilitators training	\$ 2,000.00	Loretta Aruba	High		3/03/2023	30/06/2023		To be orgnaised

