



Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda

Date: 18-19 July 2023
Time: 10.30am to 5.00pm
Venue: WUG (St Paul's Community)
Aka Demaga Uruba Ware Community Hall
Lot 206 Saveka Street
St Pauls Community
Moa Island, Torres Strait

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DAY 1 - 18 JULY 2023

Time		Subject
10.30am	1.	Welcome
10.45am	2.	Apologies
10.50am	3.	Conflict of Interest (COI) - Declarable/Prescribed
10.55am	4.	Confirmation of Council Ordinary Meeting Minutes – June 2023
11.00am	5.	Ratification of Economic Growth Committee Meeting Minutes of 9 May 2023
11.05am	6.	Action Items from Previous Council Ordinary Meetings
11.15am	7.	Mayor Report – July 2023
11.25am	8.	Chief Executive Officer Report – July 2023
	9.	COMMUNITY SERVICES: Domestic & Family Violence Action Plan
	10.	CORPORATE SERVICES: Project Recommendations – Growing Regions Program Round One
	11.	CORPORATE SERVICES: Community Grants Program Allocation – July 2023
	12.	CORPORATE SERVICES: Funding Acquisition Report
	13.	ENGINEERING SERVICES: Funding Matter – Building Our Regions Round 6 – Planning Projects
	14.	FINANCIAL SERVICES: Financial Dashboard Report – June 2023
	15.	MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS <i>Mayor to call for meeting to proceed into Closed Business</i>
	16.	BUILDING SERVICES: Contractual Matter – Poruma Community Roof Replacement Project: Work Package 1 - TSIRC 2023 - 438 - Community Hall Work Package 2 - TSIRC 2023 - 437 - Staff Accom Work Package 3 - TSIRC 2023 - 436 - Gazebos
	17.	BUILDING SERVICES: Contractual Matter – Lot 155 Pedro, 158 Pedro, 181 Kubin, 168A Access Rd, 168B Access Road, 168C Access Road, St Pauls – Driveway/Carport Upgrade
	18.	BUILDING SERVICES: Contractual Matter – Lot 12 Map Street and Lot 13 Map Street, Mabuiag – Home Ownership Works
	19.	BUILDING SERVICES: Contractual Matter – Lot 12 Dans Road, 13 Dans Road, 26 Charlies Road, 90 Lawrences Road, Yorke – Home Ownership Works
	20.	BUILDING SERVICES: Contractual Matter – Lot 26A Main Road and Lot 69 Main Road, Saibai – Home Ownership Works
	21.	ENGINEERING SERVICES: Award Tender No. TSIRC 2022-362 Marine Initiatives – Separable Portion A – St Pauls Community Barge Ramp Remedial Works

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- 22. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Award of Contract – Ghost Nets Innovative Solution Program – Torres Strait Marine Debris Task Force
- 23. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Fuel Update
- 24. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Award a Purchase Order for Masig Aerodrome Fencing Materials
- 25. CORPORATE SERVICES: (** Restricted Discussion **) Councillor Conduct Complaint
- 26. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS
Mayor to call for meeting to move out of Closed Business

27. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED BUSINESS

5.00pm 28. Close – Day 1

7.00pm

COMMUNITY WELCOME/DINNER

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DAY 2 - 19 JULY 2023

Time		Subject
8.55am	29.	Welcome / Attendance
9.00am	30.	DEPUTATION: State Emergency Service (SES) St Pauls <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Discussion Topic</u>: Local safety issues• Deputation Lead Speaker: Ms Eunice Hosea Local Community Disaster Coordinator – TSIRC
9.30am	31.	DEPUTATION (<i>via Microsoft Teams</i>): Interim Truth and Treaty Body (ITTB) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Discussion Topic</u>: Path to Treaty• Deputation Lead Speaker: Mr Aaron Fa'Aoso Board Member ITTB
11.30am	32.	BUSINESS ARISING <i>For discussion of additional business which arises throughout the meeting.</i>
	33.	Strategic Matters
	34.	Next Council Meeting Date: TBC 15-16 August 2023 (VC)
5.00pm	35.	Closing Remarks & Prayer



TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

DRAFT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

27 June 2023

DRAFT Ordinary Meeting Minutes – June 2023

**DRAFT ORDINARY MINUTES
27 JUNE 2023**

PRESENT:

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor
Cr Dimas Toby, Division 1 – Boigu
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Arkai
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls), Mua Island
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond)
Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar
Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub
Division 15 – Mer was not represented

PRESENT:

Mr James William, Chief Executive Officer
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services
Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services
Mr Wayne Green, Executive Director Building Services
Mr Dawson Sailor, Head of Community Services
Mr David Kempton, Acting Executive Director Corporate Services
Ms Julia Mauro, Senior Legal Officer
Ms Julie Marino, Senior Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Ms Trudy Lui, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Mr Darryl Brooks, Secretariat Officer

APOLOGIES:

Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag
Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu
Cr Getano Lui (Jnr), Deputy Mayor Division 9 – Iama
Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig

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1. 9.40am Welcome

Our Mayor Mosby opened the Council's Ordinary Meeting for June 2023 at 10.35am and acknowledged, Councillors, Executive and Administration Staff.

Mayor Mosby advised Council that we have a tight agenda today and a larger than usual set of papers to be discussed. Mayor Mosby also advised Council that GBK's 2023 meeting calendar clashes with Council's. In order for Councillors who have dual roles to be able to attend GBK meeting tomorrow, we will endeavour to work through today's Agenda to completion. Mayor Mosby thanked Council for their understanding and patience and very much appreciates the Councillors who have dual roles to the benefit of our community.

Mayor Mosby being physically in Cairns at this time, also acknowledged the traditional Aboriginal custodians of Cairns, where the meeting is located; as well as:

- Cultural acknowledgements for the Torres Strait region across the length and breadth of Zenadth Kes and the Gimuy-walubarra yidi people – the traditional owners of the lands on which we are meeting;
- Our Heavenly Father for his awesome wisdom, knowledge and understanding; and
- All Elders, past, present and emerging.

Attendance

Mayor Mosby completed a roll call of Councillors to establish a Quorum. A Quorum was achieved.

2. Apologies

The following apologies were noted:

- Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag (medical apology by email)
- Cr Laurie Nona, Division 5 – Badu (apology by email)
- Cr Getano Lui (Jnr), Deputy Mayor, Division 9 -Iama (Sorry Business : Apology by email)
- Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig (medical – apology by text). (Cr John Levi relayed to Council that Cr Hilda Mosby sent her apology for non attendance).

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

That Council accepts the apology for Cr Keith Fell, for the June 2023 Ordinary Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That Council accepts the apology for Cr Laurie Nona, for the June 2023 Ordinary Meeting.

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RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That Council accepts the apology for Cr Getano Lui (Jnr), for the June 2023 Ordinary Meeting.

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RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That Council accepts the apology for Cr Hilda Mosby, for the June 2023 Ordinary Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS

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3. Conflict of Interest (COI) - Declarable/Prescribed

Mayor Mosby requested that members make any relevant conflict of interest declarations and advise if any relevant legal proceedings were current pertaining to Council business to be considered at the meeting. No such declarations were made.

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes of Council Ordinary Meeting of 25 – 26 May 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Kabay Tamu

That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Council Ordinary Meeting of 25 – 26 May 2023, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Confirmation of Strategic Advisory Reference Group Committee Meeting Minutes of 4 April 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That Council resolves to accept the minutes of Strategic Advisory Reference Group Committee Meeting Minutes of 4 April 2023, to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Action Items from Previous Meetings

The Chief Executive Officer provided the Council with a verbal update on action items from the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 – 26 May 2023.

A summary of the update on action items is provided is at Attachment A.

Council noted this report and its content.

ACTION: Cr Rocky Stephen to send a priority listing, based on his recommendation, targeting the needs of the Ugar community to Executive Director Engineering re the distribution of the \$40m.

ACTION ITEM: Chief Executive Officer to work with Executive Director Engineering and Acting Executive Director Corporate Services to draft a letter to Ms Vonda Malone, Chief Executive Officer Torres Strait Regional Authority clarifying Council's position in relation to the \$40m State contribution to marine infrastructure, to seek clarification in relation to RIAC prioritisation and to advise that Council wishes to apply for the maximum amount of funding available under Round One of the Growing Regions Program in order to complete much needed asset upgrades across multiple locations, including Ugar priorities.

7. Mayor Report

Mayor Mosby read through his report, verbally summarising the content.

Mayor Mosby's report is to provide Council with a monthly update on the Mayor's activities relating to Council and the Community – outlining key engagements, conversations and outcomes.

Council noted Mayor Mosby's May/June 2023 Report for Council.

ACTION ITEM: Head of Community Services to circulate to Councillors and Executive the 'Voice to Parliament' Consultation Dates for the Torres Strait.

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ACTION ITEM: Acting Executive Director Corporate Affairs to prepare a letter for the Mayor to Minister Catherine King, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development of Australia, to thank her for her time at their last face to face meeting (Friday 6 June 2023). In order not to jeopardise her commitment with regard to the \$40m Marine Infrastructure outcome to Torres Strait Islands, ask Minister to clarify in writing her commitment – so there is no confusion. Mayor Mosby will then relate this commitment back to community.

ACTION ITEM: Acting Executive Director Corporate Affairs to prepare letter from Mayor to Justin Mohamed (Ambassador First Nations) reiterating Council support for the Torres Strait Treaty in its current format and inviting the Ambassador to meet with Council.

ACTION ITEM: Acting Executive Director Corporate Affairs to prepare a letter for the Mayor to Minister Andrew Giles, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs in relation to border security, immigration, biosecurity, on ground support, PNG treaty review to improve on ground governance arrangements, invite him to visit the Torres Strait Islands.

ACTION ITEM: Acting Executive Director Corporate Affairs to prepare a letter for the Mayor to Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians (the Hon. Linda Burney MP) confirming TSIRC's support for the upcoming Referendum on the Voice to Parliament, as well as reaffirming that the Masig Statement is the Torres Strait 'Voice'; and to seek clarification on how the Torres Strait Islander 'voice' will be represented to Parliament if the Referendum succeeds.

8. Chief Executive Officer Report (verbal)

Chief Executive Officer thanked Councillors for their unwavering support and gratefully said the support has never been better. We have been going through a change management process and despite our challenges we are going in the right direction.

Key matters to note:

- Gold Coast City Council

Following a recent meeting with the Chief Executive Officer Gold Coast Council (Mr Tim Baker) the Gold Coast Council has agreed to **GIFT** the TSIRC their older model garbage trucks (value approximately \$1m).

The Gold Coast Council want to invest in TSIRC – they want to share resources; they want to be a Sister City; they want to expose their staff to our culture to see how a Council operates who has no money.

- QBuild

Written confirmation on the partnership proposition and outcomes for our communities.

- Financial Sustainability and Revenue

This is by far the most important factor for TSIRC.

Focus on being more strategic – particularly around own-sourced revenue.

Must focus on being cost-efficient. We consume money 'just in time' – we need to plan better in order to be more strategic about how money is spent.

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- Corporate Services

More focus to occur on grants, improved reporting, strategic HR sourcing and communications.

- BSU

Confident of having closure by 30 June 2023 of legacy issues. Future financial performance reports will reflect these changes. Focus is to establish BSU as an own-source revenue provider.

- Engineering Services

Capital investment is the most dominant issue that Council needs to be focused on. Engineering Services must focus more work on identifying and properly documenting needs and costings, in order to be on the front foot when applying for funding.

To assist the Executive Director Financial Services to focus on these capital investment issues, responsibility for Fuel and Fleet management has been moved into Corporate Services and the position of Head of Engineering Services has been created to help alleviate the day-to-day demands normally resting with the Executive Director.

- Community Services

Spoke to Housing Officers Meeting in Cairns on 26 June 2023 and it was an ideal opportunity to explain to officers the finer details around funding and funding sources so those officers could return and inform community on how priorities are determined by Council.

In relation to community housing matters – the work between Executive Director Building Services and Head of Community Services is to be commended. Focus is to make this Council sustainable. Housing Officers workshop currently in session, understanding and capturing data is important for Council to make informed decisions on the subject.

- Corporate Structure

New Corporate Structure commencing 1 July 2023 will now reflect five (5) Executive Directors. The Head of Community Services will now be known as Executive Director Community Services.

- Mirabou Pty Ltd & iOR Matters

A late paper will be submitted by the CEO in Closed Business in relation to Mirabou Pty Ltd. Next month another paper will be brought to Council in relation to iOR.

Council noted the Chief Executive Officer Report.

Cr Rocky Stephen commented that Council was grateful to Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, Financial Services for their ongoing commitment to save Council money. Cr Torenzo Elisala agreed and congratulated the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Directors.

Mayor Mosby thanked the Executive Committee for their expertise and commitment. Mayor Mosby supported the Chief Executive Officer's comments and requested Council's Standing Committees to step up their game and work closely with their respective Executive Director in order to "slay" their priority listing to community.

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ACTION ITEM: Chief Executive Officer to distribute copies of the correspondence regarding: Gold Coast Council disposal of waste compactor vehicles.

ACTION ITEM: Chief Executive Officer to prepare letter of thanks from Mayor to Gold Coast Council regard donation of waste compactor vehicles and expressing interest to strengthening a formal partnership between the two Councils.

ACTION ITEM: Chief Executive Officer to prepare a Closed Business Brief in relation to iOR for the July 2023 Council Meeting.

9. CORPORATE SERVICES: Funding Acquisition Report

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen
That Council resolves to note this report and its content.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Mosby enquired about the difference in spending between 2022 and 2023.

ACTION ITEM: Acting Executive Director Corporate Services to update Council with a comparative analysis on funding measuring performance and productivity.

10. Policy Matter – Community Grants Policy

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Kabay Tamu

That Council resolves to:

1. Amend and endorse the Torres Strait Island Regional Council's Community Grants Policy, previously endorsed by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 7 December 2021, in the terms presented to Council; and
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to exercise the functions and powers assigned to the Chief Executive Officer under the amended and endorsed policy, including the power to make any further minor administrative amendments to the policy as they arise.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Policy Matter – Entertainment and Hospitality Policy

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

That Council resolves to:

1. Amend and endorse the Torres Strait Island Regional Council's Entertainment and Hospitality Policy, previously endorsed by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 28 June 2022, in the terms presented to Council; and
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to exercise the functions and powers assigned to the Chief Executive Officer under the amended and endorsed policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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12. Change of Council Ordinary Meeting Venue

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That Council resolves to:

- **Change the meeting venue for the ordinary meeting of Council originally scheduled for 18-19 July 2023 on Mabuiag, to be relocated to St Pauls community.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Community Grants Program Allocation - June 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

Council resolves to allocate Regional Grants Program funding under Round 3 of the 2022/2023 financial year to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- **Aragun Warriors Rugby League Club for the requested amount of \$2,500.00 exclusive of GST.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Kabay Tamu declared a conflict of interest in relation to the following application and left the meeting prior to discussions.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

Council resolves to allocate Regional Grants Program funding under Round 3 of the 2022/2023 financial year to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- **Iris Billy for the requested amount of \$500.00 exclusive of GST.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Kabay Tamu rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of the above recommendation.

14. Corporate Services - Top 10 Priorities

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

Council resolves to:

- **Note the contents of this report**
- **Adopt the reporting matrix.**
- **Refer the priorities to the November 2023 workshop.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. Policy Matter – Councillor Remuneration, Reimbursement and Facilities Provision Policy

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: Cr Dimas Toby

That Council resolves to:

1. **Amend and endorse the Torres Strait Island Regional Council's Councillor Remuneration, Reimbursement and Facilities Provision Policy, previously endorsed by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 30 June 2022, in the terms presented to Council; and**
2. **Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government***

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Act 2009 to exercise the functions and powers assigned to the Chief Executive Officer under the amended and endorsed policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**16. Corporate Services - Torres Strait Island Regional Council 2023-24 Operational Plan
RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen; Second: Cr Dimas Toby

That Council resolve to:

- 1. Endorse the Operational Plan for the 2023-24 financial year, in accordance with Section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*; and**
- 2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to make any further minor administrative amendments to the Operational Plan as they arise.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**17. Corporate Services - TSIRC Corporate Structure FY23/24
RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Council resolves to:

- 1. Adopt the amended organisational structure as presented; and**
- 2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to implement the adopted organisational structure.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**18. Development Application – Iama Coastal Defence Works (Seawalls)
RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

Council resolves to issue a Development Permit for:

- Operational Works (Prescribed Tidal Works), including Marine Plant Disturbance;**
- Material Change of Use (Environmentally Relevant Activity 16 – Extractive and Screening Activities) with the inclusion of the conditions set out in Part 7 of the Agenda report for Iama Island QLD 4875; and**
- Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to the development permit including without limitation any variations and extensions.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**19. Development Application – Warraber Coastal Defence Works (Seawalls)
RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

Council resolves to issue a Development Permit for:

- Operational Works (Prescribed Tidal Works), including Marine Plant Disturbance;**
- Material Change of Use (Environmentally Relevant Activity 16 – Extractive and Screening Activities); in accordance with the conditions set out in Part 7 of the Agenda report for Masig QLD 4875; and**

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- Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to the development permit including without limitation any variations and extensions.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20. Development Application – Masig Coastal Defence Works (Seawalls)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen; Second: Cr Dimas Toby

Council resolves to issue a Development Permit for:

- Operational Works (Prescribed Tidal Works), including Marine Plant Disturbance;
- Material Change of Use (Environmentally Relevant Activity 16 – Extractive and Screening Activities) in accordance with the conditions set out in Part 7 of the Agenda report for Masig QLD 4875; and
- Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to the development permit including without limitation any variations and extensions.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21. CEQ Development Application DA05-23-07(1) St Pauls, Moa Island Lot 46 and 152 on SP256048

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Lama Trinkoon

Council resolves to:

- Issue a Development Permit for 'Reconfiguration of a Lot' (2 Lots into 3 Lots) - Proposed Lot 46, Proposed Lot 151 and Proposed Lot 152), cancelling Lots 46 and 152 on SP256048, with the inclusion of the conditions set out in Part 4 of the Agenda Report for St Pauls, Moa Island;
- and
- Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to the development permit including without limitation any variations and extensions and the resulting survey plans.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22. Adoption of Water Utility Charges for the 2023/24 Financial Year

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

1. Council resolves that pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) and Regulation 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), Council make and levy water utility charges for the supply of water services by Council for the 2023/2024 financial year as follows:

Residential:

- (a) An annual access charge of \$229.00 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that is occupied and used solely for residential purposes (excluding residential land the subject of a 40-year lease to the State Government);

Mixed Use:

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- (b) An annual access charge of \$1,145.00 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that is used, in part, for residential purposes and used, in part, for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to guest houses, motels, home-run businesses and tourist facilities and including whether owned by Council or owned by the occupant as a private property or Katter Lease.
- (c) In respect of all such properties and/or premises classified as mixed use at which a water meter is installed on the water service connection to such property and/or premises, water use shall be charged at the rate of \$1.58 per kilolitre for all water passing through the water meter within the water year.

Commercial:

- (d) An annual access charge of \$2,290.00 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that is occupied and used for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to:
 - i. guest houses, hotels, motels;
 - ii. shops, tourist facilities, arts and culture activities;
 - iii. land used by government or utility (telecommunications, electricity);
 - iv. providers to aid in the delivery of commercial and/or government services. i.e. Education, Health, Customs, etc; or
 - v. all other land not categorised as residential or mixed use
- (e) In respect of all such properties and/or premises classified as commercial at which a water meter is installed on the water service connection to such property and/or premises, water use shall be charged at the rate of \$3.15 per kilolitre for all water passing through the water meter within the water year.

- 2. Council resolves, pursuant to Regulation 102 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)* that a water meter will be taken to be read on a particular day (nominated day) if the water meter is read at anytime within 2 weeks before the nominated day or 2 weeks after the nominated day.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23. Adoption of Sewerage Utility Charges for the 2023/24 Financial Year

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

Council resolves that pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* and Regulation 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*, Council make and levy sewerage utility charges, for the supply of sewerage services by the Council for the 2023/2024 financial year as follows:

Residential:

- (a) An annual access charge of \$274.00 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that is occupied and used solely for residential purposes (excluding residential land the subject of a 40-year lease to the State Government);

Mixed Use:

- (b) An annual access charge of \$1,370.50 per water closet (being a single pedestal, 1.3 meters of urinal or 1-3 wall hung urinals) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that is used, in part, for residential purposes and used, in part, for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to guest houses, motels, home-run businesses and tourist facilities and including whether owned by Council or owned by the occupant as a private property or Katter Lease.

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Commercial:

- (c) An annual access charge of \$2,740.50 per water closet (being a single pedestal, 1.3 meters of urinal or 1-3 wall hung urinals) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that is occupied and used for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to:
- (i) guest houses, hotels, motels;
 - (ii) shops, tourist facilities, arts and culture activities;
 - (iii) land used by government or utility (telecommunications, electricity);
 - (iv) providers to aid in the delivery of commercial and/or government services.
i.e. Education, Health, Customs, etc; or
 - (v) all other land not categorised as residential or mixed use.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24. Adoption of Waste Management Utility Charges for the 2023/24 Financial Year

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Dimas Toby; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

Council resolves that pursuant to Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* and Regulation 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*, Council make and levy waste management utility charges, for the supply of waste management services by the Council for the 2023/2024 financial year as follows:

Residential:

- (a) An annual access charge of \$152.50 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that is occupied and used solely for residential purposes (excluding residential land the subject of a 40-year lease to the State Government);

Mixed Use:

- (b) An access charge of \$761.50 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that is used, in part, for residential purposes and used, in part, for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to guest houses, motels, home-run businesses and tourist facilities and including whether owned by Council or owned by the occupant as a private property or Katter Lease.

Commercial:

- (c) An access charge of \$1,522.00 per building (noting there may be more than one building on each property) shall be applied and levied in equal half-yearly instalments to land that is occupied and used for commercial/industrial purposes, including, but not limited to:
- (i) guest houses, hotels, motels;
 - (ii) shops, tourist facilities, arts and culture activities;
 - (iii) land used by government or utility (telecommunications, electricity);
 - (iv) providers to aid in the delivery of commercial and/or government services.
i.e. Education, Health, Customs, etc; or
 - (v) all other land not categorised as residential or mixed use.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEM: Executive Director Financial Services and the Head of Community Services to provide Cr Francis Pearson with details on Payment Plan Information for distribution to community members.

25. Financial Services - 2023/24 Estimated Statement of Financial Position

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RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Dimas Toby

That Council note the Estimated Statement of Financial Position in accordance with Section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

26. Financial Services - 2023/2024 Original Budget

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Seriako Dorante; Second: Cr John Levi

That Council adopts in accordance with s169 and s170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council's Original Budget for the 2023-2024 Financial Year as presented, incorporating:

- (i) The statements of financial position;
- (ii) The statements of cashflow;
- (iii) The statements of income and expenditure;
- (iv) The statements of changes in equity;
- (v) The long-term financial forecast;
- (vi) The revenue statement;
- (vii) The revenue policy (adopted by Council resolution on 25 May 2023)
- (viii) The relevant measures of financial sustainability; and
- (ix) The total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget; and
- (x) Capital budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

27. Policy Matter - Procurement and Ethical Sourcing Policy for review

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen; Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Council resolves:

1. To adopt the amended Procurement & Ethical Sourcing Policy in the form attached;
2. Pursuant to sections 236 and 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to:
 - (a) Enter into, negotiate, make, sign, amend or discharge contracts or sub-delegate such powers up to a value of \$200,000 (ex. GST), subject to the limitations provided for in the Procurement & Ethical Sourcing Policy; and
 - (b) Enter into negotiate, make, sign, amend or discharge contracts or sub-delegate such powers for recurring operational expenditure to an unlimited value, subject to the limitations provided for in the Procurement & Ethical Sourcing Policy.
3. Pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*, Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer:
 - (a) The power to approve and lodge quotes/tenders to QBuild on behalf of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council for any and all works to be undertaken by Council's Building Services within Council's Local Government Area, provided the value of those works the subject of the quote/tender does not exceed \$1,000,000.00 excluding GST;
 - (b) The power pursuant to Section 236 of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* to sign any quote/tender or contract on behalf of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council with

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- QBuild provided the value of those works the subject of the quote/tender or contract does not exceed \$1,000,000.00 excluding GST; and
- (c) The power pursuant to Section 262 of the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld) to enter into any quote/tender or contract on behalf of Torres Strait Island Regional Council with QBuild provided the value of those works the subject of the quote/tender or contract does not exceed \$1,000,000.00 excluding GST.
4. The Chief Executive Officer may not sub-delegate these delegated powers under Resolution 3 above where such sub-delegation would exceed \$500,000 excluding GST.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

28. Policy Matter - Financial Policies Review

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: Torenzo Elisala

Council resolves to:

1. Amend and adopt the Torres Strait Island Regional Council's:
 - Investment Policy;
 - Debt Policy;previously adopted by Council, in the terms presented to Council at today's Ordinary Meeting; and
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to exercise the functions and powers assigned to the Chief Executive Officer under the amended and endorsed policy, including the power to make any further minor administrative amendments to the policy as they arise.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

29. Financial Dashboard Report – May 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Dimas Toby

That Council receive and endorse the monthly financial statements attached to the officer's report for the 2022-23 year to date, for the period ended 31 May 2023, as required under *Section 204 Local Government Regulation 2012*.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

30. Award Tender TSIRC 2023-405 Register of Prequalified Suppliers (RoPS) for Goods, Services and Materials

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*, *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)* and Section 228 Tender Process, Council resolves to:

1. Approve Tender Acceptance of conforming responses to the Tender for the establishment of a Register of Prequalified Suppliers (RoPS) for Goods, Services and Materials (TSIRC 2023-405) per attachment 1 for a term of three (3) years from the date of official commencement as specified in the Letter of Acceptance to the successful Tenderers. For each 12-month period of the Contract, there will be a renewal process for the Suppliers on the Register. Suppliers will be entitled to review and submit adjusted pricing for the second and third 12-month periods of the Contract.
2. Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this arrangement including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement and ethical sourcing policy and;

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3. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to further engage with the non-conforming tenderers per Council's policies and procedures.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**31. MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS
RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That in accordance with Section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)* it is resolved for the meeting to move into Closed Business to discuss the following agenda items:

- 32. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Contractual Matter –TSIRC 2022-364 Design and Construct Contract, W4Q Fuel Infrastructure Upgrade - Boigu
 - 33. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Contractual Matter –TSIRC 2022-365 Design and Construct Contract, W4Q Fuel Infrastructure Upgrade - Erub
 - 34. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Contractual Matter – TSIRC 2022-366 Design and Construct Contract, W4Q Fuel Infrastructure Upgrade - Mabuig
 - 35. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Write-off the Amount of \$16, 282.56
 - 36. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Fuel Update
 - 37. ENGINEERING SERVICES: TSIRC Metal Waste Legacy Stockpile Clean-Up Project – Update
 - 38. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Award of Purchase Orders for Masig Seawall Stage 1
- LATE PAPER SUBMITTED DURING COUNCIL MEETING BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER]: Mirabou Pty Ltd trading as Mirabou Energy**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

39. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jimmy Gela; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That Council resolves to move out of closed business and resume in open business.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

40. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED BUSINESS

32 ENGINEERING SERVICES: Contractual Matter –TSIRC 2022-364 Design and Construct Contract, W4Q Fuel Infrastructure Upgrade - Boigu

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

RESOLUTION

That the Council resolves to:

- Award Tender No. TSIRC 2022-364 – Design and Construct Contract, W4Q Fuel Infrastructure Upgrade - Boigu, to TI Concrete Works Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$294,236.10 excl. GST; and
- Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief

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Executive Officer power to negotiate, finalise, and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project, funding and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement and ethical sourcing policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

33 ENGINEERING SERVICES: Contractual Matter –TSIRC 2022-365 Design and Construct Contract W4Q Fuel Infrastructure Upgrade - Erub

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

RESOLUTION

That the Council resolves to:

- Award Tender No. TSIRC 2022-365 – Design and Construct Contract, W4Q Fuel Infrastructure Upgrade - Erub, to TI Concrete Works Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$294,236.10 excl. GST. and
- Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer power to negotiate, finalise, and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project, funding and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement and ethical sourcing policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

34 ENGINEERING SERVICES: Contractual Matter – TSIRC 2022-366 Design and Construct Contract, W4Q Fuel Infrastructure Upgrade - Mabuia

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

RESOLUTION

That the Council resolves to:

- Award Tender No. TSIRC 2022-366 – Design and Construct Contract, W4Q Fuel Infrastructure Upgrade - Mabuia, to TI Concrete Works Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$294,356.15 excl. GST; and
- Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer power to negotiate, finalise, and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project, funding and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement and ethical sourcing policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

35 ENGINEERING SERVICES: Write-off the Amount of \$16, 282.56

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

RESOLUTION

Council resolves to write-off the amount of \$16,282.56 being the value of fuel misappropriated from Council premises.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

36 ENGINEERING SERVICES: Fuel Update

Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon; Second: Cr John Levi

RESOLUTION

Council notes the report.

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37 ENGINEERING SERVICES: TSIRC Metal Waste Legacy Stockpile Clean-Up Project - Update

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

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RESOLUTION

Council resolves to note the content of this report.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEM: Chief Executive Officer/ED Engineering Services to organise media opportunity at conclusion of clean-up on Badu.

38 ENGINEERING SERVICES: Award of Purchase Orders for Masig Seawall Stage 1

Moved: Cr Dimas Toby; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

RESOLUTION

Council resolves to:

1. Award for the purposes of the Masig Seawalls Stage 1 project construction:
 - Freight services to Sea Swift Pty Ltd to an amount of up to \$390,500.00
 - Air transport services to Torres Strait Air to an amount of up to \$274,100.00
 - Plant hire services to Hastings Deering Pty Ltd to an amount of up to \$231,000.00
2. Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
 - Power to make, amend or discharge these Purchase Orders, and
 - Power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to these Purchase Orders including without limitation any options and/or variations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LATE PAPER (Submitted by the CEO): Mirabou Pty Ltd trading as Mirabou Energy

Moved: Cr Dimas Toby; Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve:

1. To engage Mirabou Pty Ltd to represent and liaise with third parties that it is TSIRC's strategic sustainable electricity and energy advisor for the purposes of furthering a sustainable energy project in the Torres Strait; and
2. Pursuant to Sections 236 and 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), to delegate to the CEO (in consultation with the Executive Committee) the power to:
 - (a) negotiate, make, sign, amend or discharge a Heads of Agreement with Mirabou Pty Ltd, a pre-qualified supplier, to progress the sustainable energy project in the Torres Strait with an objective to reduce energy costs of the community, reduce TSIRC's costs of subsidising energy costs and to de-carbonise energy supply to the Torres Strait; and
 - (b) Provide a letter to Mirabou Pty Ltd which can be provided to third parties confirming the authorisation at resolution 1 above.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEM: Executive Committee and MacDonnell Law to meet ASAP to finalise Heads of Agreement and Letter of Confirmation between TSIRC and Mirabou Pty Ltd.

41. Business Arising

No business discussed.

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42. Strategic Matters

No business discussed.

43. Next Council Meeting Date: 18-19 July 2023 Wug (St. Pauls).

44. Closing Remarks and Prayer

Mayor Mosby reminded Council to prepare for the upcoming Referendum on an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament and the Path to Treaty. The Commitment signifies a collective pledge to be courageous and curious, to be open to hearing the truth of our state's history and to collaborate in readiness for negotiating treaties.

Mayor Mosby also spoke about the possibility of the August 2023 Council taking place on Badu on 22-23 August 2023.

Masig Statement. What legacy do we want to leave behind? Making a positive impact can keep people alive in the memories and lives of others. We are urged to focus on establishing meaningful goals and the legacy they may leave by putting a stamp on the future and making a contribution to future generations. Together we have made some tough decisions and had even tougher conversations.

With reference to the upcoming Local Government elections in 2024, what do we want to leave behind if we are not re-elected? Or if we do come back – we will stand proud of continuing what we started.

Mayor Mosby thanked the Chief Executive Officer for his unquestionable commitment and dedication to Council.

Mayor Mosby invited participants to be upstanding as Cr John Levi closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting closed at 5.50pm.

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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:



Economic Growth Committee

Minutes

Date:

9 May 2023

Time:

1.00pm to 3.00pm

Venue:

(VC) VMR 8 – 0299 165 402
#Guest PIN 6905

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1. Welcome (Chair)

The Committee Chairperson (Cr Rocky Stephen) opened the meeting at 1.15pm and welcomed Committee Members and staff.

2. Opening Prayer

The Chairperson delivered the opening prayer.

3. Attendance / Apologies

There were no apologies and the following attendances were noted:

Chairperson & Committee Members	
Chairperson	Cr Rocky Stephen
Member	Cr Conwell Tabuai
Member	Cr Jimmy Gela
TSIRC Officers	
Chief Executive Officer	Mr James William
Executive Director Financial Services	Ms Hollie Faithfull
Acting Executive Director Corporate Services	Mr David Kempton
Executive Director Building Services	Mr Wayne Green
Acting Manager Enterprise Development & Delivery	Ms Melissa Wright
Senior Legal Officer	Ms Julia Mauro
TSIRC Secretariat	Darryl Brooks
Guests	
Mr Michael Campbell	Lucid Economics consulting services - (dialed in for Agenda Item 7)

4. Conflict of Interest (COI) - Declarable/Prescribed

The Chairperson invited Committee Members to make any relevant conflict of interest declarations. No declarations were made.

5. Noting of Ratified Minutes of Meeting held on 2 December 2022

The Committee noted that the Minutes of the Economic Growth Committee Meeting held on 2 December 2022 were ratified at the 6 December 2022 Council meeting.

6. Action Items from Previous Meeting

The Executive Director Financial Services provided the Committee with a verbal update on the status of action items arising from the previous meeting held on 2 December 2022. A copy of the updated action items list is at [Attachment A](#). Closed/Completed actions will be removed from the listing prior to the next Committee meeting.

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7. Economic Development Strategy (verbal)

Mr Michael Campbell joined the meeting via VC dial-in.

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Michael Campbell (Lucid Economics Consulting Services) to the meeting.

The Chairperson proposed that the Committee formally agree that the current 'Enterprise Development Strategy' be renamed and further developed as the 'Economic Development Strategy' as a long-term and effective approach to strategically address future economic growth for the Torres Strait region. Members supported this proposal and the following motion was endorsed:

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Jimmy Gela

Seconded: Cr Conwell Tabuai

That the Economic Development Committee agree that the current 'Enterprise Development Strategy' be renamed and further developed as the 'Economic Development Strategy' as a long-term strategic approach to address future economic growth for the Torres Strait region.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Economic Development Strategy will include, among other things, best practice strategies to guide the Council in key areas such as:

- supporting and nurturing the growth of external/internal businesses in the Torres Strait, including associated support around training and development of the local workforce;
- reviewing and rectifying negative legacy issues which impact either directly or indirectly on the capacity for economic growth of individuals, businesses and communities (including Council's policy on divesting Enterprises and Assets);
- identifying locally-sourced goods and suppliers and assessing their suitability around supply and demand issues;
- undertaking a revenue analysis of the Torres Strait region, including ensuring a focus on initiatives that will create sustained and long-term economic outcomes for people on Country;
- identifying strategies to keep revenue within the local region in order for the local economy to grow and thrive.

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Mr Michael Campbell advised the Committee that he proposes to undertake research work to build upon the Strategy, including an engagement project with visits to the Torres Strait in July/August 2023 to garner community input for the Strategy.

The Chief Executive Officer invited Mr Campbell to attend the upcoming May 2023 Councillors' Workshop to discuss the Strategy and his proposed visit to the Torres Strait.

The Committee requested that a draft Strategy be developed for presentation at the June 2023 meeting of the Council's Strategic Advisory Reference Group, before a presentation of the final Strategy to the full Council meeting (possibly November 2023).

The Chairperson thanked Mr Campbell for his participation at the meeting.

Action:

1. ED Financial Services to provide Mr Michael Campbell (Lucid Economics Consulting Services) with relevant details for his attendance at the upcoming May 2023 Councillors' Workshop to discuss the Economic Development Strategy.
2. ED Financial Services to coordinate the development of a draft Strategy for presentation at the June 2023 meeting of the Council's Strategic Advisory Reference Group, before a presentation of the final Strategy to the full Council meeting (possibly November 2023).

8. May 2023 Workshop Agenda (verbal)

The Committee discussed how it would present discussion on the following issues:

- Fuel & Elphistone Matter (including iOR Business Proposal submitted by the iOR deputation at the March 2023 Council Meeting);
- Enterprise Development Policy (discussion as per Agenda Item 7 above);
 - Legacy Divestment Project
 - looking at the status of assets
 - plans for starting afresh
 - do we cancel what hasn't been completed from legacy divestment, etc.

The Committee agreed that it will await further clarification on ways to proceed after Council considers these matters at the May 2023 Workshop.

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9. General / Other Business (on notice)

(a) [2023 First Nations National Business Enterprise Conference](#) (Cairns, 26-28 July 2023)

The Conference aims to bring together individuals and business professionals from all sectors, to share knowledge and insight necessary to build successful First Nations businesses enterprise.

This three-day conference will be organised alongside the [2023 National First Nations Employment & Training Conference](#) and the 2023 First Nations International Tourism Conference which bring together organisations, employers and government agencies to discuss and paint a bigger picture of Indigenous employment. Each of these conferences are stand-alone events; however, in some cases, the prevalence of the same topic are intertwined, where it is possible to have keynote sessions or discussion panels involving delegations from all three conferences.

Action:

ED Financial Services to advise the Committee out of session if funds are available to enable the attendance of Committee members at the 2023 First Nations National Business Enterprise Conference.

(b) [World Aquaculture 2023](#)

Darwin will host World Aquaculture, to be held in Australia for the first time since 2014. This annual event will incorporate the Australasian Aquaculture industry and will see several thousand attendees from around the world converge on the city of Darwin from 29 May 2023 to 1 June 2023.

World Aquaculture 2023 (WA2023) will be an opportunity for the international aquaculture community - academics, industry researchers, market and industry analysts, government officials, policymakers and industry representatives to present their work and exchange ideas and develop a vision for the future of the aquaculture industry while focussing on the theme of “Supporting Strength in Aquaculture”.

Action:

ED Financial Services to advise the Committee out of session if funds are available to enable the attendance of Committee members at the World Aquaculture 2023.

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10. Next Meeting Date: Friday, 23 June 2023 (10am)

11. Closing Remarks & Prayer

CONFIRMED

UPDATE ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM 12 DECEMBER 2022 MEETING:

Action	Responsibility	Status as at 9/5/23
AI 7 Enterprise Development Strategy – Verbal ACTION: Committee to be kept up to date with the status of the TSRA funding.	ED Financial Services	Completed/Closed.
AI 8 Enterprise Divestment Policy – Verbal ACTION: Chair of Economic Growth Committee and Executive Director Financial Services to draft email to Senior Legal Officer on topics Committee would like further advice on. ACTION: Executive Director Financial Services to arrange an out of session Committee Meeting in February to discuss way forward with Enterprise Divestment Policy.	Committee Chair ED Financial Services	Completed/Closed.
AI 9 Ugar and Dauan Community Access Business Case – Verbal ACTION: Executive Director Financial Services to keep committee updated on the status of the response from TSRA.	ED Financial Services	The TSRA did not consider this matter at its March 2023 meeting. The TSRA will now consider this matter at its June 2023 meeting.

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Action	Responsibility	Status as at 9/5/23
<p>AI 10</p> <p>Copper services solution in Torres Strait Update – Verbal</p> <p>ACTION: That Manager Information Technology be invited to the next Committee Meeting to provide a verbal update on Cooper Services Solutions for TSIRC.</p> <p>ACTION: That Manager IT in conjunction with Corporate Affairs to develop an information sheet for committee explaining the effects of removal of Cooper services from island.</p>	ED Corporate Services	<p>A briefing paper to be presented and discussed at the next Committee meeting in June 2023.</p>
<p>AI 11</p> <p>Submarine Telecommunication Cable viability for TSIRC – Verbal</p> <p>ACTION: That Executive Officer be invited to the next Committee Meeting to provide a verbal update on the discussions held with Queensland Chief Information Officer.</p>	Chief Executive Officer	<p>No follow-up action taken by former Executive Officer.</p> <p>The Chief Executive Officer advised that this matter is not a viable option for the Committee to pursue any further. Rather, the current best practice solution for the unique circumstances of the Torres Strait region is to avoid reliance on a sole service provider, but to utilise a multitude of assets/suppliers that best suits the region.</p>

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Action	Responsibility	Status as at 9/5/23
		Chief Executive Officer to brief the Committee further at a future meeting.
<p>AI 12</p> <p>Economic Policy – Verbal</p> <p>ACTION: That Chair of Economic Growth Committee and Executive Director Financial Services to have an out of session discussion to develop questions regarding Economic Policy to be distributed to Elected Councillors.</p>	<p>Committee Chair ED Financial Services</p>	<p>To be progressed further at the May 2023 Councillors' Workshop.</p> <p>To also be guided by discussion of Agenda Item 7 at the Committee meeting on 9/5/23.</p>
<p>AI 13</p> <p>COMMITTEE MOVES INTO CLOSED BUSINESS</p> <p>Elphinstone Close Business Proposal – Verbal Fuel Business Proposal – Verbal Building Services Unit (BSU) Update – Verbal CDEP Proposal Submission – Verbal</p> <p>ACTION: That an out of session meeting to be called in February to discuss Elphinstone Close Business Proposal and the Fuel Business proposal.</p> <p>ACTION:</p>	<p>ED Financial Services</p>	<p>The Chief Executive Officer advised that these matters will be discussed at the May 2023 Councillors' Workshop.</p>

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Action	Responsibility	Status as at 9/5/23
That Chief Executive Officer develop a paper on the positions of CDEP Elphinstone Close and Fuel Business Proposal.		
AI 19 General/ Other Business (on notice) (a) World Indigenous Tourism Summit ACTION: Executive Director Financial Services to send out the program and registration to Committee Members.	ED Financial Services	Completed/Closed.
AI 20 Next meeting date – to be advised once dates are confirmed in the December Council meeting. ACTION: Executive Director Financial Services to liaise with Executive Assistant to the CEO on the proposed meeting dates for Economic Growth Committee for the month of March, June, September and December 2023.	ED Financial Services	Completed/Closed.



ORDINARY MEETING ACTION ITEMS

Attachment A

Actions Arising from June 2023 Meeting

Agenda Item	Action	Action Area	Current Status
AI 6 Action Items from Previous Meeting	Cr Rocky Stephen to send a priority listing, based on his recommendation, targeting the needs of the Ugar community to Executive Director Engineering re the distribution of the \$40m.	Cr Rocky Stephen	
	Chief Executive Officer to work with Executive Director Engineering and Acting Executive Director Corporate Services to draft a letter to Ms Vonda Malone, Chief Executive Officer Torres Strait Regional Authority clarifying Council's position in relation to the \$40m State contribution to marine infrastructure, to seek clarification in relation to RIAC prioritisation and to advise that Council wishes to apply for the maximum amount of funding available under Round One of the Growing Regions Program in order to complete much needed asset upgrades across multiple locations, including Ugar priorities.	Chief Executive Officer / Acting Executive Director Corporate Services	
	Head of Community Services to circulate to Councillors and Executive the 'Voice to Parliament' Consultation Dates for the Torres Strait.	Head of Community Services	
	Acting Executive Director Corporate Affairs to prepare a letter for the Mayor to Minister Catherine King, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development of Australia, to thank her for her time at their last face to face meeting (Friday 6 June 2023). In order not to jeopardies her commitment with regard to the \$40M Marine Infrastructure outcome to Torres Strait Islands, ask Minister to clarify in writing her commitment – so there is no confusion. Mayor Mosby will then relate this commitment back to community.	Acting Executive Director Corporate Services	Draft Letter completed and sent to Mayor on 12 July 2023.

Agenda Item	Action	Action Area	Current Status
	Acting Executive Director Corporate Affairs to prepare letter from Mayor to Justin Mohamed (Ambassador First Nations) reiterating Council support for the Torres Strait Treaty in its current format and inviting the Ambassador to meet with Council.	Acting Executive Director Corporate Services	Draft Letter completed and sent to Mayor on 12 July 2023.
	Acting Executive Director Corporate Affairs to prepare a letter for the Mayor to Minister Andrew Giles, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs in relation to border security, immigration, biosecurity, on ground support, PNG treaty review to improve on ground governance arrangements, invite him to visit the Torres Strait Islands.	Acting Executive Director Corporate Services	Draft Letter completed and sent to Mayor on 13 July 2023.
	Acting Executive Director Corporate Affairs to prepare a letter for the Mayor to Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians (the Hon. Linda Burney MP) confirming TSIRC's support for the upcoming Referendum on the Voice to Parliament, as well as reaffirming that the Masig Statement is the Torres Strait 'Voice'; and to seek clarification on how the Torres Strait Islander 'voice' will be represented to Parliament if the Referendum succeeds.	Acting Executive Director Corporate Services	Draft Letter completed and sent to Mayor on 13 July 2023.
AI 8 CEO Report	Chief Executive Officer to distribute copies of the correspondence regarding: Gold Coast Council disposal of waste compactor vehicles.	Chief Executive Officer	Completed. Emailed to all Councillors and Executive on 7/7/2023.
	Chief Executive Officer to prepare letter of thanks from Mayor to Gold Coast Council regarding donation of waste compactor vehicles and expressing interest to strengthening a formal partnership between the two Councils.	Chief Executive Officer	
	Chief Executive Officer to prepare a Closed Business Brief in relation to iOR for the July 2023 Council Meeting.	Chief Executive Officer	
AI 9 Funding Acquisition Report	Acting Executive Director Corporate Services to update Council with a comparative analysis on funding measuring performance and productivity.	Acting Executive Director Corporate Services	Completed. AED Corporate Services emailed information to Mayor and Cr Stephen on 28/6/23.

Agenda Item	Action	Action Area	Current Status
AI 24 Adoption of Waste Management Utility Charges	Executive Director Financial Services and the Head of Community Services to provide Cr Francis Pearson with details on Payment Plan Information for distribution to community members.	ED Financial Services/Head of Community Services	
AI 37 TSIRC Metal Waste Legacy Stockpile	Chief Executive Officer/ED Engineering Services to organise media opportunity at conclusion of clean-up on Badu.	Chief Executive Officer/ED Engineering Services	
LATE PAPER Closed Business Mirabou	Executive Committee and MacDonnell Law to meet ASAP to finalise Heads of Agreement and Letter of Confirmation between TSIRC and Mirabou Pty Ltd.	Chief Executive Officer	Executive Committee and MACDONNELLS Law met for discussion 29/6/2023
AI 41 Strategic Matters	Register of Interest – finalise declarations from Councillors (to be followed up out of session).	ED Corporate Services	



Mayors Report July 2023





TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

ORDINARY MEETING: July 2023
DATE: 18-19 July 2023
ITEM: Agenda Item for Resolution by Council
SUBJECT: Mayor Report – July 2023
AUTHOR: Mayor Mosby

Recommendation:

That the Mayor's Report be noted.

Executive Summary:

The Mayor's monthly report summarises key operational activities undertaken since the previous Council meeting, including any key media activities.

This report has been tabled for noting.

Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

Key Correspondence Received	Wednesday 5 July 2023 Letter from Minister McBain Re: Voice to Parliament	
Key Correspondence Sent	1. Draft letter to Minister Catherine King - Marine Infrastructure 2. First Nations Ambassador Justine Mohamed DFAT – PNG Australia Development Cooperation Treaty (1999)	
Ministerial Meetings	Monday 26 June 2023 Minister Leanne Enoch MP Minister for Treaty, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Communities and Minister for the Arts Topic: State Government Local Thriving Communities Funding (LTC) and Path to Treaty Process the Masig Statement Outcome: Wednesday 12 July 2023 The Hon Minister Shannon Fentiman MP Minister for Health, Mental Health, and Ambulance Services Minister for Women Attendees: TSIRC, TCS, NPARC Venue: TSC Chambers Topic: Community Health Forum Outcome:	
Media	Thursday 29 June 2023 NITV News Phone interview Topic: Health	



Monday 26 June 2023

Minister Leanne Enoch MP

Topic: State Government Local Thriving Communities Funding (LTC)
and Path to Treaty to progress Masig Statement.

Outcome



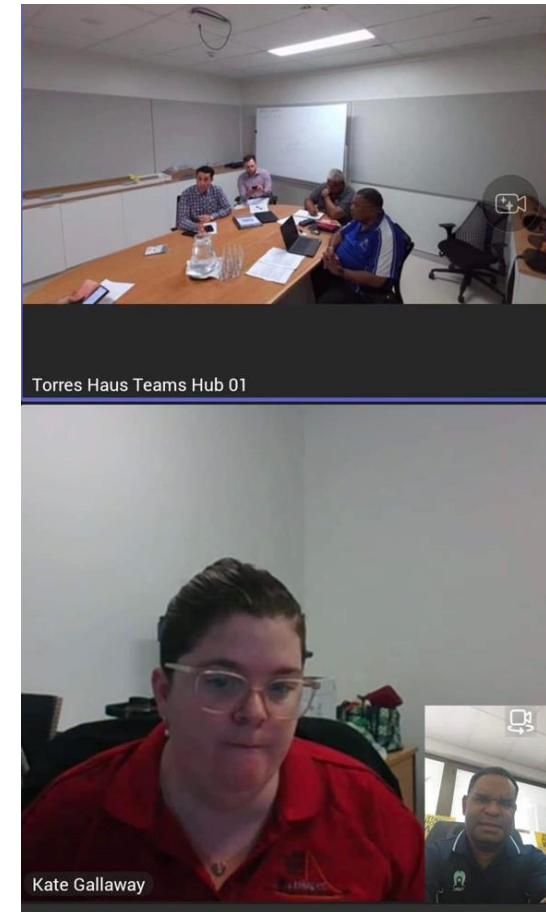
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Opposition David Crsafululi

Attendees: TSI & NPA Coalition

Topic: Current health status of the region

Outcome:



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Gurr A Berrdarraw Kod (GBK)
Torres Strait Land Council and Meriba Ged
Ngalpun Mab (MGNM)
Office opening at Corporate
Towers in Cairns.
Outcome:



30th June 2023

Councillor (Waskam) Emelda Davis
Sydney Local Government and;
His Excellency Mr Samson Vilvil High Commissioner for Vanuatu
Microsoft Teams
Outcome:



1 July 2023

2023 National NAIDOC Awards

Brisbane

Outcome:



5 July 2023

Panelist Speaking Engagement NAIDOC Breakfast

Brisbane Convention Centre

Outcome:



11 July 2023

Queensland Police Service

Conference Dinner

Grand Hotel Thursday Island

Outcome:



12 July 2023

The Hon Minister for Health | Minister Shannon Fentiman MP

Attendees: TSC, NPARC, TSIRC, TSRA, Member for Cook, QLD Health, TCHHS

Outcome:





TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

AGENDA REPORT

ORDINARY MEETING:	July 2023
DATE:	18 – 19 July 2023
ITEM:	Agenda Report for Approval by Council
SUBJECT:	Community Services – Domestic & Family Violence Action Plan
AUTHOR:	Dawson Sailor, Executive Director Services

Recommendation:

That Council adopts the Domestic & Family Violence Action Plan and Implementation Plan.

Executive Summary:

The intent of this report is to present the draft regional Domestic & Family Violence Action Plan and Implementation Plan for councils consideration and adoption, in accordance with funding agreement.

Background:

In March 2022, the Department of Seniors, Disability services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership (DSDSATSIIP) through 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 objectives 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

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 compare 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 across the region because of family connections; support for victims and perpetrators alike.

In line with Councils procurement procedure, Peak Services was engaged to lead the procurement process of a suitable consultant to deliver the project on behalf of Council. Unfortunately, no suitable candidates were engaged through this process. It should be noted that a TSI based business expressed interest however did not submit all required documentation, despite numerous request, therefore deemed unsuccessful. Due to time constraints and to maximize use of grant for the project, it was agreed that Council undertakes this in-house utilizing existing resources.

It was agreed by stakeholders of the project that a cost-effective and culturally appropriate way to achieve deliverables of the grant is to consult with women by creating a safe space and have this facilitated by external professionals but importantly, weave this into a conversation rather than a specific topic on Domestic & Family Violence.

A workshop was held on Warraber Division early March 2023 “Empowered Women, Empower Women”. The workshop was attended by 40 women from across the region, the engagement focused on empowering women allowing them to speak freely and openly in a safe space. While TSIRC organized this event, specialist in the field facilitated different activities.

The workshop received high praises and positive feedback from participants and wide interest groups across the region, also non-government agencies requesting TSIRC host similar event.

Attached to this reporting is the draft Action Plan; Implementation Plan titled “Connecting Through Stories” for the Councils consideration.

Considerations

Risk Management

Risk is considered low.

Council Finance

The project was grant funded by DSDSATSIP. Items outlined in the Implementation Plan are subject to funding advocacy and availability.

Consultation:

- Housing and Safe and Healthy Communities Committee
- 40 Women from across Torres Strait Region
- Angela Ruska, Manager Thriving Communities, DSDSATSIP
- Ella Kris, Manager Health & Wellbeing
- Joneili Palenzula, Senior Advisor Peak Services
- Earlier consult on the grant and its objectives included regions service providers – Alita Twist, Mura Kosker; Georgina BinJuda, Lena Passi

Links to Strategic Plans:

Corporate Plan 2020-2025

- Outcome 1: We preserve cultural heritage, history and place
 - Capturing of information from Elders – Language, Song & Dance
- Outcome 2: Our communities are safe, healthy and active
 - 2.4 Lad a strategic approach to healthy and active lifestyles
 - 2.5 Evolve and grow the Indigenous Knowledge Centres (IKCs)
 - 2.6 Enable a positive nutritional culture and sustainable food sourcing
- Outcome 7: Our communities are consulted around liveable places, aligned to lifestyle and environmental suitability
 - 7.3 Advocate for the increase to available options to overcome housing shortages and overcrowding

Operational Plan 2022-2023

- Develop and implement annual events planner to increase engagement and visibility of Council at divisional level through partnering with stakeholders

Statutory Requirements:

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

In addition, Community Services functional areas are subjected to a range of Local, State and Commonwealth legislation relevant to roles and teams

Conclusion:

That Council adopts the draft Action Plan and Implementation Plan.



Endorsed:
Dawson Sailor
Executive Director
Community Services

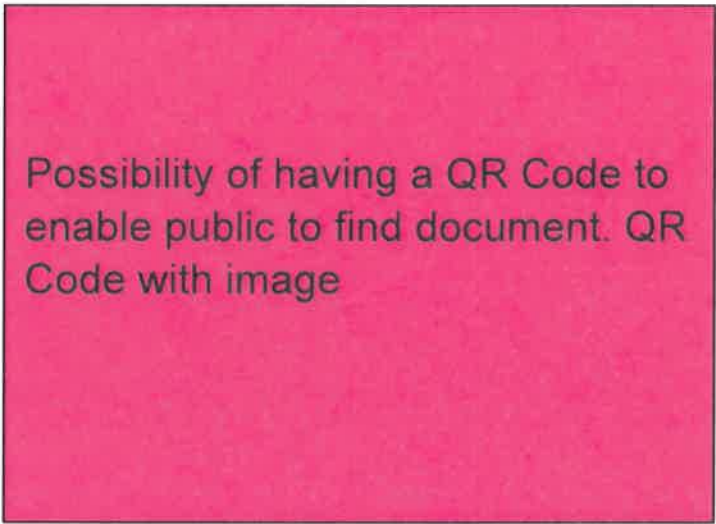



Approved:
James William
Chief Executive Officer



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CONNECTING THROUGH STORIES



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TSIRC

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.

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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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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. 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 Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership	
Project Objective:	To devlop and implement a Domestice and Family Violence Action and Implement Plan for Torres Strait Island Rgional Council	

Action Plan Number	Implementation Plan	Implmentation Actions Required	Budget Allocation	Respsonsibilty 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 TITLE 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 Facilitator training	\$ 2,000.00	Ivy Faulid Niki Mackie	High	Completed	3/03/2023	30/06/2023	12/05/2023	completed on Masig May 2023
		Community Identified - lama 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
		Community identified - Kubin Family Wellbeing Community Champions training	\$ 2,000.00	To be Confirmed	High		3/03/2023	30/06/2023		To be Orgnased
		Community implementation program	\$ 10,000.00	Ella Kris and community faciliators	Medium		3/03/2023	31/12/2023		
		Community identified - Masig - program implemented			Medium		3/03/2023	31/12/2023		
		Community identified - Poruma - program implemented			Medium		3/03/2023	31/12/2023		
		Community identified - lama - Program implemented			Medium		3/03/2023	31/12/2023		
		Community identified - Boigu - Program Implemented			Medium		3/03/2023	31/12/2023		
		Community identified - Kubin - Program Implemented			Medium		3/03/2023	31/12/2023		
4	Mediation Training	Seek appropriate Training	\$ 20,000.00	Ella Kris/Dawson Sailor	Medium	In Progress	3/03/2023	31/08/2023		Training plan received awaiting approval
		Implement Training - Community Capacity - Yarning Circles	\$ 500.00	Ella Kris	Medium		3/03/2023	31/08/2023		
		Purchase Resources for Yarning Circle	\$ 5,000.00	Ella Kris			3/03/2023	31/07/2023		
5	develop a 5 year Connecting through Stories Health and Wellbeing Action plan starting with 5 communities.	Seek funding and support to create a culturally, safe and appropriate community plan	\$ 50,000.00	Ella Kris	High	In Progress	3/03/2023	31/08/2023		Partnership created with, Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service and Nero Power - Humanising Work
		Design and Implement community Engagement to develop plan		Ella Kris	High		3/03/2023	31/12/2023		
		Empower community to take ownership of plan		Ella.Kris	High		3/03/2023	31/12/2023		
		Support community to implment plan		Ella.Kris	High		3/03/2023	31/12/2023		
6	Annual Women's Gathering in the Torres Strait S.	Seek funding and create women voices together through connecting stories		Ella.Kris	Medium		3/03/2023	31/12/2023		\$60,000
		On receipt of funding develop, plan and implment an Women's Gathering.		Ella Kris	Medium		3/03/2023	31/12/2023		
7	Establishing further physical spaces for physical safety & safe discussions:	Establishment of Youth Centres to support youth programs.		Dawson Sailor	Low		3/03/2023			To be included in TSIRC Regional Plan
		Establishment of Supportive Multi-Purpose Support Cluster/Hub or Agencies.		Dawson Sailor	Low		3/03/2023			To be included in TSIRC Regional Plan
		Establishment of Network of community SAFE houses.		Dawson Sailor	Low		3/03/2023			To be included in TSIRC Regional Plan
		Budget Alloacted	\$ 117,000.00							
		Community Engagment and development of Action and Implementation Plan	\$ 58,000.00							
		Grant Funding \$175,000	\$ 175,000.00							



TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

REPORT/DISCUSSION PAPER

ORDINARY MEETING:	July 2023
DATE:	18-19 July 2023
ITEM:	Agenda Item for Resolution by Council
SUBJECT:	Project Recommendations – Growing Regions Program Round One
AUTHOR:	Melissa Wright, Acting Manager, Enterprise Development and Delivery

Recommendation:

That Council resolves to:

- Proceed with an application for funding through Round One of the Growing Regions Program as per Option 3 of the project recommendations outlined in this report.

And

- Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to approve, finalise and execute any and all matters in relation to this funding application.

Executive Summary:

The Federal Government has recently released round one of the *Growing Regions Program*, which has a total funding allocation of \$300 million available over 3 years. Through this program Council are able to apply for 90% of funding for projects up to the value of \$15 million, with Council required to co-contribute the remaining 10%. The application process is broken up into the following two stages:

1. Expression of Interest, with submissions due on the 1st of August 2023
2. Full Application, with submission due on the 12th of December 2023

The intended outcomes of the Growing Regions Program are summarised as follows:

- Growing local economies and enhancing amenity and liveability in the region.
- To contribute to the achievement of broader Government priorities such as net zero emissions, gender equality, and or First Nations priorities.
- Provision of infrastructure which benefits the community by improving equity and supports diverse social inclusion.
- Delivery of community focussed infrastructure which contributes to local and regional priorities.

An assessment based on eligibility criteria was conducted by Council officers in accordance with the Growing Regions Program guidelines to qualify the projects to be submitted for this funding round. From this, a list of priority projects that best match the objectives of this program has been formulated with three proposed options presented to Council for selection.

Council officers will endeavour to find further funding to cover the 10% co-contribution requirement before the full application is due for submission on the 12th of December, assuming the submission progresses beyond the EOI stage. This submission deadline will also allow Council ample time to include the co-contribution amount during the November 23 workshop and subsequent budget review if required.

Projects:

A summary of each project option is listed below.

Option One		
Project	Estimated Cost	Council Co-Contribution
Mer Multipurpose Facility	\$5 million	\$500,000

Option Two		
Project	Estimated Cost	Council Co-Contribution
Boigu and Saibai Contractor Accommodation	\$10 million	\$1 million

Option Three		
Project	Estimated Cost	Council Co-Contribution
Mer Multipurpose Facility	\$15 million	\$1.5 million
Boigu and Saibai Contractor Accommodation		

Background:

The Mer Multipurpose Facility was selected as a high priority due to the required demolition of the previous shed, which was tenanted by agencies such as the Queensland Police Service, Biosecurity, My Pathways, and fuel and mechanical services. The re-establishment of this multipurpose facility will allow Council to again accommodate tenants, which will in turn generate revenue for Council.

The inclusion of the Boigu and Saibai Contractor Accommodation projects will provide contractors and visitors with access to safe and suitable accommodation. Both projects will generate revenue for Council once completed.

Council officers have estimated project costs to the best of their ability. Concept designs and QS reports are in the process of being completed for all three projects to ensure accuracy and project readiness prior to submission of the EOI.

Links to Strategic Plans:

This project strategically aligns to specific delivery objectives under all 3 pillars of Council's recently adopted Corporate Plan, being *People*, *Sustainability* and *Prosperity*.

Finance & Risk:

Council is required to provide a 10% co-contribution and although best efforts will be made to obtain further funding for the co-contribution amount, Council will need to commit own funds during the budget review process if attempts are unsuccessful.

Statutory Requirements:

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Consultation:

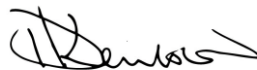
- Assets
- Building Services
- Finance
- Engineering
- Corporate Services
- Community Services

Conclusion:

That Council resolves to proceed with Option 3 as a funding submission to the Growing Regions Program, and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this funding application.

**Endorsed:**

Melissa Wright
Acting Manager, Enterprise
Development & Delivery

**Recommended:**

David Kempton
Acting Executive Director,
Corporate Services

**Approved:**

James William
Chief Executive Officer



TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

AGENDA REPORT

ORDINARY MEETING:	July 2023
DATE:	18-19 July 2023
ITEM:	Agenda Item for Resolution by Council
SUBJECT:	Community Grants Program Allocation – July 2023
AUTHOR:	Katherine Epsseg, Community Grants Officer, Enterprise Development and Delivery Team

Recommendation:

Council resolves to allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- Saint Saviour Church, Boigu Island for the eligible amount of \$5,000.00, exclusive of GST.
- Mulga Football Team for the eligible amount of \$5,000.00, exclusive of GST.
- White Dove Ministry, Saibai Island for the supported amount of \$5,000.00, exclusive of GST.
- St James Anglican Church, Mer Island for the eligible amount of \$2,000.00, exclusive of GST.
- Mokathani Lui for the eligible amount of \$640.00, exclusive of GST.
- Bob Modee for the eligible amount of \$2,500.00, exclusive of GST.

Executive Summary:

In accordance with Council's Community Grants Policy, six (6) Community Grant applications meeting eligibility requirements were received during the reporting period that require Council resolution:

Applicant	Amount Requested	Project/Event	Amount Supported by Councillor	Applications submitted within the last 3 years	Location
Saint Saviour Church, Boigu Island	\$5,000.00	Contribution towards costs associated with participating in the August 7 th Festival on Boigu Island, 07-28/08/2023	\$5,000.00 supported by Cr Dimas Toby	Nil.	Boigu
Mulga Football Team	\$5,000.00	Contribution towards costs associated with attending the QLD Murri Carnival in Ipswich, 20-26/09/2023.	\$5,000.00 supported by Cr Laurie Nona	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2022 application approved for the Mulga Juniors for \$2,500.00- 2022 application approved for the Mulga Tigers for \$2,500.00- 2021 application approved for Mulga Juniors for \$2,500.00- 2021 application approved for Mulga Tigers for \$4,000.00	Badu
White Dove Ministry	\$8636.10	Contribution towards costs associated with the purchase of musical instruments in support of the White Dove Ministry of Saibai Island	\$5,000.00 supported by Cr Tabuai	Nil	Saibai
St James Anglican Church, Mer Island	\$2,000.00	Contribution towards catering costs associated with celebrating the St James Anglican Church Day on Mer Island, 25/07/2023	\$2,000.00 to be determined by Council.	Nil	Mer

Bob Modee	\$2,500.00	Contribution towards catering costs associated with celebrating the Ark of Transfiguration Church Day on Ugar Island, 06/08/2023.	Cr Rocky Stephen & declared COI.	- 2022 application approved for Bob Modee for \$2,500.00	Ugar
Mokathani Lui	\$640.00	Contribution towards costs associated with hosting the Poruma Christmas Lights Competition, 01-21/12/2023	\$640.00 supported by Cr Francis Pearson	- 2022 application approved for Mokathani Lui for \$600.00 -	Poruma

Other Applications Processed During the Reporting Period for Noting:

Application Type	Community Entity Applicants	Amount Requested	Project/Event	Amount Approved	Location
Out-of-Cycle	Kahli Gele	\$2,500.00	Contribution towards travel costs associated with supporting Jchovan Mye participate in the U11's Laurie Spina Shield in Townsville, 30/06/2023 – 01/07/2023.	\$2,500.00	Erub
	Louise Mari	\$2,500.00	Contribution towards travel expenses associated with Tikisha Mari attending the World Challenge in New Zealand, 14-23/09/2023.	\$2,500.00	Warraber
Funeral Donations	Rowena Johnson	\$2,000.00	Contribution towards catering expenses associated with the funeral of the Late Mrs Sumai Tamwoy on Badu Island, 24/06/2023.	\$2,000.00 in divisional contributions	Badu
		\$500.00	Contribution from the Mayor	\$500.00	Mayor
		\$1,500.00	Contribution from the CEO	\$1,500.00	CEO

	Josephine Ahmat/Geiza Stow	\$2,500.00	Contribution towards catering expenses associated with the funeral of the Late Mrs Elsie Blanket on Badu Island, 08/07/2023.	\$2,500.00	Badu
In-Kind Assistance	Olive Lui	\$156.00	Hire of Warraber Community Hall to host a live community streaming of the Island of Origin Carnival in support of the Surumau Gladiators, 17-18/06/2023.	\$156.00 (Waiver of Fees Value)	Warraber
	Masi NAIDOC Committee	\$2,192.00	Hire of the Yorke Tip Truck to assist with the preparations for the 2023 Masig NAIDOC week, 02-03/07/2023	\$2,192.00 (Waiver of Fees)	Yorke
	Regina Turner	\$78.00	Hire of the Community Hall to host a family trivia night on Hammond Island, 23/06/2023.	\$78.00 (Waiver of Fees)	Hammond

Links to Strategic Plans:

These projects strategically align to specific delivery objectives under the People and Prosperity pillar of Council's Corporate Plan.

Finance & Risk:

No financial risk identified as the allocation is within existing Community Grants budget.

Sustainability:

N/A

Statutory Requirements:

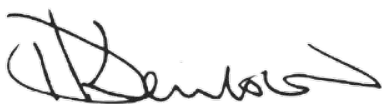
Local Government Act 2009

Conclusion:

That Council resolves to provide Community Grant support to the eligible applicants in accordance with the Community Grants policy.

**Endorsed:**

Melissa Wright
Acting Manager Enterprise Development & Delivery

**Recommended:**

David Kempton
Acting Executive Director,
Corporate Services

**Approved:**

James William
Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: *Fund Balances*

Attachment: Fund Balances

(Balance prior to payment of applications endorsed during the July 2023 OM)

Please note that Divisional Closing Balances may vary between reporting periods due to variances between committed and actual expenditure, as well as applications that have been cancelled or withdrawn.

Division	Councillor	Budget	Less Approved Funding	Closing Balance
Boigu	Cr. Toby	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Hammond	Cr. Dorante	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
St Pauls	Cr. Levi	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Ugar	Cr. Stephen	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,500.00
Badu	Cr. Nona	\$25,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$22,500.00
Dauan	Cr. Elisala	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Erub	Cr. Gela	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Iama	Cr. Lui	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Kubin	Cr. Trinkoon	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Mabuiag	Cr. Fell	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Mer	Cr. Noah	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Poruma	Cr. Pearson	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Saibai	Cr. Tabuai	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Warraber	Cr. Tamu	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Yorke	Cr. Mosby	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Mayor	Cr. Mosby	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
		\$390,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$387,500.00



TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

AGENDA REPORT

ORDINARY MEETING:	July 2023
DATE:	18/19 July 2023
ITEM:	Agenda Report
SUBJECT:	Funding Acquisition Report
AUTHOR:	Sharon Russell – Grants Administration Officer

Recommendation:

That Council resolves to note this report and its content.

Executive Summary:

The Funding Acquisition Report provides an update and summary of Council's current grant application and acquisition outcomes for the reporting period. A large funding opportunity was sought during the month of June totalling \$1,500,000 for an application submitted to Torres Strait Regional Authority for Growing Regions Round 1, this is a co-contribution request. Other applications included \$10,000 from Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships for the Mepla Voice Project; and \$485,000 from LGAQ for implementation funding for a Coastal Hazard Adaption Strategy.

During the reporting period Council received notification of a successful funding application through the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy for the establishment of a Community Toolbox on Poruma to facilitate the lending of tools to community members. This application totalled \$33,000. Another successful application was from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority for Get Ready Queensland the disaster ready preparedness program, totalling \$10,660.

This financial year to date Council have secured nearly \$6 million of funding through successful applications. The total value of unsuccessful applications to date is \$3,091,729.25 which generates an overall success rate of 66%.

New Agreements/Variations:

The following is a list of all new agreements and/or variations that were executed during the month of June 2023 within the Chief Executive Officer's financial delegation limit of \$1,000,000 as per Council's Strategic External Grant Funding Policy:

- Director of National Parks
Ghost Nets Innovative Solutions
\$400,000
- Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy
Community Toolbox Program
\$33,000
- Local Government Authority Queensland
Coastal Hazard Adaption Plan (Extension)
\$267,301

Current Application Status Report:

The following two tables highlight all current and pending funding applications, including details on their outcome and a status report on all unsuccessful and long-term pending applications separated into Recurrent & Operational Funding and Capital Project Funding. Some applications can span numerous financial years. Please note, whilst the reporting period is for the fiscal year to align with Council's budget and projected forecasts, there will be a level of discrepancy between the figures listed on this report to any actuals reported in budget and financial reports. This is largely due to the carry-over of project underspends from operational funding, as well as capital projects that receive progress payments spanning over multiple financial years combined with revenue recognition requirements per Accounting Standards.

Operational Funding								
Funding Stream	Total	2022/23 FY	2023/24 FY	2024/25 FY	Project Details	Date of Application	Outcome	Current Status Report
Queensland Reconstruction Authority	\$10,660		\$10,660		Disaster ready preparedness and community information sessions	29 th June 2023	Successful	
Torres Strait Regional Authority	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000		Growing Regions Round One – Co-contribution request	28 th June 2023	Pending	Expected outcome in August 2023
LGAQ – QCoast 2100 3.0	\$485,000		\$485,000		Coastal Hazard Adaption Strategy – Implementation Funding	23 rd June 2023	Pending	Expected outcome in September 2023
Department of Seniors, Disability Services, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships	\$10,000		\$10,000		Mepla Voice Project – Capture traditional island dance, songs, and hymns in each of the 3 language groups for preservation.	23 rd June 2023	Pending	Expected outcome in September 2023
Queensland Treasury	\$23,805,000		\$23,805,000		EOI – Housing Investment Fund, for the construction of 13 social housing assets.	8 th May 2023	Unsuccessful	The housing investment fund EOI was not eligible for funding
Torres Strait Regional Authority	\$200,000		87,500		86 th Anniversary of the First Island Councillor Conference event – Badu Island, August 23, 2023	12 th April 2023	Partially successful	Reduced amount approved
Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport – GenQ Health & Wellbeing Grant	\$20,000		\$20,000		EOI - Development of a Rugby League representative team with subsidised travel to compete in FNQ carnivals, such as the Laurie Spina Cup.	22 nd March 2023	Unsuccessful	

Office of the Qld Chief Entrepreneur – Next Level Project	TBA		TBA		EOI for 15 businesspeople / entrepreneurs to travel and stay in the region for 5 days to develop innovative solutions to current and emergent issues. Funding will also be provided to cover the wages of one senior staff member for the duration of the project.	17 th March 2023	Successful	
Department of Communities, Housing & Digital Economy	\$33,000	\$33,000			One off funding to establish and maintain a community toolbox on Poruma Island that will enable community members to have access to tools on a hire arrangement.	14 th February 2023	Successful	TBA
Queensland Fire & Emergency Service – SES Support Grant Program 23/24	\$71,675		\$71,675		Upgrade and maintain projects on Hammond, Kubin and Masig.	18 th January 2023	Successful	
Department of Justice and Attorney General – Youth Justice Round 2 – ORRCA Empowerment Program	\$300,000		\$300,000		Funding that focuses on the importance of education and furthering work skills and job opportunities to reduce youth crime.	30 th January 2023	Unsuccessful	
Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships – Celebrating Reconciliation Grants	\$3,000	\$3,000	-	-	Funding to run activities during Reconciliation Week 2023	23 rd December 2022	Successful	
State Library of Queensland – 2023 IKC Computers	\$21,200		\$21,200		Funding to provide one new PC for each IKC across 10 Divisions	13 th December 2022	Successful	
State Library of Queensland – 2022 IKC Establishment and Refurbishment Grant	\$35,079.25	35,079.25	-	-	Funding to refurbish IKCs	7 th December 2022	Unsuccessful	

<i>Director of National Parks – Ghost Nets Solution</i>	<i>\$400,000</i>	<i>200,000</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Funding to undertake beach and ocean clean-ups of ghost nets and marine debris using drone technology and software</i>	<i>5th December 2022</i>	<i>Successful</i>	
<i>Department of Agriculture & Fisheries - Queensland Feral Pest Initiative Rd 7</i>	<i>\$53,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$53,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Funding to monitor and collect data on the population of black rats on Poruma and other islands.</i>	<i>30th November 2022</i>	<i>Unsuccessful</i>	
<i>Department of Agriculture & Fisheries - Queensland Feral Pest Initiative Rd 7</i>	<i>\$81,500</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$81,500</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Funding to conduct in-depth community education and awareness about the Brown Dog Tick which carries the Ecanis virus. Mitigating the risk of spread using preventative veterinary measures.</i>	<i>30th November 2022</i>	<i>Unsuccessful</i>	
<i>Department of Agriculture & Fisheries - Queensland Feral Pest Initiative Rd 7</i>	<i>\$130,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$130,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Funding to monitor and collect data on the population of feral horses on MOA (St Pauls, Kubin) and Badu.</i>	<i>30th November 2022</i>	<i>Unsuccessful</i>	
<i>Torres Strait Regional Authority - EDS</i>	<i>\$47,258.75</i>	<i>\$47,258.75</i>			<i>Retention of funding to development the Enterprise Development Strategy</i>	<i>21st November 2022</i>	<i>Successful</i>	
<i>Department of Children, Youth Justice & Multicultural Affairs - Celebrating Multicultural QLD Youth & Community Connections Projects</i>	<i>\$87,000</i>	<i>\$87,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Funding to support a youth rugby league mentorship program on the school holidays to promote community inclusion.</i>	<i>12th November 2022</i>	<i>Unsuccessful</i>	
<i>Department of Social Services - Strong and Resilient Communities (SARC)</i>	<i>\$360,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$180,000</i>	<i>\$180,000</i>	<i>Funding to provide vocational opportunities to our year 10-12 students boarding in Cairns.</i>	<i>3rd November 2022</i>	<i>Unsuccessful</i>	
<i>Department of Justice and Attorney General – Safe and Diverse Communities Grants Program</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>				<i>Funding for activities centred around introducing the new DFV action plan.</i>	<i>28th October 2022</i>	<i>Unsuccessful</i>	<i>Council had not yet completed the DFV Action Plan project funded through the previous round.</i>
<i>Department of Veteran Affairs – Saluting Their Service</i>	<i>\$10,000 \$7,700</i>		<i>\$7,700</i>		<i>Funding to restore the St Pauls War Memorial</i>	<i>11th October 2022</i>	<i>Partially successful</i>	

<i>Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport – Eco certified tourism destination program</i>	<i>\$121,150</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Funding to support Masig and Poruma Islands in obtaining or advancing certified destination status.</i>	<i>7th October 2022</i>	<i>Unsuccessful</i>	<i>There was a high volume of applicants and not being able to contribute financially influenced the outcome.</i>
<i>National Australia Bank- NAB Foundation Community Grants</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>To fund education and awareness activities which promote and encourage sustainable and integrated practices.</i>	<i>31st August 2022</i>	<i>Successful</i>	
<i>Department of Environmental Science- Looking After Country Grant Program</i>	<i>\$75,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>To fund activities outlined in newly developed Feral Horse Management Program 2022/2023. Activities include control and compliance measures, education, and maintenance.</i>	<i>25th August 2022</i>	<i>Unsuccessful</i>	<i>The suggested activities did not align with the Dept's expectations of community collaboration.</i>
<i>Department of Justice and Attorney General- Investing in QLD Women Grant Program</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>To fund activities during International Women's Week 2023. Theme is to be centred around DFV action plan, which is set to be finalised this year.</i>	<i>5th August 2022</i>	<i>Successful</i>	
<i>Department of Environment and Science - Illegal Dumping Partnerships Program</i>	<i>\$170,000</i>	<i>\$85,000</i>	<i>\$85,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Employment of 4x part time waste management officers to carry out education awareness for illegal dumping.</i>	<i>27th July 2022</i>	<i>Successful</i>	
<i>Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Local Government Planning - Qld Resilience & Risk Reduction Fund – Formal Application</i>	<i>\$290,000</i>	<i>\$145,000</i>	<i>\$145,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Employment of a Coastal Hazard Resilience Officer</i>	<i>16th May 2022</i>	<i>Successful</i>	
<i>Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Local Government Planning - Qld Resilience & Risk Reduction Fund – Formal Application</i>	<i>\$290,000</i>	<i>\$145,000</i>	<i>\$145,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Employment of a Coastal Hazard Resilience Officer</i>	<i>16th May 2022</i>	<i>Successful</i>	

<i>Department of Agriculture and Fisheries - Enhancing Local Government Biosecurity Capacity in FNQ</i>	<i>\$115,000</i>	<i>\$57,500</i>	<i>\$57,500</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Sustainability Biosecurity Project – Employment of 2 FTE Biosecurity Officers to implement the Waste & Material Biosecurity Management Plan</i>	<i>14th May 2022</i>	<i>Successful</i>	
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<i>Total of Funding Applied</i> <i>*Noting funding can span over numerous financial years</i>	<i>\$4,854,723.00</i>
<i>Total of Funding Successful</i>	<i>\$1,571,993.75</i>
<i>Total of Funding Unsuccessful</i>	<i>\$1,287,729.25</i>
<i>Total of Funding Pending</i>	<i>\$1,995,000.00</i>

Note: \$23M Funding application for EOI Housing from Queensland Treasury, not included in overall totals due to the ineligibility of the program.

Capital Project Funding					
Funding Stream	Total	Project Details	Date of Application	Outcome	Current Status Report
Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport – Ad-hoc application	\$1,000,000	Kubin stadium upgrade including, lighting, court surface prep and line marking, fencing, and replacement of damaged sporting fixtures. **Please note, due to the QS Report substantially exceeding the maximum application limit of \$415,000, Council was unable to submit this application through the Minor Infrastructure Program. Council have strongly advocated for increased funding to enable the completion of many other sporting facility projects that will cost more than \$1.5m and, as such, were asked to submit this application on an ad-hoc basis to provide evidence to decision makers	28 th February 2023	Unsuccessful	
Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport – Minor Infrastructure Program	\$415,000	St. Paul's stadium upgrade, including court surface rectification, lighting installation, and replacement of damaged sporting fixtures.	28 th February 2023	Unsuccessful	
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry – Biosecurity Business Grants Round 2	\$389,000	Funding to provide critical infrastructure required to effectively manage biosecurity risks associated with the storage, treatment and transport of waste and materials in the Torres Strait region and through the Protected Biosecurity Zone.	14 th November 2022	Unsuccessful	
Department of Environment & Science – Metal Waste Legacy Stockpile Clean-up	\$1,750,000	Funding for the removal of legacy metal waste from the 6 outer islands that are not currently covered by the metal waste clean-up contract.	14 th October 2022	Successful	
Building our Regions Round 6 – Warraber Sewer Replacement –	\$1,875,000	Replacement of sewer Pumpstation 1 on Warraber Island	17 th May 2022	Successful	
Building our Regions Round 6 – Badu & Mabuiag Water Network Management –	\$280,000	Implementation of smart meters and additional valving into water network	17 th May 2022	Successful	
Building our Regions Round 6 – Badu Reservoir Main – formal Application	\$500,000	Construction of a new section of water main from the reservoir to the town network – Badu	17 th May 2022	Successful	
Total of Funding Applied *Noting funding can span over numerous financial years	\$6,209,000				
Total of Funding Successful	\$4,405,000				
Total of Funding Unsuccessful	\$1,804,000				
Total of Funding Pending	\$0				

Annual Local Government Funding

The table below highlight all Annual Local Government Funding, Council was allocated for 2022/23. No application is required for this type of funding. Council officers note that the below figures will not reconcile to budget documents or financial statements as per AASB 1058, Council is required to recognise revenue on receipt of funds. The State Government Financial Aid and Revenue Replacement Program funds have been received in the 2022/23 financial year; however, a significant portion of the Financial Assistance grant was paid in advance in April 2022.

Annual Local Government Funding				
Funding Stream	22/23 Total Allocation	Project Details	Date of Application	Comments
<i>State Government Financial Aid</i>	<i>\$7,577,811</i>	<i>SGFA is an annual allocation-based program to assist local governments in meeting the costs associated with providing essential services to their communities</i>	<i>Annual Allocation</i>	
<i>Financial Assistance – General Purpose</i>	<i>\$13,536,062</i>	<i>Financial Assistance General Purpose is an annual allocation-based program for local government bodies based on the principal of horizontal fiscal equalisation</i>	<i>Annual Allocation</i>	<i>12% increase on 21/22 allocation. Approx 75% paid upfront during previous financial year (21/22).</i>
<i>Financial Assistance – Local Roads</i>	<i>\$236,246</i>	<i>Financial Assistance Local Roads is an annual allocation-based program to assist local governments with roads expenditure and to preserve its roads assets.</i>	<i>Annual Allocation</i>	<i>12% increase on 21/22 allocation. Approx 75% paid upfront during previous financial year (21/22).</i>
<i>Revenue Replacement Program</i>	<i>\$546,200</i>	<i>RRP is an annual allocation-based program that provides funding to assist Indigenous Councils that have divested or surrendered profitable general liquor licenses.</i>	<i>Annual Allocation</i>	
Total Allocation for 22/23	\$21,896,319			

Councilor's Top 5 Priorities Status:

The Councilor Top 5 Priority Projects will be reported in a separate report on a quarterly basis during January, April, July, and October Council meetings.

Links to Strategic Plans:

- Corporate Plan 2020-2025:
 - People - Outcome 4: We are a transparent, open, and engaging Council.
 - Sustainability - Outcome 8: We manage Council affairs responsibly to the benefit of our communities.

Statutory Requirements:

- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Local Government Regulation 2012*

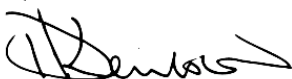
Conclusion:

That Council resolves to note and provide any necessary feedback to this report.



Endorsed:

Melissa Wright
Acting Manager Enterprise Development & Delivery



Recommended:

David Kempton
Acting, Executive Director of Corporate
Services



Approved:

James William
Chief Executive Officer



TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

AGENDA REPORT

ORDINARY MEETING:	July 2023
DATE:	18 & 19 July 2023
ITEM:	Agenda Item for <u>Resolution</u> by Council
SUBJECT:	Funding Matter – Building Our Regions Round 6 – Planning Projects
AUTHOR:	Daniel Harrington – Senior Project Engineer

Recommendation:

Council resolves to:

- Enter into the proposed funding agreement, to complete the Building Our Regions Round 6 (BoR Rnd 6) - Planning, administered by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DSDILGP) for the total grant sum of \$260,000.00 (excl. GST).
- and
- Pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer:
 - power to make, amend or discharge the funding agreement; and
 - power to negotiate, finalise and execute all matters associated with or in relation to this funding agreement including without limitation any options and/or variations.

Purpose:

The purpose of this reports is to seek Council Resolution to enter the proposed BoR Round 6 funding program, refer to attached funding letter from DSDILGP. The funding is for the two projects detailed below.

Project Description	Allocated funding
St Pauls – Ladyhill Road Drainage Design	\$ 85,000.00
Iama Drinking Water Lagoon Study	\$175,000.00
Total Funding Amount	\$260,000.00

Background:

The DSDILGP is providing the Torres Strait Island Regional Council with \$260,000 (excl. GST) through BoR Round 6 – Planning. This funding will enable planning and design for the following critical future water infrastructure upgrades.

- St Pauls – Ladyhill Road Drainage Design
This project is for the design of drainage infrastructure along Ladyhill Rd in St Pauls. The design would include management of erosion and sediment build-up around the St Pauls weir. The weir is the main raw water source for St Pauls, its operation is critical for water security. The design would also address current flooding and access issues for Council's wastewater ponds and workshop facilities.
- Iama Drinking Water Lagoon Study
This study is to determine the feasibility of constructing a new lagoon at Iama for raw water storage as well as reviewing other options to improve the divisions water security. Iama does not have a raw water storage lagoon, and therefore has limited capacity to buffer against water production shortfalls.

Key dates:

Funding Agreement Commencement Date	26 th August 2022
Ladyhill Rd Drainage Study - Funding Agreement End Date	4 th March 2024
Iama Drinking Water Lagoon Study - Funding Agreement End Date	30 th April 2024

Consultation:

- Councillors as appropriate
- Engineering Operations Staff as appropriate
- TSIRC Executive Leadership Team
- Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning

ConsiderationsRisk Management

The main risk associated with this funding agreement is ensuring that sufficient funds are available to complete the entirety of the scope of works which is being managed at Project Level. Council is expected to cover any project expenses if they exceed the funding agreement amount.

To reduce the risk to an acceptable risk, it is the Project Managers responsibility to track and forecast project costs to ensure that the remaining works are in conjunction with available funds. Where potential funding issues may arise, relevant funding bodies and Council will be notified of the issue, and scope managed as required to fall within the allocated budget.

Significant contingency has been included in the funding agreement amount to cover any additional project costs and reduce risk to Council.

Council Finance

The identified projects will be fully funded by the BoR Round 6 - Planning.

Links to Strategic Plans:

The nominated works fit within:

- Council's Operational Plan 2022/23 – Objective 13 (Water Services).
- Corporate Plan 2020-2025 – Outcome 9: We actively reduce our environmental footprint and manage our resources sustainably.

Statutory Requirements:

- Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
- Local Government Regulation 2012

Conclusion:

It is recommended that Council:

- Enters into proposed funding agreement and delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise, and execute all matters associated with or in relation to this project, funding and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement and ethical sourcing policy.

**Author:**

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Senior Project Engineer

**Endorsed:**

David Baldwin
Executive Director, Engineering Services

**Recommended:**

Peter Price
Acting Manager, Capital Works

**Approved:**

James William
Chief Executive Officer

Attachment 1 – Funding Letter from the Executive Director Anita Hicks – Grants Administration & Contract Management Corporate Group

Our ref: OUT22/2922



Department of
**State Development, Infrastructure,
Local Government and Planning**

3 August 2022

Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

Email: james.william@tsirc.qld.gov.au / ceo@tsirc.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr William

Conditional Letter of Offer for Building our Regions Round 6 – Planning

The State, acting through the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning is pleased to confirm its conditional offer of funding (GST exclusive) towards the following projects:

- St Pauls - Ladyhill Rd Drainage Design - \$85,000.00 (GST exclusive)
- Iama Drinking Water Lagoon Study - \$175,000.00 (GST exclusive)

This conditional offer of funding through Building our Regions Round 6 is offered to Torres Strait Island Regional Council (the Council), subject to the Council accepting the terms and conditions of the attached Project Funding Schedules, and the Director-General of DSDILGP (or his delegate) approving and executing the Project Funding Schedule.

Please review the Project Funding Schedule for each project to confirm that the details included are accurate and achievable. Each Project Funding Schedule must be read together with the Head Funding Agreement between the State of Queensland and the Council entered into on 3 March 2020. Together these documents set out the terms and conditions of the Project Funding Agreement between the State and the Council.

If the attached Project Funding Schedule is acceptable to the Council, please sign, scan, and return by email it to BuildingourRegions@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au. Please note the State may withdraw this conditional offer if the Council does not accept it within 30 business days from the date of this letter. If Council requires more time, please contact your nominated contract manager.

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By returning each of the signed Project Funding Schedules, Council confirms that it is committed to delivering the Project, has budgeted its financial contributions for the Project and acknowledges responsibility for any funding shortfall if costs or other contributors change.

Please be aware that any funding to be provided by the State to the Council for the Project will be provided in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Project Funding Agreement, and the State is not obliged to provide any funding to the Council unless and until the Project Funding Schedule is fully signed by both parties.

All media and public announcements relating to the Council's successful application and the Project must be coordinated and handled in consultation with DSDILGP's media team, and the Council must obtain DSDILGP's approval prior to contacting or responding to any media or public requests.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms Tina Radburn, Principal Project Officer, Grants and Program Management, in the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, by telephone on (07) 3452 7921 or by email at Tina.Radburn@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Anita Hicks

**Executive Director
Grants Administration and Contract Management
Corporate Group**



TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

COUNCIL REPORT

ORDINARY MEETING:	July 2023
DATE:	18 & 19 July 2023
ITEM:	Agenda Item for Resolution by Council
SUBJECT:	Financial Dashboard Report – June 2023
AUTHOR:	Nicola Daniels, Head of Financial Services

Recommendation:

That Council receive and endorse the monthly financial statements attached to the officer's report for the 2022-23 year to date, for the period ended 30 June 2023, as required under Section 204 *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Purpose:

This report seeks Council endorse the monthly financial statements for the 2022-23 year to date, for the period ended 30 June 2023.

Disclaimer: The final 2022-23 financial statements will differ from the report presented to Council due to end of year and audit adjustments. Changes will include reclassification of revenue and expenses from operational to capital, additional expenditure accruals, revaluation adjustments, final depreciation expense and other balance sheet adjustments.

Background:

The 2022-23 budget review was adopted in December 2022 and has taken into consideration the COVID-19 pandemic and the expected impacts on the year ahead including high inflation, labour, and material shortages.

The financial report must state the progress that has been made in relation to the local government's budget for the period of the financial year up to a day as near as practicable to the end of the month before the meeting is held.

Each month, year to date financial statements are prepared to monitor actual performance against budget.

Below is a summary of the financial performance for the period ended stated above. Actual amounts are compared against year-to-date budget review for 2022-23. (See Appendix A for Summary Financial Statements by Department and Appendix A Detailed Capital Report).

Resource implications:

The actual operating result (before depreciation) for June 2023 YTD is a \$1.1M surplus, compared to the YTD forecast operating deficit of \$7.6M.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AT A GLANCE – Year to Date (YTD) 2022/2023

Key financial results	Annual budget review	YTD budget review	YTD actual	YTD variance \$	YTD variance %	Status
Recurrent revenue	61,138,399	61,138,399	60,662,275	(476,124)	(0.8%)	●
Other income	6,070,071	6,070,071	6,864,123	794,052	13.1%	●
Recurrent expenditure (excl. depreciation)	(74,905,842)	(74,905,842)	(66,439,998)	8,465,845	11.3%	●
Operating result (excl. depreciation)	(7,697,372)	(7,697,372)	1,086,400	8,783,772	114.1%	●
Capital revenue	66,098,028	66,098,028	30,844,719	(35,253,309)	(53.3%)	●
Capital expenses	(2,866,000)	(2,866,000)	(12,738,735)	(9,872,735)	(344.5%)	●
Net result (excl. depreciation)	55,534,657	55,534,657	19,192,384	(36,342,272)	(65.4%)	●
Depreciation expense	(53,128,603)	(53,128,603)	(53,629,224)	(500,621)	(0.9%)	●
Net result	2,406,053	2,406,053	(34,436,840)	(36,842,893)	(1531.3%)	●

Key:

Act Vs Bud Var % is <= -10%

Act Vs Bud Var % is > -10% and <= -5%

Act Vs Bud Var % is > -5%



Operating Result to Date – Favourable \$8.8M variance attributed to:

Revenue \$318K favourable variance.

- **\$8.4M financial assistance grant revenue; overbudget due to entire funding for 23/24 financial year received in advance. This will affect the 23/24 Financial Position of Council as revenue is recorded on receipt of funds.**

Offset by:

- \$2.4M in engineering grant revenue underbudget due to delay in works (\$4.4M QRA and \$861k ICCIP), which is partially offset by \$1.7M payment from DES for the Waste Metal Project.
- \$5M in contract and recoverable works revenue underbudget due to resourcing and delays from approved funding partners
- \$1.5M for utility charges still to be accrued as part of end of year adjustments

Expenditure \$8.5M favourable variance.

- Extended employee vacancies in Health & Community Services and Corporate Services
- Delayed works resulting in materials & services costs being under budget (majority being \$5.4M engineering of which \$4M relates to the metal waste project)

Net Result to Date – Unfavourable \$36.8M variance.

In addition to the above, variance relates to:

- timing in engineering capital grant revenue for seawalls (\$18M), ICCIP (\$10M) and TSRA Main Incentives (\$2.9M); and
- high asset disposal costs (\$9.8M) relating to the disposal of: houses delivered under the private home ownership program, infrastructure replaced as assets under the ICCIP program are capitalised.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

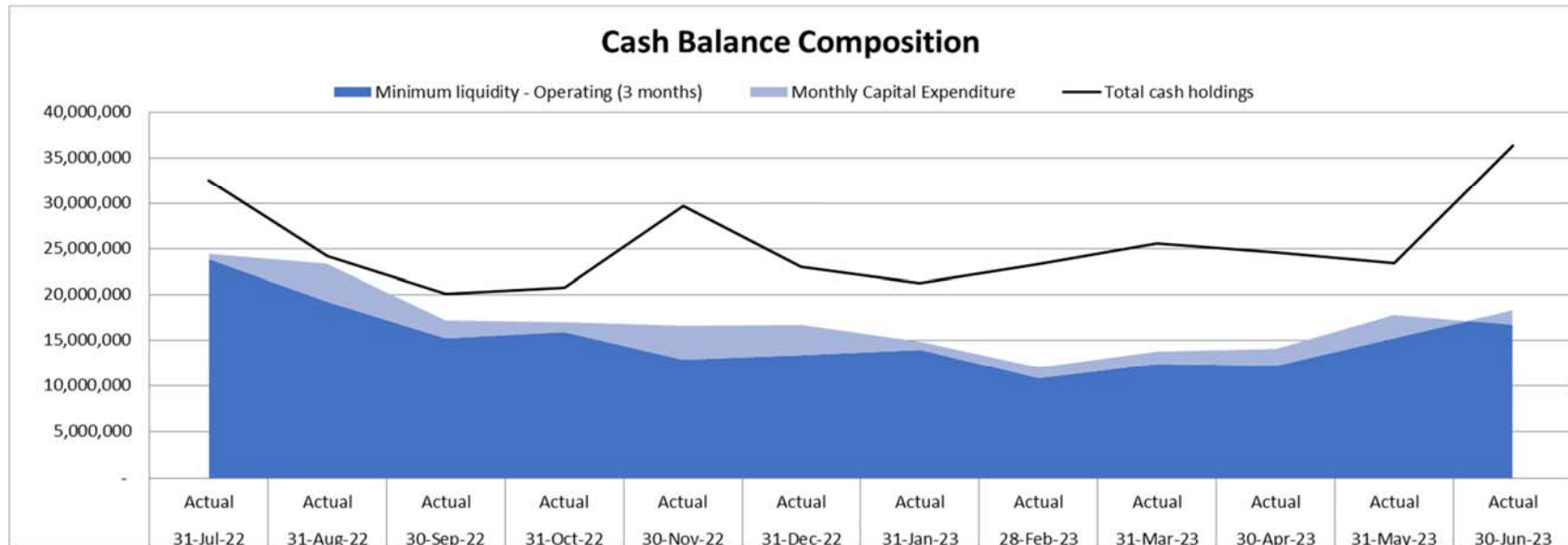
	Annual Budget Review	YTD Budget Review	YTD actual	YTD variance \$	YTD variance %
Income					
Recurrent revenue					
Community levies, rates and charges	1,688,050	1,688,050	216,435	(1,471,615)	0.0%
Fees and charges	4,978,518	4,978,518	4,637,421	(341,097)	(6.9%)
Sales revenue	20,808,625	20,808,625	16,051,845	(4,756,780)	(22.9%)
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	33,663,206	33,663,206	39,756,574	6,093,368	18.1%
	61,138,399	61,138,399	60,662,275	(476,124)	(0.8%)
Capital revenue					
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	66,098,028	66,098,028	30,844,719	(35,253,309)	(53.3%)
	66,098,028	66,098,028	30,844,719	(35,253,309)	(53.3%)
Interest received	454,533	454,533	668,998	214,465	47.2%
Other income	718,665	718,665	1,430,172	711,507	99.0%
Rental income	4,896,873	4,896,873	4,764,954	(131,920)	(2.7%)
Total income	133,306,499	133,306,499	98,371,117	(34,935,382)	(26.2%)
Expenses					
Recurrent expenses					
Employee benefits	29,005,146	29,005,146	26,891,905	2,113,241	7.3%
Materials and services	45,146,159	45,146,159	38,812,537	6,333,622	14.0%
Finance costs	754,537	754,537	735,555	18,981	2.5%
Depreciation and amortisation	53,128,603	53,128,603	53,629,224	(500,621)	(0.9%)
	128,034,445	128,034,445	120,069,222	7,965,224	6.2%
Capital expenses	2,866,000	2,866,000	12,738,735	9,872,735	344.5%
Total expenses	130,900,446	130,900,446	132,807,957	1,907,512	1.5%
Net result	2,406,053	2,406,053	(34,436,840)	(36,842,893)	(1531.3%)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Current Month	Prior Month	variance \$	variance %
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	36,213,122	24,024,196	12,188,926	50.7%
Short term deposits	66,774	66,774	0	0.0%
Trade and other receivables	3,553,341	4,203,264	(649,923)	(15.5%)
Inventories	322,944	322,944	0	0.0%
Contract assets	11,488,456	10,769,748	718,708	6.7%
Lease receivables	-	-	0	
Total current assets	51,644,637	39,386,926	12,257,711	31.1%
Non-current assets				
Lease receivables	10,525,433	10,525,433	(0)	(0.0%)
Property, plant and equipment	953,665,352	957,381,088	(3,715,736)	(0.4%)
Right of use assets	1,232,636	1,284,289	(51,653)	(4.0%)
Total non-current assets	965,423,421	969,190,810	(3,767,389)	(0.4%)
Total assets	1,017,068,058	1,008,577,736	8,490,322	0.1%
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	3,487,183	2,729,145	(758,038)	(27.8%)
Borrowings	-	-	0	
Provisions	6,355,578	6,371,776	16,198	0.3%
Contract liabilities	10,397,715	10,397,715	0	0.0%
Lease liabilities	493,788	545,304	51,516	9.4%
Total current liabilities	20,734,264	20,043,940	(690,324)	(3.4%)
Non-current liabilities				
Provisions	6,308,347	6,294,863	(13,484)	(0.2%)
Lease liabilities	1,237,831	1,237,832	1	0.0%
Total non-current liabilities	7,546,178	7,532,695	(13,484)	(0.2%)
Net community assets	988,787,614	981,001,101	7,786,515	0.8%
Community Equity				
Asset revaluation surplus	625,628,579	625,628,579	0	0.0%
Retained surplus/(deficiency)	397,595,876	397,598,644	(2,768)	(0.0%)
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	- 34,436,840	- 42,226,122	7,789,282	(18.4%)
	988,787,615	981,001,101	7,786,514	0.8%

Cash Forecasting

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning sustainability ratios recommends that Council maintain a minimum liquidity of three months operating cashflows. Council has based the monthly cashflow projections on the 22/23 Budget Review projections. Grant revenue has been forecasted on expected timing of receipt of funds as per funding agreements. July to June figures reflect actual cash balances.



Cashflow Comments

YTD June 2023 – Actual \$36.3M

- Cash holdings remain above QTC recommendations; most of the excess relates to the full 23/24 Financial Assistance Grant which is used to fund Council operations.

FY June 2023 – Budget \$36.3M (current forecast \$25M)

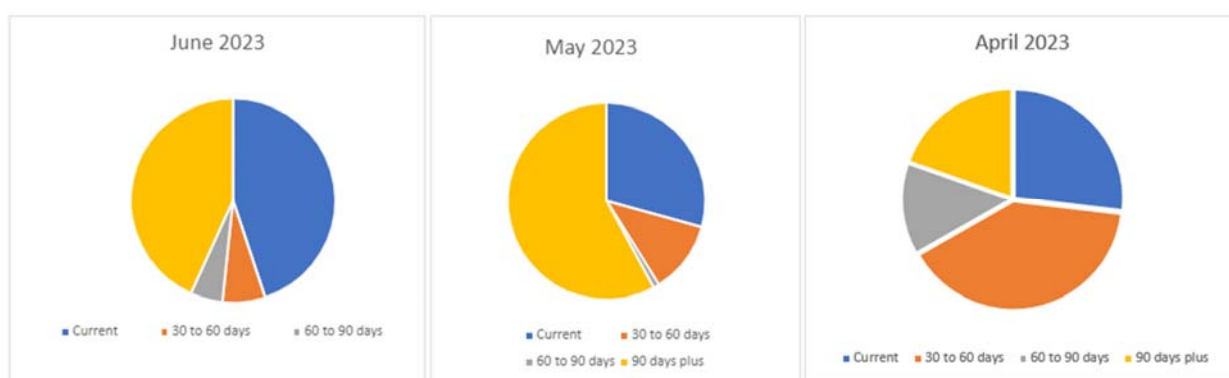
- Advance payment of the full 23/24 Financial Assistance Grant received, bringing cash holdings back to a much higher level than budgeted

Debtor Analysis

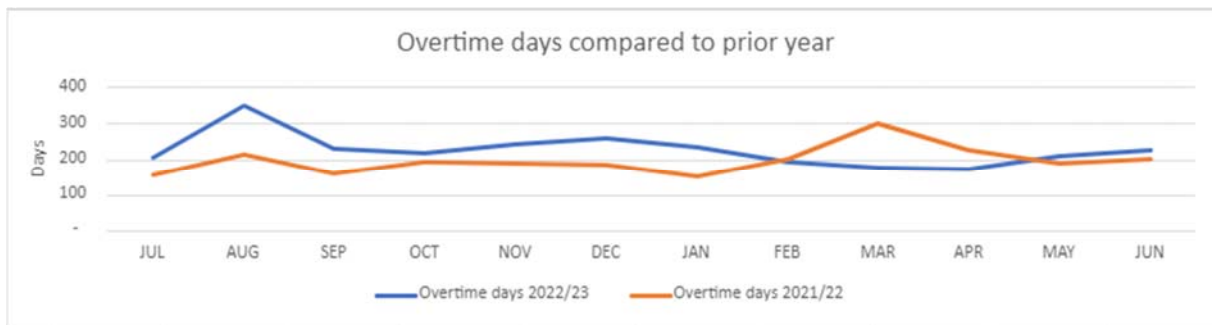
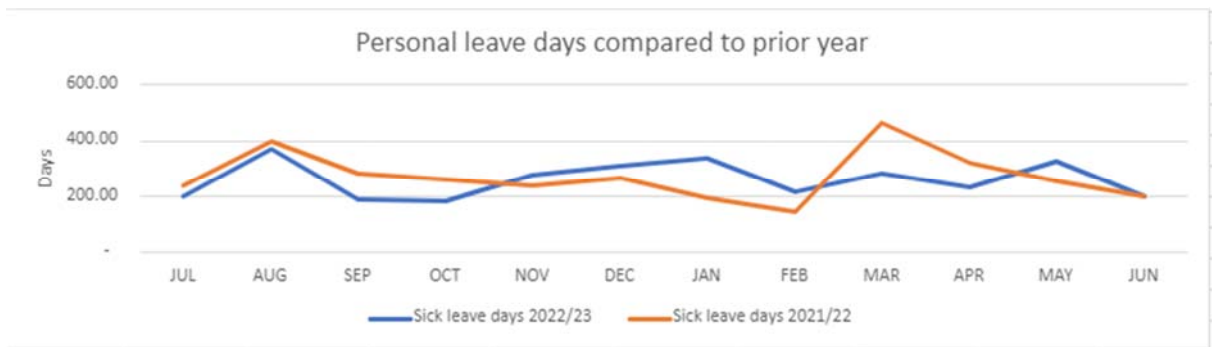
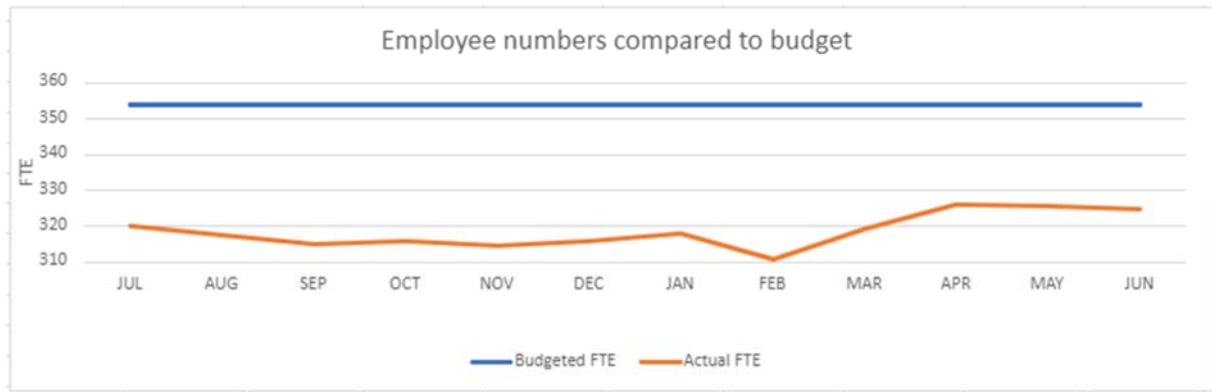
Days outstanding	As at 30 June 2023		As at 31 May 2023		As at 30 April	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Current	1,540,865	45%	868,597	29%	1,588,422	27%
30 to 60 days	230,583	7%	351,165	12%	2,354,984	40%
60 to 90 days	175,517	5%	28,758	1%	808,699	14%
90 days plus	1,482,849	43%	1,715,985	58%	1,157,137	20%
Total aged debtors	3,429,814	100%	2,964,506	100%	5,909,242	100%
Housing debtors (Note 1)	12,763,983		12,978,745		12,971,746	
Total Provision	- 13,274,602		- 13,456,908		- 13,414,148	
Net debtors (exc. Unapplied credits)	2,919,194		2,486,343		5,466,840	
Unapplied Credits	- 430,924		- 912,390		- 748,962	

Notes to table:

- Analysis of housing debtors and their collection rates are considered in detail.



Payroll Analysis



Grant Analysis:

Refer to 'Funding Acquisition Report' by Corporate Services.

Corporate Plan Linkage:

Outcome: We manage Council affairs responsibly to the benefit of our communities: evolve Council's cost management and analysis reporting.

Consultation and communication:

Senior Executive Team
Department Heads / Managers
Finance Department

Risk Management Implications:

Risk Management emerges from Council's intent to effectively and efficiently manage risks that may have an impact on the achievement of strategic priorities, operational goals and project objectives as defined in the Corporate and Operational Plans.

Significant Risks:

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Treatment	Financial Impact
Increase in material prices	High	Increased cost to deliver contract and recoverable works	Consider revising service agreements with funding partners to account for material increases	Negative impact to gross margins and ultimately net profits
Poor weather conditions	Low	Delay in operational and capital works resulting in reduced community service delivery	Consider works schedule	Negative impact to net profits and service delivery
Lack of available resources	High	Delays and inability to complete contract and recoverable works and capital programs	Consider methods for engaging skilled resources	Negative impact on gross margins and risk of returning grant funds if not able to deliver works

Areas of Concern for Noting:

Risk	Comment
Influenza / COVID	Personal leave has spiked in March, as COVID and more severe cases of other strains of influenza become prevalent.

Final Considerations:

Risk Management

In terms of financial performance and risk, the approach taken sees the Finance Team working with the various business departments to understand and report on financial outcomes whilst also considering what those outcomes indicate for the future, particularly the requirement to deliver within budget. It is expected this forward-looking approach will allow the management team to implement timely rectification actions to emerging trends.

There are numerous drivers which have affected Council operations during the financial year. Inflationary pressures are impacting not only Council but the whole of Australia (rising energy prices, global supply chain disruptions and labour shortages) sending the cost of goods and services higher. Along with the spate of natural disasters, sharp rise in cash rates and a state wage increase of 4.6%, it is yet to be seen the full extent of inflation and how long the economy will take to stabilise.

It remains to be seen what the cumulative effect will be on Council operations in the next couple of months to year end, and years beyond based on the unpredictability of domestic and global events. Management will continue to progressively adapt, monitor, and plan into the future as the situation and its impact evolves. With continuing uncertainty in the economic climate and changes in market factors, it makes future forecasting challenging.

Recommended:



Nicola Daniels
Head of Financial Services

Endorsed:



Hollie Faithfull
Executive Director Financial Services

Approved:



James William
Chief Executive Officer

Appendix A

Executive Department

Key Financial Results	Annual Budget Review	YTD Budget Review	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance %	Status
Recurrent revenue	646,200	646,200	646,200	0	0.0%	●
Other income	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Recurrent expenditure (excl. depreciation)	(4,045,509)	(4,045,509)	(3,509,249)	536,260	13.3%	●
Operating surplus (exc. Depreciation)	(3,399,310)	(3,399,309)	(2,863,049)	536,260	15.8%	●
Capital revenue	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Capital expenses	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Net result (excl. depreciation)	(3,399,310)	(3,399,309)	(2,863,049)	536,260	15.8%	●
Depreciation Expense	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Net result	(3,399,310)	(3,399,309)	(2,863,049)	536,260	15.8%	●

Comments:

Overall underbudget for financial year

Building Services Department

Key Financial Results	Annual Budget Review	YTD Budget Review	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance %	Status
Recurrent revenue	17,955,894	17,955,894	12,939,686	(5,016,208)	-27.9%	●
Other income	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Recurrent expenditure (excl. depreciation)	(13,199,439)	(13,199,439)	(12,334,257)	865,182	6.6%	●
Operating surplus (exc. Depreciation)	4,756,455	4,756,455	605,429	(4,151,026)	-87.3%	●
Capital revenue	1,630,663	1,630,663	473,465	(1,157,198)	-71.0%	●
Capital expenses	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Net result (excl. depreciation)	6,387,118	6,387,118	1,078,894	(5,308,224)	-83.1%	●
Depreciation Expense	(35,481)	(35,481)	(32,524)	2,957	8.3%	●
Net result	6,351,637	6,351,637	1,046,370	(5,305,267)	-83.5%	●

Comments:

Large variance in recurrent revenue and net result due to the high focus in completing and finalising aged upgrades and Home Ownership projects which has been reported on over the last 8 months. Note also that month end adjustments have not been finalised for the 22-23 financial year. Expect changes in capital revenue following the completion of capitalisations, although this will have no impact to the net result.

Health and Community Services Department

Key Financial Results	Annual Budget Review	YTD Budget Review	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance %	Status
Recurrent revenue	13,173,657	13,173,657	12,870,077	(303,580)	-2.3%	●
Other income	521,422	521,422	561,293	39,871	7.6%	●
Recurrent expenditure (excl. depreciation)	(15,983,985)	(15,983,985)	(16,014,097)	(30,112)	-0.2%	●
Operating surplus (exc. Depreciation)	(2,288,905)	(2,288,906)	(2,582,727)	(293,821)	-12.8%	●
Capital revenue	9,061,739	9,061,739	10,910,347	1,848,608	20.4%	●
Capital expenses	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Net result (excl. depreciation)	6,772,834	6,772,834	8,327,620	1,554,786	23.0%	●
Depreciation Expense	(28,241,984)	(28,241,984)	(28,239,477)	2,507	0.0%	●
Net result	(21,469,149)	(21,469,150)	(19,911,857)	1,557,293	7.3%	●

Comments:

Recurrent Revenue reduced due to timing of receipt of Commonwealth Grant payments for Childcare and CHSP; timing of invoicing plus lower than budgeted childcare fees for Aragon; late commencement of Helicopter subsidies and lower than budgeted uptake of subsidised flights. Commercial lease revenue is reduced 9.5% due to cessation of leases during the year and Housing Rental Income is 3% lower than budgeted. Other Income increased due to Employer Incentive Payments received.

Community Services recurrent expenditure impacted by lower than budgeted Internal Recoveries for Accommodation, Powercards & Pest Management.

Capital Revenue higher for Housing due to higher than budgeted BSU capitalisations.

Financial Services Department

Key Financial Results	Annual Budget Review	YTD Budget Review	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance %	Status
Recurrent revenue	18,332,954	18,332,954	26,888,939	8,555,985	46.7%	●
Other income	40,911	40,911	549,815	508,904	1243.9%	●
Recurrent expenditure (excl. depreciation)	(5,511,329)	(5,511,329)	(4,759,397)	751,932	13.6%	●
Operating surplus (exc. Depreciation)	12,862,536	12,862,536	22,679,357	9,816,821	76.3%	●
Capital revenue	2,925,696	2,925,696	1,251,000	(1,674,696)	-57.2%	●
Capital expenses	(3,500,000)	(3,500,000)	(12,750,844)	(9,250,844)	-264.3%	●
Net result (excl. depreciation)	12,288,232	12,288,232	11,179,513	(1,108,719)	-9.0%	●
Depreciation Expense	(1,015,643)	(1,015,643)	(953,193)	62,450	6.1%	●
Net result	11,272,589	11,272,589	10,226,320	(1,046,269)	-9.3%	●

Comments:

Favourable operating result:

-Received financial assistance grant of \$15M relating to funding for the 23/24 FY, higher interest income from increasing interest rates, unbudgeted insurance claim and timing of project consultancy costs.

Unfavourable net result:

- higher asset disposals than budget, slightly offset by early timing of capital receipts.

Appendix A

Engineering Services Department

Key Financial Results	Annual Budget Review	YTD Budget Review	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance %	Status
Recurrent revenue	14,721,496	14,721,496	10,826,949	(3,894,547)	-26.5%	●
Other income	10,000	10,000	150,549	140,549	1405.5%	●
Recurrent expenditure (excl. depreciation)	(27,203,081)	(27,203,081)	(22,479,830)	4,723,251	17.4%	●
Operating surplus (exc. Depreciation)	(12,471,585)	(12,471,585)	(11,502,332)	969,253	7.8%	●
Capital revenue	48,951,437	48,951,437	17,619,837	(31,331,600)	-64.0%	●
Capital expenses	634,000	634,000	0	(634,000)	-100.0%	●
Net result (excl. depreciation)	37,113,852	37,113,852	6,117,505	(30,996,347)	-83.5%	●
Depreciation Expense	(23,355,565)	(23,355,565)	(23,898,325)	(542,760)	-2.3%	●
Net result	13,758,287	13,758,287	(17,780,820)	(31,539,107)	229.2%	●

Comments:

The operating result is a combination of:

- Recurrent Revenue - unfavourable timing difference on grant receipts (delay in work) mainly associated with QRA works for (\$7.3M). Also (\$890K) final DLGRMA payment grant revenue for ICCIP#1 Waste Metal Project. Off-set by +\$1.75M grant payment from DES for ICCIP#1 WMP and +\$2.9M from grant assets.
- Recurrent Expenditure - favourable timing (delay) in contractor & consultant payments. Mainly associated with QRA works

Net result also impacted from less capital revenue than budgeted, due to timing of capital grant receipts. Mainly Seawalls, TSRA Marine Incentives.

Corporate Services Department

Key Financial Results	Annual Budget Review	YTD Budget Review	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance %	Status
Recurrent revenue	109,605	109,605	164,028	54,423	49.7%	●
Other income	121,332	121,332	140,132	18,800	15.5%	●
Recurrent expenditure (excl. depreciation)	(6,426,136)	(6,426,136)	(4,952,646)	1,473,490	22.9%	●
Operating surplus (exc. Depreciation)	(6,195,198)	(6,195,198)	(4,648,486)	1,546,712	25.0%	●
Capital revenue	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Capital expenses	0	0	12,108	12,108	0.0%	●
Net result (excl. depreciation)	(6,195,198)	(6,195,198)	(4,636,378)	1,558,821	25.2%	●
Depreciation Expense	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Net result	(6,195,198)	(6,195,198)	(4,636,378)	1,558,821	25.2%	●

Comments:

Overall underbudget for financial year

Fuel and Fleet Services Department

Key Financial Results	Annual Budget Review	YTD Budget Review	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance %	Status
Recurrent revenue	1,549,999	1,549,999	1,777,981	227,982	14.7%	●
Other income	25,000	25,000	10,750	(14,250)	-57.0%	●
Recurrent expenditure (excl. depreciation)	(2,536,364)	(2,536,364)	(2,390,394)	145,970	5.8%	●
Operating surplus (exc. Depreciation)	(961,365)	(961,365)	(601,663)	359,702	37.4%	●
Capital revenue	3,528,493	3,528,493	590,070	(2,938,423)	-83.3%	●
Capital expenses	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Net result (excl. depreciation)	2,567,128	2,567,128	(11,593)	(2,578,721)	-100.5%	●
Depreciation Expense	(479,931)	(479,931)	(505,705)	(25,774)	-5.4%	●
Net result	2,087,197	2,087,197	(517,298)	(2,604,495)	-124.8%	●

Comments:

Other Income - lower than expected Private Vehicle Revenue due to cancellation of PVR program - only recommenced May 2023

Capital Revenue - Contract Implementation Delayed

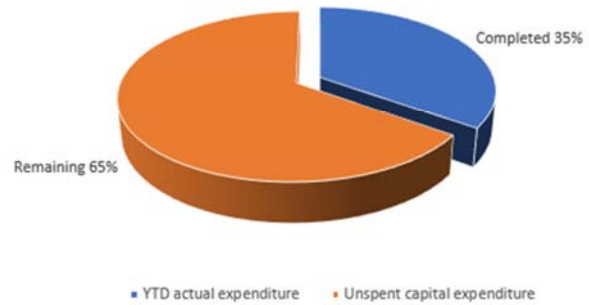
Depreciation Expense - Slightly overbudget YTD

Overall underbudget for the Financial year due to a delay in Capital Projects

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

YTD actual expenditure	\$ 24,097,482
Unspent capital expenditure	\$ 45,260,449
Full year BR budget capital expenditure	\$ 69,357,931

Capital Works Program Expenditure B.R



CAPITAL SPEND BY ASSET CLASS

