



TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

30-31 August 2023

CONFIRMED

DAY 1 – 30 AUGUST 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 Keith Fell, Division 4 – Mabuiag
Division 5 – Badu – *was not represented*
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Arkai (*by telephone dial-in*)
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls)
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond)
Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma
Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar
Division 15 – Mer - *was not represented*

PRESENT:

Mr James William, Chief Executive Officer
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services
Mr Wayne Green, Executive Director Building Services
Mr Dawson Sailor, Executive Director Community Services
Mr Martin Leech, Acting Executive Director Corporate Services
Mr Adeah Kabai, Manager Capital Works
Mr Julian Bodenmann, Preston Law (TSIRC Legal Advisor)
Ms Julie Marino, Senior Executive Assistant, Executive Office
Ms Trudy Lui, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Mr Darryl Brooks, Secretariat Officer

APOLOGIES:

Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM, Division 9 – Iama (Deputy Mayor)	(30-31 August 2023)
Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 – Erub	(30-31 August 2023)
Mr David Baldwin, Executive Director Engineering Services	(30-31 August 2023)

OBSERVER:

Ms Sharon Russell, Executive Support Coordinator, Corporate Services

1. Welcome

Mayor Mosby formally opened the Ordinary Council Meeting for August 2023 at 11.00am, noting that a quorum of members was established at the preceding Trustee Meeting.

➤ *Cr John Levi advised that he will be leaving the meeting for a brief period at 12.00 noon.*

2. Apologies

The following apologies were noted:

- Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM, Division 9 -Iama (Sorry Business)
- Cr Jimmy Gela, Division 14 - Erub (native title commitments as Erub PBC Chair)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen; Second: Cr John Levi

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Dimas Toby

That Council accepts the apology for Cr Jimmy Gela, for the August 2023 Ordinary Meeting and approves the payment of the Councillor's Monthly Meeting Allowance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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. The following declarations were made:

- Cr John Levi declared a COI in relation to Agenda Item 15 and Agenda Item 20.
- Cr Seriako Dorante declared a COI in relation to Agenda Item 21.

➤ *Cr Conwell Tabuai joined the meeting at 11.15am.*

4. Confirmation of Council's Ordinary Meeting Minutes - July 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Kabay Tamu

That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Council Ordinary Meeting of 18-19 July 2023 to be a true and accurate account of that meeting, subject to the following clarifications:

- **Agenda Item 8 action item (p5, 3rd para from bottom) – change the phrase 'Community Police Liaison Officer for Kirirri' to 'Community Police Liaison Officer position for Kirirri'.**
- **Agenda Item 34 (17) – change 'island of origin' to 'originating island'.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Confirmation of Council's Special Ordinary Meeting Minutes – 9 August 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon; Second: Cr John Levi

That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Special Ordinary Meeting held on 9 August 2023 to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **Ratification of Strategic Advisory Reference Group (SARG) Meeting Minutes of 6 June 2023**

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen; Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai

That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Strategic Advisory Reference Group (SARG) Meeting held on 6 June 2023 to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **Ratification of Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee Meeting Minutes of 15 March 2023**

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

That Council resolves to accept the minutes of the Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee Meeting held on 15 March 2023 to be a true and accurate account of that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **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 27-28 June 2023.

Cr Keith Fell relayed to the Chief Executive Officer his concern for community members in the simple act of transporting their rubbish to the bin manually. Cr Keith Fell went through the motions of lifting a bin, emptying it upside down and placing the bin on the trailer.

Council noted this report and its content.

ACTION ITEM (AI 34 of July 2023 Meeting – Garbage/Waste Collection Vehicle for Moa):

1. Chief Executive Officer will obtain an update via Executive Director Engineering, regarding “Safety – Manual Handling” training.
2. Executive Director Engineering and Acting Executive Director Corporate Services, in conjunction with the TSIRC Workplace Health and Safety Coordinator, to expedite interim safety procedures until a long-term solution can be arranged.

9. **Mayor Report**

Council noted this report and its content.

- *At 12.10pm Mayor Mosby called for the Council to break for lunch and to resume the meeting at 1.00pm.*
- *At 1.05pm the Mayor made a roll call and ascertained that a quorum of members were present for the meeting to proceed.*

10. **Chief Executive Officer Report (verbal)**

The Chief Executive Officer provided an update on what has been a very busy period since the previous Council Meeting, with the following highlights:

- **Media Coverage on the Sea Swift matter**
Very disciplined in regard to the Council’s response to the media coverage and an official

statement was provided to the *Cairns Post*, which appeared in an article published on 4 August 2023. Additional coverage was done in the *Torres News*.

- **Building Services**

- QBuild Visit – Brisbane (August 2023)

- I accompanied Cr Kabay Tamu and the Executive Director Building Services on a tour of the QBuild Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) Training Centre at Hamilton, followed by a tour of the QBuild Rapid Accommodation and Apprentice Centre at Eagle Farm on 9 August 2023. The QBuild MMC Training Centre showcases prototyping of four prefabricated homes which have been developed in partnership with QBuild, the OQGA and Industry. The tour provided an insight into the manufacturing outputs available through QBuild and its industry partners, and demonstrated the liveability and suitability of each housing option which can be achieved within the framework of financial and logistical realities pertaining to the Torres Strait region.

- Agenda item 11 provides an update on activities within the Building Services portfolio for the reporting period of August 2023.

- **Community Services**

- A special acknowledgement to the Executive Director Community Services (Mr Dawson Sailor) and his team for the tremendous work undertaken in the lead-up to the anniversary of the first Torres Strait Islanders Conference on 23 August, 2023.

- Ongoing work with the Building Services portfolio continues in relation to reforming tenancy management and community engagement on housing plans to be evidence-led in how we address these issues.

- **Corporate Services**

- Mr Martin Leech is now acting in the role as Executive Director Corporate Services.
 - Corporate Services and Financial Services have worked together on the lodgement of EOI for \$15m “Growing our Region” grant on time – great example of teamwork across various teams.
 - Fuel strategy with iOR being advanced with data sharing to reduce costs across the board.
 - Legal coverage provided by Preston Law (Mr Julian Bodenmann) and our Senior Legal Office (Julia Mauro) is currently on leave.
 - Risk management reboot provided by Andrew Clarkson.
 - Peak Services is now supporting grants function.
 - Div 5: Badu councillor casual vacancy process. To be addressed under agenda item 13 of this meeting.
 - New Learning Management System platform approved.
 - Key focus areas for the month ahead:
 - Filling critical roles across Corporate Services, including focusing on our fuel strategy and our garbage truck fleet as Fuel and Fleet responsibilities transition into Corporate Services; and
 - Priority discussion around sorting out the DOGIT process at all levels.

- **Engineering Services**

- Securing investment into the Torres Strait remains an ongoing priority, however, equal priority also needs to be focused on delivery of existing commitments. The region needs a lot of investment in relation to marine and infrastructure assets.
 - The following Information reports have been sent to Councillors separately:
 - Disaster Management;
 - Monthly Water and Wastewater Report; and
 - Divisional Engineering Operations

- **Financial Services**

- Audit is ongoing.
 - Engagement of Chair and Deputy Chair for the Audit Committee has been completed.
 - External auditors have undertaken a recent visit.

- **Looking Forward**

- November 2023 Councillors’ Workshop

- Planning has commenced for the November 2023 Councillors' Workshop in Cairns. Will meet with Mayor Mosby to build an agenda around the Workshop.
- TSIRC Annual Closedown
 - Agenda Item 12 of this meeting proposes that Council endorse the annual closedown of operations from 12.00 noon on Friday, 22 December 2023 and reopen on Tuesday, 2 January 2024.

ACTION: Chief Executive Officer to circulate his report to Councillors.

➤ *Cr Conwell Tabuai joined the meeting at 1.30pm.*

11. BUILDING SERVICES: Building Services Update

RESOLUTION

Moved: *Cr Keith Fell*; Second: *Cr Francis Pearson*

Council resolves to note the Building Services Report for August 2023.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION: Executive Director Building Services to provide Council with regular (quarterly) reports tracking progress in relation to expenditure around the Capital Housing Program, including delivery of the Capital Works program.

12. CORPORATE SERVICES: TSIRC Annual Closedown 2023/24

RESOLUTION

Moved: *Cr Keith Fell*; Second: *Cr Lama Trinkoon*

That Council endorse the dates proposed for Council's annual closedown of operations between the Christmas/New Year period. It is proposed that operations will close on Friday, 22 December 2023 at 12 noon and reopen on Tuesday, 2 January 2024.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. CORPORATE SERVICES: Filling of Councillor Vacancy – Division 5: Badu

RESOLUTION

Moved: *Cr Torenzo Elisala*; Second: *Cr Hilda Mosby*

That Council resolve:

1. To undertake an informal ballot/vote process to select a preferred candidate from the three (3) conforming applicants for the appointment to the councillor position left vacant by the resignation of Councillor Nona (Division 5 Badu Island) based on the nominations received.
2. That pursuant to Section 166(1)(c) and Section 166B(6) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Torres Strait Island Regional Council appoints Mrs Ranetta Robyn WOSOMO to the position of councillor for the remainder of this quadrennial local government term (concluding March 2024).
3. Pursuant to Sections 236 and 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), to delegate to the CEO authority to take the declaration of the appointee within 30 days of their appointment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION: Chief Executive Officer to expedite the taking of the declaration of the appointee in order to ensure that the successful candidate is in attendance at the September 2023 Council Meeting on Saibai in an official capacity.

14. CORPORATE SERVICES: Policy Matter: Information Technology Change Management Policy RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr John Levi; Against: Cr Keith Fell

That Council resolves to:

1. endorse the Torres Strait Island Regional Council's Information Technology Change Management Policy, 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

15. Community Grants Program Allocation - August 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr John Levi

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

- Mabuygiw Garkaziw Kupay TSI Corporation for the eligible amount of \$1,000.00, exclusive of GST.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Cr John Levi declared a conflict of interest in relation to the following application and left the meeting prior to commencement of discussion.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

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

- Kozan Outreach Fellowship Ministry for the eligible amount of \$4,500.00, exclusive of GST.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Cr John Levi rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of the above recommendation.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Keith Fell

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

- Church of the Living God, Yorke Island for the eligible amount of \$2,000.00, exclusive of GST.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

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

- Aragon Warriors Rugby League for the eligible amount of \$1,000.00, exclusive of GST.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Hilda Mosby; Second: Cr Francis Pearson

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

- **Kayin Koasals Rugby League Team for the eligible amount of \$1,000.00, exclusive of GST.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

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

- **Courtney Morsue for the requested amount of \$500.00, exclusive of GST.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. CORPORATE SERVICES: Funding Acquisition Report

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr John Levi

That Council resolves to note this report and its content.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION: Future Funding Acquisition Reports to include tracking of YTD grant application and acquisition comparisons against previous years.

17. FINANCIAL SERVICES: Financial Dashboard Report – July 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frances Pearson; Second: Cr Kabay Tamu

That Council receive and endorse the monthly financial statements attached to the officer's report for the 2023-24 year to date, for the period ended 31 July 2023, as required under Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Hilda Mosby; Second: Cr Lama Trinkoon

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:

19.	BUILDING SERVICES: Contractual Matter - Lot 104 Gibuma St Boigu - Home Ownership Works (Tenant - Mrs Ganalai Gibuma)
20.	BUILDING SERVICES: Contractual Matter – Lot 98 Mualgau Yabu, Kubin- Various Refurbishment Works (Tenant: Faila Savage)
21.	CORPORATE SERVICES: Loban Marine Pty Ltd: Provision of ferry service subsidy for transportation between Hammond and Thursday Islands
22.	CORPORATE SERVICES: Ongoing Council Litigation

23.	ENGINEERING SERVICES: Funding Matter – TSIRC.0029.2122J.REC Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA)
24.	ENGINEERING SERVICES: Rectification Works on Badu Community Jetty through Marine Safety Queensland
25.	ENGINEERING SERVICES: Funding Matter – 2023-24 ATSI TIDS Funds
26.	ENGINEERING SERVICES: Host Community for the Griffith Uni "Co-designing a Resilient Water and Energy Toolbox for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities" Program
27.	ENGINEERING SERVICES: Information Report - Capital Works Projects Update

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTE FOR MINUTES:

- *The Mayor closed proceedings for **Day 1** at 4.30pm during "Closed Business" deliberations and Cr John Levi delivered the closing prayer.*

PRESENT:

Cr Phillemon Mosby, Mayor
Cr Torenzo Elisala, Division 2 – Dauan
Cr Conwell Tabuai, Division 3 – Saibai
Cr Keith Fell, Division 4 - Mabuiag
Cr Lama Trinkoon, Division 6 – Arkai (*by telephone dial-in*)
Cr John Levi, Division 7 – Wug (St. Pauls)
Cr Seriako Dorante, Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond)
Cr Kabay Tamu, Division 10 – Warraber
Cr Francis Pearson, Division 11 – Poruma
Cr Hilda Mosby, Division 12 – Masig
Cr Rocky Stephen, Division 13 – Ugar
Division 15 – Mer - *was not represented*

OFFICERS:

Mr James William, Chief Executive Officer
Ms Hollie Faithfull, Executive Director Financial Services
Mr Wayne Green, Executive Director Building Services
Mr Dawson Sailor, Executive Director Community Services
Mr Martin Leech, Acting Executive Director Corporate Services
Mr Adeah Kabai, Manager Capital Works
Mr Julian Bodenmann, Preston Law (TSIRC Legal Advisor)
Ms Julie Marino, Senior Executive Assistant, Executive Office
Ms Trudy Lui, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

APOLOGIES:

Cr Dimas Toby

(31 August 2023 only)

OBSERVER:

Ms Sharon Russell, Executive Support Coordinator, Corporate Affairs

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Keith Fell

That Council accepts the apology for Cr Dimas Toby, for Day 2 of the August 2023 Ordinary Meeting and approves the payment of the Councillor's Monthly Meeting Allowance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

➤ *Cr Rocky Stephen delivered the opening prayer.*

28. **MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS
RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon; Second: Cr Kabay Tamu

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

29. **CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED BUSINESS**

- *Cr Dimas Toby declared a Conflict of Interest for Agenda Item 19 and left the meeting at 3.00pm during discussion on this item on Day 1.*

19. **BUILDING SERVICES: Contractual Matter - Lot 104 Gibuma St Boigu -
Home Ownership Works (Tenant - Mrs Ganalai Gibuma)
RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

That the Council resolves to:

- Award Tender No. TSIRC 2023_401 Home Ownerships x1 to T.I Concrete Works Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$384,812.73 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

- *Cr Dimas Toby returned to the meeting (3.10pm) following resolution on this item on Day 1.*

20. **BUILDING SERVICES: Contractual Matter – Lot 98 Mualgau Yabu, Kubin-
Various Refurbishment Works (Tenant: Faila Savage)
RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

That the Council resolves to:

- Award Tender No. TSIRC 2023_550 Refurbishment Works to Paul Ware Constructions Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$574,712.35 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

- *Cr Seriako Dorante sought clarification as to whether he would be required to excuse himself from deliberations over any perceived Conflict of Interest matters for Agenda Item 21. Council determined that no Conflict of Interest matters applied on this matter.*

21. CORPORATE SERVICES: Loban Marine Pty Ltd: Provision of ferry service subsidy for transportation between Hammond and Thursday Islands
RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Seriako Dorante;

Against: Cr Keith Fell

That Council resolve:

- 1. To confirm that Loban Marine Pty Ltd is recognised as the remaining sole supplier of ferry services between Hammond and Thursday Islands available to the Council in accordance with Council's "Procurement and Ethical Sourcing Policy" pertaining to Sole Suppliers; and**
- 2. To provide a subsidy to Loban Marine Pty Ltd to support the provision of a ferry service between Hammond Island and Thursday Island primarily to transport workers commuting between the two islands each working day as well as to support the provision of an additional service specifically for pensioners each Thursday; and**
- 3. Pursuant to Sections 236 and 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), to delegate to the CEO the power to:**
 - a. negotiate, make, sign, amend or discharge a Ferry Service Subsidy Agreement with Loban Marine Pty Ltd, as a sole supplier, to provide the ferry services in accordance with the Ferry Service Subsidy Agreement; and**
 - b. provide the Ferry Service Subsidy Agreement to Loban Marine Pty Ltd which can be provided to third parties confirming the authorisation at Resolution 2 above.**

MOTION CARRIED

- *Cr Dimas Toby left the meeting at 4.05pm on Day 1.*

22. CORPORATE SERVICES: Ongoing Council Litigation
RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai

*Against: Cr Keith Fell; Cr John Levi; Cr Kabay Tamu; Cr Hilda Mosby;
Cr Torenzo Elisala*

Council resolves to:

In relation to proceedings M82/23 issued out of the Magistrates Court at Cairns, to delegate powers to the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Sections 240 and 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to:

- (a) issue instructions and otherwise act as an authorised agent on behalf of Council;**
- (b) sign all documents for Council; and**
- (c) in consultation with the Mayor, otherwise deal with all matters related to these proceedings including in relation to making or accepting any settlement negotiations.**

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: Chief Executive Officer to keep Council informed on how this matter progresses.

23. **ENGINEERING SERVICES: Rectification Works on Badu Community Jetty through Marine Safety Queensland**

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala; Second: Cr Keith Fell

That Council resolves to:

- engage with Queensland Government's Transport and Main Roads Department and Marine Safety Queensland (MSQ) to progress with temporary repairs to the Badu Jetty Structure which will be funded through the State's \$40m Regional Marine Infrastructure commitment; and
- 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 engagement, funding or contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per as appropriate Council's procurement and ethical sourcing policy.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION: Chief Executive Officer to invite the Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services to the November 2023 Council Workshop.

24. **ENGINEERING SERVICES: Funding Matter – 2023-24 ATSI TIDS Funds**
RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Levi; Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

Council resolves:

- to enter into a funding agreement for supplementary 2023/24 ATSI TIDS Funding, administered by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) for funding of up to \$1,550,000.00 (excl. GST); and
- pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
 - power to make, amend or discharge the Funding Agreement for supplementary 2023/24 ATSI TIDS Funding; and
 - power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to the funding agreement, associated project nomination and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

25. **ENGINEERING SERVICES: Host Community for the Griffith Uni
"Co-designing a Resilient Water and Energy Toolbox for Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Communities" Program**

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu; Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai

Council resolves:

- To endorse Warraber Island as the host community for the Griffith University ARC Linkage "Codesigning a Resilient Water and Energy Toolbox for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities" Program; and
- Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
 - power to make, amend or discharge the ARC Linkage Program; and
 - power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

26. **ENGINEERING SERVICES: Information Report - Capital Works Projects
Update**

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson; Second: Cr Lama Trinkoon

That Council notes this report.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

➤ *Cr Rocky Stephen concluded his attendance at the Council meeting at 11.37am to attend to TSRA commitments.*

30. **BUSINESS ARISING**

Cr Hilda Mosby commented that the turnover of Regional Managers is not reasonable. Cr Hilda Mosby does not want to lose support from the Regional Managers. Chief Executive Officer asked Executive Director Community Services to respond – to which he said Rotation was not formally adopted by Council. For familiarity the intention is to keep them in clusters e.g. South Region etc.

31. **STRATEGIC MATTERS**

(a) **Referendum Date Announced (Cr Lama Trinkoon)**

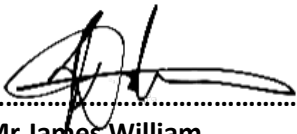
Cr Lama Trinkoon advised Council that the date for the upcoming Referendum "A Proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice" has been announced as 14 October 2023.

32. **Next Council Meeting Date: 19-20 September 2023 (Saibai)**

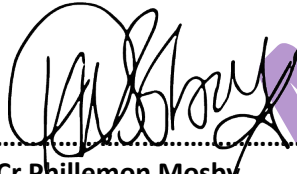
33. Closing Remarks and Prayer

Mayor Mosby thanked Councillors for their support and input to Council's deliberations during the past two days, and also thanked the Chief Executive Director, Executives and staff for their contributions.

Mayor Mosby invited participants to be upstanding as he delivered the closing prayer. The meeting closed at 12.15pm.



Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 3 October 2023



Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 3 October 2023