



In accordance with Section 169 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 254 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the TSIRC Chief Executive Officer (Mr James William) conducted the declaration of office for **RANETTA ROBYN WOSOMO** to take office as TSIRC Councillor for Division 5 (Badu) at the beginning of the day (immediately prior to the commencement of the September 2023 Trustee Council Meeting) to fill the vacancy arising due to the resignation of Cr Laurie Nona. Cr Wosomo will hold office until the results of the 2024 Queensland Local Government Elections on 16 March 2024 are formally declared.



Minutes

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

19-20 September 2023

Day 1 – 19 September 2023

PRESENT:

Mayor

Division 1 - Boigu
Division 2 – Dauan
Division 3 – Saibai
Division 5 – Badu
Division 6 – Arkai
Division 7 – Wug (St Pauls)
Division 9 – Iama
Division 10 – Warraber
Division 11 – Poruma
Division 12 – Masig
Division 13 – Ugar
Division 14 - Erub
Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby
Cr Dimas Toby
Cr Torenzo Elisala
Cr Conwell Tabuai
Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Cr Lama Trinkoon
Cr John Levi
Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM – **Deputy Mayor**
Cr Kabay Tamu
Cr Francis Pearson
Cr Hilda Mosby
Cr Rocky Stephen
Cr Jimmy Gela
not represented

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Director Building Services
Executive Director Community Services
Acting Executive Director Corporate Services
Executive Director Engineering Services
Executive Director Financial Services
Senior Legal Officer
Executive Support Coordinator
Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Secretariat Officer

Mr James William
Mr Wayne Green
Mr Dawson Sailor
Mr Martin Leech
Mr David Baldwin
Ms Hollie Faithfull
Ms Julia Mauro
Ms Sharon Russell
Ms Trudi Lui
Mr Darryl Brooks

(telephone dial-in)

APOLOGIES:

Division 4 – Mabuiag
Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond)

Cr Keith Fell
Cr Seriako Dorante

1. Welcome & Quorum Confirmation

The Mayor formally opened the September 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting at 11.36am, noting that a quorum of members was established at the preceding Trustee Council Meeting.

2. Apologies

The following apologies were noted:

- Cr Keith Fell (Division 4 – Mabuiag) due to medical reasons; and
- Cr Seriako Dorante (Division 8 – Kirirri) due to cultural/family commitments.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Conwell Tabuai

Second: Cr Francis Pearson

Council accepts the apology of Cr Keith Fell for the September 2023 Council Ordinary Meeting and approves the payment of the Councillor's Monthly Meeting Allowance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jimmy Gela

Second: Cr Lama Trinkoon

Council accepts the apology of Cr Seriako Dorante for the September 2023 Council Ordinary Meeting and approves the payment of the Councillor's Monthly Meeting Allowance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Mayor Mosby requested that members make any relevant conflict of interest declarations and to also advise if they were currently involved in any legal proceedings which pertain to Ordinary Council business to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

4. Confirmation of Council Ordinary Meeting Minutes - August 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon

Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Council agrees that the minutes of the Council Ordinary Meeting held on 30-31 August 2023, subject to minor grammatical amendments, are confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Ratification of Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes of 27 April 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Hilda Mosby

Second: Cr Kabay Tamu

Council ratifies the Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes of 27 April 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Action Items from Previous Council Ordinary Meetings

The Chief Executive Officer provided the Council with a verbal update on the status of Action Items arising from the previous meeting, as well as outstanding action items from previous meetings.

➤ *Council meeting adjourned to lunch from 12.40pm to 1.40pm.*

7. Mayor Report – September 2023

Council noted this report.

Councillors expressed concern that opportunities for TSIRC social media coverage were not being utilized effectively. The Mayor encouraged Councillors to send items to him to promote through the Mayor's social media outlets.

ACTION:

ED Corporate Services to explore social media options for Councillors to promote TSIRC News.

8. Chief Executive Officer Report – September 2023

Council noted this report.

ACTION:

Chief Executive Officer to invite TSIRC Regional Managers to attend the November 2023 Council Workshop.

9. CORPORATE SERVICES: TSIRC Special Holidays 2024

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu

Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

(a) Council notes the report;

(b) Council endorses the following TSIRC Special Holidays for 2024:

Region – Region Wide Holidays	Description	2024 date
Torres Strait Island Region (whole region)	Torres Strait Flag Day	29-May-24
Torres Strait Island Region (whole region)	Mabo Day	3-Jun-24
Torres Strait Island Region (whole region)	Coming of the Light	1-Jul-24
Torres Strait Island Region (whole region)	First Councillors Conference - Masig	23-Aug-24

Region – Specific Division Holidays	Description	2024 date
Torres Strait Island Region - Badu	St. Marks Church Day	25-Apr-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Badu	Coming of the Light to Badu	30-Oct-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Badu	Native Title Determination Day	14-Dec-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Boigu	United Pentecostal Church Day (Church of Rock)	28-Feb-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Boigu	St Saviour Church Day - Torres Strait Church	19-Jun-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Boigu	Coming of the Light	8-Jul-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Boigu	August Festival	7-Aug-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Boigu	Blood Covenant Church Dedication Day	26-Sep-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Boigu	Native Title Determination Day	10-Dec-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Dauan	Ascension Day (Church Day of Parish of Ascension)	8-May-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Dauan	Coming of the Light and Native Title Determination Day	6-Jul-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Dauan	Church of the Holy Cross Day	14-Sep-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Erub	Coming of the Light	2-Jul-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Erub	The Ark of Transfiguration	6-Aug-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Erub	All Saints Church Day	1-Nov-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Erub	Native Title Determination Day	8-Dec-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Iama	St John Divine Church Day	19-Jun-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Iama	Turan Tabernacle Church Day Iama	14-Sep-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Iama	Native Title Determination Day	13-Dec-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Kubin	Mualgal Native Title Determination Day	12-Feb-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Kubin	St Peter's Church Day	29-Jun-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Mabuiag	Wagadagam Tribal Chief Initiation Day	29-Jun-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Mabuiag	St. Mary's Church Day	2-Feb-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Mabuiag	Native Title Determination Day	6-Jul-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Mabuiag	St. Mary's Church Dedication Day	1-Aug-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Mabuiag	Coming of the Light	3-Sep-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Masig	Coming of the Light	3-Jul-24

Region – Specific Division Holidays	Description	2024 date
Torres Strait Island Region - Masig	Masig Native Title Determination Day	7-Jul-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Masig	St John the Evangelist Church Day	27-Dec-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Mer	Dauar Waier Observation Festival	14-Jun-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Mer	Coming of the Light	2-Jul-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Mer	St. James Anglican Church Day	25-Jul-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Mer	Cease Fire Day	15-Aug-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Poruma	Native Title Determination	7-Jul-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Poruma	St Andrews Church Day	30-Nov-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Saibai	Native Title Determination Day	12-Feb-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Saibai	Holy Trinity Church Day	5-Jun-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Saibai	Annexure Day	1-Aug-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Saibai	Church Dedication Day	4-Dec-24
Torres Strait Island Region - St Pauls	St Pauls Anglican Church Day	25-Jan-24
Torres Strait Island Region - St Pauls	Mualgal Native Title Determination Day	12-Feb-24
Torres Strait Island Region - St Pauls	Kozan Outreach Church Day	18-Apr-24
Torres Strait Island Region - St Pauls	Florence Buchanan Day (Coming of the Light)	19-May-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Ugar	Coming of the Light Celebrations	2-Jul-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Ugar	The Ark of Transfiguration Church Day	6-Aug-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Ugar	The Ark of Transfiguration Church Dedication Day	17-Oct-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Ugar	All Saints Church Day	1-Nov-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Ugar	Native Title Determination Day	9-Dec-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Warraber	St Peter's Church Day	29-Jun-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Warraber	Coming of the Light	10-Jul-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Warraber	Indigenous Protected Area Celebration	18-Jul-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Warraber	Native Title Determination	24-Jul-24
Torres Strait Island Region - Warraber	Native Title Determination Day - Aureed Island Claim Day	7-Dec-24

and

- (c) delegates authority to the Chief Executive Office in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2029* to submit the final list for 2024 Special Holidays to the Minister for Industrial Relations for approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION:

Chief Executive Officer to submit the final list for 2024 Special Holidays to the Minister for Industrial Relations for approval, gazettal and publishing on the website.

10. CORPORATE SERVICES/COMMUNITY SERVICES: Badu Lot 200 on SP253545 Lease

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Lama Trinkoon

1. That Council request a new five-year lease from Mura Badulgal (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation RNTBC over Lot 200 on SP253545 for the period 1 February 2024 to 31 January 2029; and
2. That pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act*, that Council delegate to the CEO the power to negotiate, make, sign, amend and discharge the new lease and any interim deed of agreement to lease, including all matters relating to native title future act validation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. CORPORATE SERVICES: Community Grants Program Allocation – September 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jimmy Gela

Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

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

- Bau Au Stingers for the eligible amount of \$4,890.00, exclusive of GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *Cr Dimas Toby declared a Conflict of Interest in relation to the following application and left the meeting (3.30pm) prior to deliberation on this item.*

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai

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

- Church of the Rock for the eligible amount of \$1,858.50, exclusive of GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *Cr Dimas Toby returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the above recommendation.*

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson

Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

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

- Samantha Kris for the eligible amount of \$2,500.00, exclusive of GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Lama Trinkoon

Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

Due to Badu Community's limited community grants balance of \$1,931.88 and on the recommendation of Cr Ranetta Wosomo, Council resolves to allocate the remaining Community Grants Program funding equally to the following applications in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- Badu Futsal Club (the amount of \$643.96, exclusive of GST);
- Mary Ahmat (the amount of \$643.96, exclusive of GST); and
- Kulpiyam Youth & Sports Inc (the amount of \$643.96, exclusive of GST).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION:

1. ED Corporate Services to review options available to Division 5 (Badu) in relation to future applications under the Community Grants Program for the remainder of the 2023-24 Financial Year.
2. ED Corporate Services to follow-up with Cr Rocky Stephen a Community Grants Program application from Division 13 in relation to a graduation ceremony.

12. CORPORATE SERVICES: Funding Acquisition Report

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai

Council resolves to note this report and its content.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. ENGINEERING SERVICES: CHAS Naming and Public Exhibition

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Hilda Mosby

Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Council resolves:

- To endorse a formal 28-day public exhibition/review period for the TSIRC Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS) and to make the document publicly available following the review period; 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 CHAS 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Information Report – Capital Works

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai

Council notes this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. FINANCIAL SERVICES: Financial Dashboard Report – August 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen

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 August 2023, as required under Section 204 *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. FINANCIAL SERVICES: Auditor-General Observation Report on the Interim Audit for the Year Ending 30 June 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson

Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

Council notes the Auditor-General Observation Report on the Interim Audit for the Year Ending 30 June 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION:

ED Corporate Services to oversee the review and update of the TSIRC Recruitment Policy to include the requirement for criminal history checks for positions that warrant a higher level of vetting as part of the recruitment process.

17. MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson

Second: Cr John Levi

Council resolves to close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to allow the Council to discuss items listed on the agenda under Closed Business, as these matters may involve:

- (a) industrial matters affecting employees;
- (b) the local government's budget;
- (c) rating concessions;
- (d) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government;
- (e) matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals;
- (f) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;
- (g) negotiations relating to the taking of land by the local government under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*;
- (h) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

25. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen

Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

26. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED BUSINESS

18. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Appointment of Audit Committee Membership

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai

1. That pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* and *Section 228 (Tender Process) of Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*, Council endorse Chief Executive Officer approval and release of Letters of Acceptance (LoA) on 8 July 2023 to two (2) selected conforming responses to RFQ TSIRC 2021-354 Audit Governance Services: Audit Governance Services: Nominations for TSIRC Audit Committee Executive Membership positions and subsequent execution of the respective Services Contracts on 15 August 2023.

Namely:

- a) Cam Charlton from Kleinhardt Pty Ltd - elected as Chairperson
- b) Darryl Bell from DRB Consulting - elected as Deputy Chair

The Service Contracts for both Chairperson and Deputy Chair have terms of 36 months each (1 year fixed + 2 x 1 year renewal Options).

And

2. That pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* and *Section 210 (Audit Committee Composition) of Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*, Council resolves to confirm the re-appointment of Mayor Phillemon Mosby and Cr Keith Fell to the Audit Committee positions.

And

3. That pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*, approve and delegate to the Chief Executive Officer power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all outstanding 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, Audit Policy and Audit Committee Procedures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION:

CEO to prepare a follow-up paper for the October 2023 Council Meeting to reaffirm TSIRC membership on the Audit Committee, including Proxies.

19. CORPORATE SERVICES: Fuel Update

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jimmy Gela

Second: Cr John Levi

Council notes the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Information Report – Water Security

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Levi

Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

Council notes the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Award Tender No. TSIRC2023-602 Saibai Island School Road DRFA Works

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Conwell Tabuai

Second: Cr Jimmy Gela

Council resolves to:

- Subject to funding approval and finalisation, award the Tender No. TSIRC 2023-602 – Saibai Island School Road DRFA Works to Torres Strait Island Homes Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$400,000.00 excl. GST; 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 project, funding and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement and ethical sourcing policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Iama Water Lagoon Study – Stage 2

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Francis Pearson

Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

Council resolves to:

- Subject to funding approval and finalisation, award a variation to Arup Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$174,978.00 (GST exclusive); 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 project, funding and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement and ethical sourcing policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

23. ENGINEERING SERVICES: DFRA Various Islands Tender Award

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jimmy Gela

Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

Council resolves to:

- Subject to funding approval and finalisation, award the Tender No. TSIRC2021-357 – Various Islands DRFA Works to Torres Strait Island Homes Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$2,844,529.21 excl. GST; 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 project, funding and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement and ethical sourcing policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Council accepted verbal advice from the Chief Executive Officer that the following agenda item was to be a verbal update only, and not a late report as indicated on the meeting agenda.

24. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Seaswift Litigation

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Levi

Second: Cr Kabay Tamu

Council notes the verbal update provided by the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Council meeting adjourned for a short break from 6.20pm to 6.40pm.

27. BUSINESS ARISING

No matters discussed.

28. STRATEGIC MATTERS

(a) Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee Membership

Cr Torenzo Elisala sought clarification on the status of the Committee. The Mayor proposed that Cr Elisala, Cr Ranetta Wosomo and the Mayor should now make up the full membership of the Committee. An agenda paper formalizing this arrangement (including an updated Terms of Reference) is to be prepared for the October 2023 Council meeting.

ACTION:

ED Corporate Services to prepare an agenda paper formalizing the membership of the Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee (including an updated Terms of Reference) for the October 2023 Council meeting.

(b) Support from the Engineering Services Team

Cr Kabay Tamu thanked the ED Engineering Services and his Team for supporting his recent visit to Canberra to advocate on regional matters. Such support is appreciated and adds value to the role of Councillors and the Council itself in their advocacy roles.

(c) Advance Remuneration Payments

The ED Financial Services advised the Council that no advance payments can be made to Councillors in the 6 month period prior to the Quadriennial Council Elections. Therefore, no further advance payments will be made in the remainder of this Council term.

(d) Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Decision on the Masig Statement

The Mayor advised Council that the Executive of the LGAQ has decided that the motion submitted by Council seeking support for the Masig Statement at the upcoming 2023 LGAQ Conference not be accepted on the basis that it was not relevant to the local governments of Queensland.

The Mayor advised Councillors that this explanation by the LGAQ Executive was totally unacceptable. Councillors unanimously agreed with the Mayor's sentiments and requested the Mayor to pursue these objections strenuously.

ACTION:

1. Mayor Mosby to provide Councillors with a copy of the letter from the LGAQ advising that the Masig Statement would not be considered at the upcoming 2023 LGAQ Conference.
2. Mayor Mosby to appeal decision by the Executive of the LGAQ not to allow the Masig Statement motion to be submitted to the upcoming 2023 LGAQ Conference.

29. Next Council Meeting Date: 24-25 October 2023 (VC)

Noted by Council.

30. Close Day 1

The Mayor closed Day 1 of the meeting at 7.20pm.

Day 2 – 20 September 2023

PRESENT:

Mayor

Division 1 - Boigu
Division 2 – Dauan
Division 3 – Saibai
Division 5 – Badu
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Cr Rocky Stephen
Cr Jimmy Gela
not represented

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APOLOGIES:

Division 4 – Mabuiag
Division 8 – Kirirri (Hammond)

Cr Keith Fell
Cr Seriako Dorante

31. Welcome & Quorum Confirmation – Day 2

At 9.10am the Mayor completed a roll call of Councillors. A quorum for Day 2 of the September 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting was noted.

The Mayor reminded Councillors that Day 2 of the meeting is devoted to deputations and that formal proceedings for the September 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting will conclude prior to the deputation listed at 1.00pm (AI 35) with the Papua New Guinea Treaty Village Councillors, as this annual meeting falls under the ambit of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and not TSIRC.

32. DEPUTATION: “Deadly for Diabetes”

Council welcomed Ms Ella Kris (Manager, Health and Wellbeing, TSIRC) and Dr Ray Kelly (Exercise Physiologist and consultant for the ‘Deadly for Diabetes’ program). Dr Ray Kelly addressed the Council through the delivery of a slide presentation.

Council noted the presentation and thanked Ms Kris and Dr Kelly for their attendance and presentation.

ACTION:

ED Community Services to add item to the agenda of the Housing and Safe and Healthy Communities Committee for further discussion on how TSIRC is to engage the program.

33. DEPUTATION: TCHHS Executive, Board and Leadership Teams

Council welcomed Ms Ella Kris once again to the meeting, this time in her capacity as Chair of the Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service (TCHHS). Ms Kris was joined by Ms Sarah Worth (Acting Executive Director, Nursing and Midwifery) and Mr Frank Grainer (Acting Executive General Manager North). Other delegates listed for the deputation were unable to attend the meeting on this occasion.

Ms Worth and Mr Grainer jointly addressed the Council through the delivery of a slide presentation.

Council noted an offer from Ms Worth to assist Council with the compilation of health data statistics, or other health information for the region, whenever required.

Council also noted that the TCHHS is aware that the Hammond Island Health Centre is a high and overdue need within the community, as well as a high priority long identified by Council.

Council noted the presentation and thanked the TCHHS delegates their attendance and presentation.

34. DEPUTATION: Queensland Police Service (QPS)

[PART 1]

Council welcomed Sergeant Tim Wyeth and Acting Sergeant Amanda Bourne to the meeting to discuss the Domestic Violence Commission of Inquiry Recommendations for the Torres Strait Island Communities. A particular focus relates to Recommendation 62 of the Inquiry, namely:

Within 12 months, the Queensland Police Service consult with relevant First Nations communities and Police Liaison Officers in areas in which Police Liaison Officers are the only permanent Queensland Police Service presence, including in the Torres Strait to explore the most suitable option for servicing the community through either installing sworn officers in those communities or the expansion of powers to Police Liaison Officers in those communities.

Sergeant Wyeth and Acting Sergeant Bourne jointly addressed the Council through the delivery of a slide presentation covering topics such as:

- High Level Plan for Delivery - Recommendation 62
- History of policing in the Torres Strait
- Considerations Recommendation 62
- Questions for Council
- Path Forward (where to from here?)

Council noted the presentation and thanked the QPS delegates for their attendance and presentation.

ACTION:

ED Community Services to provide QPS a copy of the TSIRC's Domestic Violence Action Plan for information.

[PART 2]

Council welcomed Inspector Nick O'Brien (Torres Strait Patrol Group, QPS) to the meeting.

Due to information technology issues Council was unable to view a live demonstration by QPS of the latest body worn camera technology to be trialled in the region. Council was able to view the body worn camera and were stepped through the process by Inspector O'Brien.

Inspector O'Brien also provided Council with an overview of QPS work around the region.

Council agreed to consider scheduling a live demonstration by QPS of the latest body worn camera technology at the November 2023 Council Workshop if time permitted.

Council noted the presentation and thanked Inspector O'Brien for his attendance and commended him for his effective engagement with Council and the community throughout the Torres Strait region.

ACTION:

Chief Executive Officer to consider scheduling a live demonstration by QPS of the latest body worn camera technology at the November 2023 Council Workshop if time permitted.

➤ *Council meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.05pm to 1.05pm.*

35. DEPUTATION: PNG Treaty Village Councillors

The Mayor advised Councillors that the Deputy Mayor - Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM - will Chair the meeting between Council and the PNG Treaty Village Councillors.

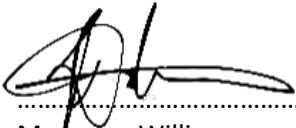
Administrative staff were not required to be present at this meeting and were excused.

A copy of the outcomes from this meeting has been provided by the Torres Strait Treaty Liaison Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and is attached to these Minutes.

36. Official Close & Prayer

Prior to commencement of discussions between Council and the PNG Treaty Village Councillors (AI 35), the Mayor formally closed the September 2023 Council Ordinary Meeting at 1.35pm.

Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM delivered the closing prayer.



Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 24 October 2023



Cr Phillemmon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 24 October 2023