



Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda

Date: 20-21 February 2024

Time: 10.30am to 5.00pm – Day 1

Meeting ID: 494 678 621 556

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9.00am to 5.00pm – Day 2

Meeting ID: 497 814 051 810

Passcode: pRy7ER

Venue: Microsoft TEAMS

Time	Subject
10.30am	1. Welcome & Quorum Confirmation
10.45am	2. Apologies
10.50am	3. Conflict of Interest (COI) - Declarable/Prescribed
10.55am	4. Confirmation of Council Ordinary Meeting Minutes – January 2024
	5. Confirmation of Special Council Meeting Minutes – 25 January 2024
11.05am	6. Action Items from Previous Council Ordinary Meetings
11.15am	7. Mayor Report – February 2024
11.25am	8. Chief Executive Officer Report – February 2024
	9. CORPORATE SERVICES: Community Grants Program Allocation – February 2024
	10. CORPORATE SERVICES: Funding Acquisition Report (January 2024)
3.00pm	11. MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS
	12. CORPORATE SERVICES: Fuel & Fleet Update <i>[Reason for closed discussion: These matters involve 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.]</i>
	13. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Information Report – Capital Works Projects Update <i>[Reason for closed discussion: These matters involve 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.]</i>
	14. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS
	15. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED BUSINESS
2.30pm	16. FINANCIAL SERVICES: Financial Dashboard Report – January 2024
	17. BUSINESS ARISING <i>(from information reports)</i>
	18. Strategic Matters
	19. Next Council Meeting Date: 5-6 March 2024 (Iama)
5.00pm	20. Official Close & Prayer



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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

23-24 January 2024



PRESENT:

Councillors

Mayor

Division 2 – Dauan

Division 3 – Saibai

Division 4 – Mabuag

Division 5 – Badu

Division 6 – Arkai

Division 8 – Kirirri

Division 9 - Iama

Division 10 – Warraber

Division 11 – Poruma

Division 12 – Masig

Division 13 - Ugar

Division 14 - Erub

Division 15 – Mer

Cr Pillemon Mosby

Cr Torenzo Elisala

Cr Conwell Tabuai

Cr Keith Fell

Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Cr Lama Trinkoon

Cr Seriako Dorante

Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM (**Deputy Mayor**)

Cr Kabay Tamu

Cr Francis Pearson ** joined meeting at 11.20am
(inclement weather impacting earlier IT attempts
to join meeting)*

Cr Hilda Mosby

Cr Rocky Stephen

Cr Jimmy Gela

not represented

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Director Building Services

Executive Director Community Services

Executive Director Corporate Services

Executive Director Engineering Services

Executive Director Financial Services

Executive Assisting the Executive Director Corporate Services

Senior Legal Officer

Executive Support Coordinator

Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Secretariat

Mr James William

Mr Wayne Green

Mr Dawson Sailor

Ms Susanne Andres

Mr David Baldwin

Ms Hollie Faithfull

Mr Gary Stevenson PSM

Ms Julia Mauro

Ms Sharon Russell

Ms Trudy Lui

Darryl Brooks

APOLOGIES:

Division 1 - Boigu

Division 7 – Wug (St Pauls)

Cr Dimas Toby – *Sorry Business*

Cr John Levi ** unable to join meeting due to
inclement weather impacting on IT technology*

1. Welcome & Quorum Confirmation

The Mayor formally opened the January 2024 at 10.45am, noting that a quorum of members were present.

Mayor Mosby welcomed attendees and made the following acknowledgements:

- The Traditional Custodians of the Cairns region whose Country has been hosting this month's meeting of the SARG Committee;
- The Traditional Custodians throughout Zenadth Kes and the communities and constituents that Council serves; and
- Our Heavenly Father for his awesome wisdom, knowledge, understanding, favour and blessings throughout our lives.

The Chief Executive Officer (James William) also took the opportunity to formally introduce Ms Susanne Andres who was recently appointed to the role of Executive Director Corporate Services. The Chief Executive Officer also thanked Mr Gary Stevenson PSM for agreeing to fill the role of Executive Director Corporate Services in the short-term prior to the appointment of Ms Andres and for his invaluable contributions to the role during that time.

The Council welcomed Ms Andres and formally thanked and acknowledged Mr Stevenson for his outstanding contributions during the past couple of months.

2. Apologies (Day 2)

The following apologies were noted:

Division 1 - Boigu
Division 7 – Wug (St Pauls)

Cr Dimas Toby
Cr John Levi

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen

Second: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Council accepts the apology of Cr Dimas Toby for the January 2024 Council Ordinary Meeting and approves the payment of the Councillor's Monthly Meeting Allowance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenza Elisala

Second: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Council accepts the apology of Cr John Levi for the January 2024 Council Ordinary Meeting and approves the payment of the Councillor's Monthly Meeting Allowance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

The Mayor invited Councillors to 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 - December 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu

Second: Cr Rocky Stephen

Council agrees that the Minutes for the Council Ordinary Meeting held on 12-20 December 2023 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Ratification of Economic Growth Committee Meeting Draft Minutes – 15 December 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

Council ratifies the Draft Minutes of the Economic Growth Committee Meeting held on 15 December 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Ratification of the Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee Meeting Draft Minutes – 11 January 2024

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Conwell Tabuai

Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Council ratifies the Draft Minutes of the Culture, Arts, Land and Heritage Committee Meeting held on 11 January 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Action Items from Previous Ordinary Council 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.

Action:

Chief Executive Officer to provide Mayor with a list of action items within the 10-day timeline following each meeting of Council.

- *Cr Francis Pearson joined the meeting at 11.20am following resolution of IT connectivity issues due to inclement weather.*

8. Mayor Report - December 2023

The Mayor spoke to his report to Council for January 2024. The report was noted by Council.

9. Chief Executive Officer Report – December 2023

The Chief Executive Officer spoke to his report to Council for January 2024. The report was noted by Council.

- *Council adjourned for lunch break from 12.15pm to 1.15pm*

10. BUILDING SERVICES: Building Services Report – December 2023

The Executive Director Building Services (Mr Wayne Green) spoke to this report. The report was noted by Council.

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

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

Council resolves to:

(a) allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:

- Dhahdin Geai Warriors for the available amount of \$10,000.00, exclusive of GST;

Note: Badu fund balance of \$882.29 will not be sufficient to support the application of \$10,000.00;

(b) note this report of grant applications processed out-of-cycle and funeral donations provided in January 2024 in accordance with the Community Grants policy.

Mr Gary Stevenson PSM (Executive Assisting the Executive Director Corporate Services) spoke to this report.

➤ *No resolution taken by Council.*

Action:

Executive Director Corporate Services to ensure follow-up undertaken with applicant by the Community Grants Officer to clarify issues around the funding application and what that funding will be used for.

12. CORPORATE SERVICES: Funding Acquisition Report (December 2023)

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolves to note this report and its content.

Mr Gary Stevenson PSM (Executive Assisting the Executive Director Corporate Services) spoke to this report. The report was noted by Council.

13. CORPORATE SERVICES: Delegations Update

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Keith Fell

Second: Cr Torenzo Elisala

1. Updates to existing delegations:

That, pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the exercise of powers under the following statutory instruments and these powers must be exercised subject to Ailan Kastom and any limitations contained in Schedule 2 of the Instruments of Delegation (consistent with Attachment 12 of Council’s briefing report):

<p>Statutory Instrument:</p>	<p>The powers delegated are contained in Schedule 1 of the Instrument of Delegation attached to Council’s briefing report as:</p>
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State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999 (“SPEA”)	Attachment 1
Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Regulation 2009 (Qld) (RTRR)	Attachment 2
Heavy Vehicle National Law (Qld) (HVNL) – minor technical corrections only	Attachment 3
Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation (Qld) (HVNR) – minor technical corrections only	Attachment 4
Industrial Relations Act 2016 (Qld) (INRA)	Attachment 5
Public Health Act 2005 (Qld) (PUHA)	Attachment 6
Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019 (Qld) (PLDR)	Attachment 7
Land Act 1994 (Qld) (LANA) <i>*Trustee resolution also required</i>	Attachment 8
Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008 (RTRA)	Attachment 9
Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011 (WRRRA)	Attachment 10
Biosecurity Regulation 2016 (BIOR)	Attachment 11

2. Annual confirmation of existing delegations:

That, pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council renew its delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to exercise powers under the following statutory instruments and these powers must be exercised subject to the consolidated “Schedule 2 Standard Limitations to the Exercise of Power” contained in Attachment 12 of Council’s briefing report:

Statutory Instrument:	The powers delegated are contained in Schedule 1 of the Instrument of Delegation attached to Council’s briefing report as:
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (ACHA)	Attachment 13
Acquisition of Land Act 1967 (ACLA)	Attachment 14
Animal Care & Protection Act 2001 (ACPA)	Attachment 15
Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 (AMCD)	Attachment 16
Biosecurity Act 2014 (BIOA)	Attachment 17
Building Act 1975 (BUIA)	Attachment 18
Building Regulation 2021 (BUIR)	Attachment 19
Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995 (CPMA)	Attachment 20
Disaster Management Act 2003 (DIMA)	Attachment 21
Disaster Management Regulation 2014 (DIMR)	Attachment 22
Environmental Protection Act 1994 (ENPA)	Attachment 23
Environmental Protection Regulation 2019 (ENPR)	Attachment 24
Environment Protection (Water) Policy 2019 (EPWP)	Attachment 25
Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990 (FESA)	Attachment 26
Food Act 2006 (FOOA)	Attachment 27
Housing Act 2003 (HOUA)	Attachment 28
Housing Regulation 2003 (HOUR)	Attachment 29
Information Privacy Act 2009 (INPA)	Attachment 30
Land Regulation 2020 (LANR)	Attachment 31
Land Title Act 1994 (LATA) <i>*Trustee resolution also required</i>	Attachment 32
Liquor Act 1992 (LIQA)	Attachment 33
Local Government Act 2009 (LOGA)	Attachment 34

Local Government Regulation 2012 (LOGR)	Attachment 35
Mineral Resources Act 1989 (MIRA) <i>*Trustee resolution also required</i>	Attachment 36
Public Health (Infection Control for Personal Appearance Services) Act 2003 (PHIC)	Attachment 37
Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010 (PIDA)	Attachment 38
Planning Act 2016 (PLAA)	Attachment 39
Planning Regulation 2017 (PLAR)	Attachment 40
Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002 (PLDA)	Attachment 41
Plumbing and Drainage Act 2018 (PLDA)	Attachment 42
Public Health Regulation 2018 (PUHR)	Attachment 43
Public Records Act 2002 (PURA)	Attachment 44
Queensland Heritage Act 1992 (QUHA)	Attachment 45
Right to Information Act 2009 (RTIA)	Attachment 46
Standard Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2003 (SPDR)	Attachment 47
Transport Operations (Road Use Management) 1995 (TORA)	Attachment 48
Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998 (TOSP)	Attachment 49
Transport Infrastructure Act 1994 (TRIA)	Attachment 50
Water Act 2000 (WATA)	Attachment 51
Water Regulation 2016 (WATR)	Attachment 52
Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (WHS)	Attachment 53
Waste Reduction & Recycling Regulation 2011 (WRRR)	Attachment 54
Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 (WSSR)	Attachment 55

3. Powers not delegated

And that Council resolve **not** to delegate any of its powers under the following statutory instruments, as this legislation is not relevant to Council’s local government area or (in the case of NDDF) it is not appropriate to delegate because land issues should be put to the trustee and council:

- (a) *Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980 (BUGT)*
- (b) *Neighbourhood Disputes (Dividing Fences and Trees) Act 2011 (NDDF)*
- (c) *Stock Route Management Act 2002 (SRMA)*
- (d) *Stock Act 1915 (STOA)*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. CORPORATE SERVICES: Community Radio

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. *Notes the renewal of licenses update provided in this brief;*
2. *Endorses the representations made to the Australian Communications and Media Authority;*
3. *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to facilitate an expression of interest process to identify a suitable service broadcaster; and*
4. *Requests the Chief Executive Officer to present expressions of interest to the Council as soon as practicable after the 2024 local government election for consideration of a recommendation to Council in April/May 2024. receive and endorse the monthly financial statements attached to the Officer’s Report for the 2023-2024 year to date, for the period ended 30 November 2023, as required under Section 204 Local Government Regulation 2012.*

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Conwell Tabuai

Council:

1. Notes the renewal of licenses update provided in this brief;
2. Endorses the representations made to the Australian Communications and Media Authority;
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to facilitate an expression of interest process to identify a suitable service broadcaster; and
4. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to present expressions of interest to the Council as soon as practicable after the 2024 local government election for consideration of a recommendation to Council in April/May 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. CORPORATE SERVICES: Change of Date & Venue Confirmation – March 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolves to conduct the March 2024 Ordinary Council meeting on Iama Island on 12-13 March 2024.

Mr Gary Stevenson PSM (Executive Assisting the Executive Director Corporate Services) spoke to this report.

- *Councillors were reluctant to endorse the officer recommendation prior to the confirmation of the schedule for pre-poll mobile voting booths for their Divisions prior to the 2024 Local Government Elections.*
- *No resolution taken by Council.*

Action:

Executive Director Corporate Services to resubmit brief to February 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting following consultation with the Executive Director Community Services and confirmation of the schedule for pre-poll mobile voting booths for their Divisions prior to the 2024 Local Government Elections.

16. CORPORATE SERVICES: Advancing the Masig Statement

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Kabay Tamu

Council:

1. Adopts the report entitled "Advancing the Masig Statement - a 100 year journey to Ailan governance" and expresses appreciation to the report's author Ms Sandy Killick of Democracy Matters;
2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to strengthen the report by describing the process of drafting, agreeing and endorsing the Masig Statement which would allow regional stakeholders to identify with the document;
3. Adopts the Masig Statement Action Plan;
4. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to allocate action responsibilities to relevant officers for further development of the actions, outcomes and timing;
5. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to incorporate the report findings into relevant strategic Council documents including the next version of Council's Corporate Plan;
6. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and submit to Council, a three-year Advocacy Strategy with a clear focus on the Commonwealth Government's next election to

secure support/commitment to meaningfully advance the attainment of Masig Statement objectives no later than the end of May 2024;

7. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and submit to Council, a three-year Community Engagement Strategy (including activation of the regional Taskforce) to engender community awareness and enduring commitment to meaningfully influence relevant Commonwealth and State Government policy and financial settings no later than the end of May 2024;
8. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to change Council's website to include a dedicated page called "The journey to Ailan sovereignty by 2037" no later than the end of May 2024, with the web page to include promotion of the Action Plan, the Advocacy Strategy and the Community Engagement Strategy and that the case study 'Delivering climate suitable, healthy and affordable housing the Ailan way' be published as an example of a 'look, listen, adapt approach' and that other case studies using the Ailan Way be added over time;
9. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to include adequate provision in the draft 2024/25 operational budget to facilitate the implementation of relevant stages of the Action Plan and the implementation of the Advocacy Plan and the Community Engagement Plan;
10. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to report to Council post-election on the merit of establishing a role for one of Council's Standing Committees to monitor progress on advancing the Masig Statement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. FINANCIAL SERVICES: Financial Dashboard Report - December 2023

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council receive and endorse the monthly financial statements attached to the Officer's Report for the 2023-2024 year to date, for the period ended 31 December 2023, as required under Section 204 Local Government Regulation 2012.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen

Second: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

That the Council receive and endorse the monthly financial statements attached to the Officer's Report for the 2023-2024 year to date, for the period ended 31 December 2023, as required under Section 204 Local Government Regulation 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Francis Pearson

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 and for the reasons outlined under those items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

27. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu

Second: Cr Keith Fell

That Council resolve to re-open the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 254I of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

28. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED BUSINESS

- *Cr Seriako Dorante declared a COI and Material Personal Interest in relation to AI 19 (Seaswift Litigation Update) and dialed-out of the meeting at 2.15pm. At the conclusion of discussions on this agenda item, Cr Dorante was invited to rejoin the meeting and did so at 2.45pm.*

19. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Seaswift Litigation Update

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Keith Fell

Second: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Council resolves:

- 1. That pursuant to section 235(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)* it would be impractical or disadvantageous for Council to invite quotes or tenders for the provision of the required legal services to deal with the Sea Swift Matters due to the specialised, confidential, and legally privileged nature of the services.**
- 2. That under section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council empower the Chief Executive Officer to:**
 - a. Negotiate, execute, amend, discharge, terminate and/or renew any existing, or new litigation funding agreement as the Chief Executive Officer considers appropriate, taking into account any advice from HFW;**
 - b. Negotiate, execute, amend, discharge, terminate and/or renew any client costs agreement with HFW for such law firm to provide legal services with regards the Sea Swift Matters on terms the Chief Executive Officer considers appropriate, provided such client costs agreement is on materially the same terms as the current retainer with Clyde & Co, or no worse terms;**
 - c. Provide instructions to HFW in respect of the Sea Swift Matters, including in respect of any settlement negotiations;**
 - d. Terminate any client costs agreement with Clyde & Co.**
- 3. Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to report periodically to Council on the progress of the Sea Swift Matters.**

CARRIED

- *Council supported a request by Cr Kabay Tamu for the Chief Executive Officer / Executive Director Corporate Services to be mindful of Councillors' Register of Interests when matters are being considered by Council.*

20. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Iama (Yam) Island, Deeds of Grant in Trust

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen

Second: Cr Keith Fell

That Council:

- 1. continue to challenge the Decisions of the Minister for Resources with respect to the transfer of the Iama Island Deeds of Grant in Trust, but participate in any dispute resolution / negotiation with the RNTBC and the Minister for Resources that may arise; and**
- 2. pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer to conduct the proceedings on Council's behalf, and participate in any dispute resolution/negotiation that may arise, including**

exercising the following powers, as the Chief Executive Officer considers appropriate:

- Section 148F(2) *Local Government Act 2009* (Power to make all inquiries the Chief Executive Officer considers to be reasonable to find out whether and to what extent the register or record is incorrect/power to direct an authorised person to make such enquiries.)
- Section 148G(2) *Local Government Act 2009* (Power to, in the circumstances in subsection (1) require a person to give information or produce a document, or direct an authorised person to require a person to give information or produce a document.)
- Section 265A(1)(b) *Local Government Act 2009*.)
- Section 49(2) *Human Rights Act 2019* (Power, as a party to a proceeding before a court, in the circumstances in subsection 49(1), to make an application to have the proceeding referred to the Supreme Court.)
- Section 52(1)(a) *Human Rights Act 2019* (Power, as a party to a proceeding in the Supreme Court or District Court, to give notice in the approved form to the Attorney- General and the commission if: (a) a question of law arises that relates to the application of the Act; or (b) a question arises in relation to the interpretation of a statutory provision in the Act.)
- Section 52(1)(b) *Human Rights Act 2019* (Power, as a party to a proceeding, to give notice in the approved form to the Attorney-General and the commission if a question is referred to the Supreme Court under section 49.)
- Section 90B *Local Government Act 2009* (Power to apply to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works for approval to make a major policy decision.)
- Section 236 *Local Government Act 2009* (Power to sign a document on behalf of a local government as a delegate of the local government.)
- Section 237 *Local Government Act 2009* (Power to start a proceeding in the name of Council.)
- Section 239 *Local Government Act 2009* (Power to effect substituted service.)
- Section 240(1) *Local Government Act 2009* (Power to authorise an employee in any legal proceedings
 - (a) to give instructions and act as the authorised agent for the local government; and
 - (b) sign all documents for the local government.)
- Section 262 *Local Government Act 2009* (Power to do anything that is necessary or convenient for performing the responsibilities of the local government under a Local Government Act.)
- Section 268A of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Power to conduct a Voluntary poll of the electors in its area or a part of its area on any issue of concern to the area or part.)
- Section 32 *Judicial Review Act 1991* (Power to seek reasons for a decision.)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr Gary Stevenson PSM (Executive Assisting the Executive Director Corporate Services) spoke to this report. The report was noted by Council.

Action:

1. Executive Director Corporate Services to follow up on a request from Cr Keith Fell for the Manager Fuel and Fleet to visit Mabuiag (and all Divisions preferably) for on-ground briefing in relation to local requirements.
2. Executive Director Corporate Services / Manager Fuel and Fleet to contact Cr Francis Pearson to provide an update on the fuel bowser situation on Poruma.
3. Executive Director Corporate Services to brief Council on contingency fuel supplies across the TSIRC footprint.

22. CORPORATE SERVICES: Torres Strait Islander Flag Policy

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Torenzo Elisala

Second: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

That Council:

1. Decline statutory licensing royalties from the Copyright Agency on the basis of Council's policy that Council does not seek any financial reimbursement for the use of the Torres Strait Islander flag image; and
2. Endorse the draft Torres Strait Islander Flag Policy for the purposes of undertaking a community consultation process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

➤ *Council meeting adjourned (3.00pm to 3.10pm) to allow Councillors a short break.*

23. CORPORATE SERVICES: Mirabou Energy – Renewable Energy Project

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Francis Pearson

Council:

1. Affirms Council's overall objectives as follows:
 - to facilitate and support the establishment of a commercially sustainable business model for microgrids comprising Behind the Meter (BTM) renewable energy (solar) and controlled demand infrastructure and grid Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) units across all Torres Strait Island communities;
 - to make a substantial improvement to community air pollution standards by contributing to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and
 - to provide a platform for employment and the professional development of Torres Strait Islanders in the renewable energy and electricity sector;
2. Acknowledges the perceived conflict of interest of the Chief Executive Officer and that his involvement in the Mirabou Energy - Renewable Energy Project will be managed by continued consultation with members of the Executive Leadership Team and with the oversight of the Mayor;
3. Affirms Council's support in principle for the Mirabou Energy - Renewable Energy Project subject to the following to be pursued in strategic partnership with Mirabou Energy Pty Ltd and Mirabou Energy Remote Power Systems Pty Ltd in a timely manner:

- due diligence investigations into key implications and risks;
 - statutory approvals being obtained as required;
 - statutory compliance being achieved;
 - appropriately planned and staged community engagement; and
 - satisfactory negotiation of the Master Agreement in good faith;
4. Instructs the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Executive Leadership Team to undertake the following with progressive reporting to Council:
- conduct due diligence investigations into key implications and risks;
 - make appropriate enquiries and take necessary steps to obtain relevant statutory approvals;
 - ensure Council's statutory compliance is achieved at all times;
 - prepare and implement plans for staged community engagement, particularly for Pilot communities;
 - negotiate the terms of a Master Agreement with due regard for Council's financial and reputational risks and its sustainable involvement in the project (short-term and long-term); and
 - report back to Council with draft Master Agreement for Council's approval.
5. Acknowledges Mirabou Energy's proposal for Council to apply a procurement exemption under section 235(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* for delivery of the Master Agreement, but declines to do so until such time that it is satisfied that matters identified in recommendation 4 are progressed sufficiently.
6. Acknowledges Mirabou Energy's late proposal for the following specific minor projects to be undertaken at Council's cost as practical interim progress towards the overall project objectives while due diligence and negotiation on the Master Agreement takes place:
- Site Inspection and Design (one island); and
 - Council's Energy Requirements Analysis;
7. Acknowledges that the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Executive Leadership Team intends to negotiate terms with Mirabou Energy Pty Ltd and Mirabou Energy Remote Power Systems Pty Ltd to deliver the following projects within operational budget capacity, in accordance with Procurement and Ethical Sourcing Policy requirements and in particular ensuring that they offer value for money:
- Site Inspection and Design (one island); and
 - Council's Energy Requirements Analysis;
8. Resolves that because of the specialised nature of the following services, it would be impractical within the required timeframe to invite quotes:
- Site Inspection and Design (one island); and
 - Council's Energy Requirements Analysis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *Cr Jimmy Gela declared a COI in relation to AI 24 (Beneficial Enterprise Proposal) due to his dual responsibilities as a PBC office-holder.*
- *Council agreed that other Councillors who held dual responsibilities as PBC office-holders should also exclude themselves from deliberations.*
- *The following Councillors dialed-out of the meeting at 3.30pm:*

- Cr Jimmy Gela
- Cr Kabay Tamu
- Cr Francis Pearson
- Cr Torenzo Elisala

➤ At the conclusion of discussions on this agenda item, these Councillors were invited to rejoin the meeting and did so at 3.35pm.

24. CORPORATE SERVICES: Beneficial Enterprise Proposal

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Keith Fell

Second: Cr Hilda Mosby

That Council:

1. Supports in principle the establishment of a beneficial enterprise to deliver services under the Commonwealth Government's Community Development Program,
2. Acknowledges the proposed joint venture by Enterprise Management Group Pty Ltd,
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with Enterprise Management Group Pty Ltd with a relatively focussed scope,
4. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the following in a timely manner;
 - Conducting due diligence investigations into legal, financial, regulatory, and operational aspects,
 - Preparing joint venture business plans including (but not limited to) budgets, policies, procedures and strategic and operational plans,
 - Negotiating joint venture agreements including (but not limited to) constitution, shareholders' agreement, deed of confidentiality, dividend policy and service plans,
 - Making appropriate enquiries and take necessary steps to obtain relevant statutory approvals,
 - Ensuring Council's statutory compliance is achieved at all times,
 - Preparing community engagement plans, and
 - Preparing an Advocacy and Engagement Plan to engage with Commonwealth Government about Community Development Program reform opportunities.
5. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to report back to Council at the earliest opportunity as developments require Council determination.

CARRIED

25. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Mer Desalination Refurbishments

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Francis Pearson

Council resolves to:

1. Award the Mer Desalination Refurbishments project to Northern Water Pty Ltd for an amount of up to \$467,866.00 excluding GST; and
2. Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer:
 - power to make, amend or discharge the Mer Desalination refurbishment project; 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 as per Council's procurement and ethical sourcing policy.

26. ENGINEERING SERVICES: Capital Works Projects Update

The Executive Director Engineering Services (Mr David Baldwin) spoke to this report. The report was noted by Council.

29. BUSINESS ARISING (from Information Reports)

Nil.

30. STRATEGIC MATTERS

- (a) Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM recommended that Council keep the focus on **securing 5-year funding agreements/commitments** from governments.
- (b) Cr Rocky Stephen suggested that the Council's **TAP aspirations** be alerted to the incoming Council.
- (c) Cr Keith Fell advised Council that there remains concerning **delays in mail delivery** to the Divisions and requested that this matter continue to be a focus for discussions with Australia Post.

Action:

Executive Director Community Services to follow-up discussions with Australia Post in relation to mail deliveries across the TSIRC footprint.

- (d) Cr Keith Fell enquired if **support would be available from the Electoral Commission of Queensland for the upcoming Local Government elections**. Mr Gary Stevenson PSM (Executive Assisting the Executive Director Corporate Services) advised that relevant links were sent out to Councillors on 4 January 2024 and that additional updates will be provided to Councillors as soon as information is available (including any planning training sessions for potential candidates throughout the TSIRC footprint).
- (e) Cr Keith Fell also requested that Councillors could be provided with **speaking points in relation to the status of Council's Divestment Policy** be provided for communication to communities.

Action:

Executive Director Corporate Services to prepare speaking points in relation to the status of Council's Divestment Policy for communication to communities.

31. Next Council Meeting Date: 20-21 February 2024 (TEAMS)

Noted by Council.

32. Official Close & Prayer

The Mayor thanked Councillors, Executives and Staff for their contributions for this first meeting of Council in 2024.

The Mayor then advised that Council wished to proceed into a closed session (Councillors only) and all staff were requested to leave the meeting at 4.30pm.

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

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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date:

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Draft Minutes
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
25 January 2024



PRESENT:

Councillors

Mayor

Division 1 – Boigu
Division 4 – Mabuiag
Division 5 – Badu
Division 6 – Arkai
Division 10 – Warraber
Division 11 – Poruma
Division 13 - Ugar
Division 14 - Erub
Division 15 – Mer

Cr Phillemon Mosby
Cr Dimas Toby
Cr Keith Fell
Cr Ranetta Wosomo
Cr Lama Trinkoon
Cr Kabay Tamu
Cr Francis Pearson
Cr Rocky Stephen
Cr Jimmy Gela
not represented

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Director Community Services
Executive Director Corporate Services
Executive Director Financial Services
Executive Support Coordinator
Secretariat

Mr James William
Mr Dawson Sailor
Ms Susanne Andres
Ms Hollie Faithfull
Ms Sharon Russell
Darryl Brooks

Visitors:

Preston Law

Ms Martine Care

APOLOGIES:

Division 2 – Dauan

Cr Torenzo Elisala - *unable to join meeting due to network connectivity issues affecting local region*

Division 3 - Saibai

Cr Conwell Tabuai - *unable to join meeting due to network connectivity issues affecting local region*

Division 7 – Wug (St Pauls)

Cr John Levi

Division 8 – Kirirri

Cr Seriako Dorante

Division 9 – Iama

Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM – **Deputy Mayor**

Division 12 – Masig

Cr Hilda Mosby – *medical appointment*

1. Welcome | Quorum Confirmation | Opening Prayer

The Mayor formally opened the Special Council Meeting at 10.20am, noting that a quorum of members were present.

Mayor Mosby welcomed attendees and made the following acknowledgements:

- The Traditional Custodians of the Cairns region whose Country has been hosting this month's meeting of the SARG Committee;
- The Traditional Custodians throughout Zenadth Kes and the communities and constituents that Council serves;
- All Elders – Past, Present and Emerging;
- Family and Friends who are experiencing Sorry Business – the prayers and thoughts of Council are with them at this time; and
- Our Heavenly Father for his awesome wisdom, knowledge, understanding, favour and blessings throughout our lives.

The Mayor delivered the opening prayer.

2. Apologies (Day 2)

The following apologies were noted:

Division 2 – Dauan	Cr Torenzo Elisala - <i>unable to join meeting due to network connectivity issues affecting local region</i>
Division 3 - Saibai	Cr Conwell Tabuai - <i>unable to join meeting due to network connectivity issues affecting local region</i>
Division 7 – Wug (St Pauls)	Cr John Levi
Division 8 – Kirirri	Cr Seriako Dorante
Division 9 – Iama	Cr Getano Lui (Jnr) AM – Deputy Mayor
Division 12 – Masig	Cr Hilda Mosby – <i>medical appointment</i>

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Keith Fell

Second: Cr Francis Pearson

Council accepts the apologies for those Councillors unable to attend the Special Council Meeting on 25 January 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

The Mayor invited Councillors to 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. Change of Date & Venue Confirmation – March 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting (*verbal discussion – refer AI 15 of Ordinary Council Meeting for January 2024*)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rocky Stephen

Second: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Council agrees that the Trustee Council and Ordinary Council Meetings for March 2024 be held on Iama on 5-6 March 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kabay Tamu

Second: Cr Keith Fell

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 and for the reasons outlined under those items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- *NOTE: AI 6 (Chief Executive Officer's Annual Performance Review) is a restricted discussion item for Councillors Only. All staff were requested to leave the meeting and did so at 10.30am.*
- *Ms Martine Care (Preston Law) remained present to speak to Council on the agenda item.*

6. Chief Executive Officer's Annual Performance Review

*****Restricted Discussion for Councillors Only*****

7. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ranetta Wosomo

Second: Cr Kabay Tamu

That Council resolve to re-open the meeting to the public pursuant to *Section 254I of the Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Official Close & Prayer

The Mayor thanked Ms Martine Care (Preston Law) for her attendance.

The Mayor also thanked Councillors for their attendance at this Special Council Meeting which was called at short notice. The Mayor formally closed the meeting at 11.05am and delivered the closing prayer.

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Mr James William
Chief Executive Officer
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 20 February 2024

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Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Date: 20 February 2024



ORDINARY MEETING ACTION ITEMS

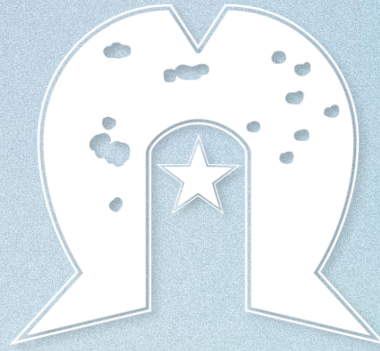
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Agenda Item	Action	Action Area	Current Status
Jan 2024 Mtg AI 7 Action Items	Chief Executive Officer to provide Mayor with a list of action items within the 10-day timeline following each meeting of Council.	CEO	
Jan 2024 Mtg AI 11 Community Grants Program Allocation (Dec 2023)	Executive Director Corporate Services to ensure follow-up undertaken with applicant by the Community Grants Officer to clarify issues around the funding application and what that funding will be used for.	ED Corporate Services	Further info received. Grants Office will resubmit to Feb 2024 Council Mtg.
Jan 2024 Mtg AI 21 Fuel & Fleet Update	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Executive Director Corporate Services to follow up on a request from Cr Keith Fell for the Manager Fuel and Fleet to visit Mabuiag (and all Divisions preferably) for on-ground briefing in relation to local requirements.Executive Director Corporate Services / Manager Fuel and Fleet to contact Cr Francis Pearson to provide an update on the fuel bowser situation on Poruma.Executive Director Corporate Services to brief Council on contingency fuel supplies across the TSIRC footprint.	ED Corporate Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none">In progress. Visitation plan being developed.TBATBA
Jan 2024 Mtg AI 30 (c) Mail Deliveries	Executive Director Community Services to follow-up discussions with Australia Post in relation to mail deliveries across the TSIRC footprint.	ED Community Services	Corporate Services have contacted Australia Post and are

Agenda Item	Action	Action Area	Current Status
			awaiting a reply.
<p>Jan 2024 Mtg</p> <p>AI 30 (e)</p> <p>Divestment Policy</p>	<p>Executive Director Corporate Services to prepare speaking points in relation to the status of Council’s Divestment Policy for communication to communities.</p>	<p>ED Corporate Services</p>	<p>With CEO for review.</p>
<p>Nov 2023 Mtg</p> <p>AI 32(g)</p> <p>Removal of Unwanted Persons</p>	<p>Executive Director Corporate Services (Legal Services) to prepare advice for the December 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting on the removal of unwanted persons from the community.</p>	<p>ED Corporate Services / Legal Services</p>	<p>Brief to be prepared for Feb 2024 Ord Council Meeting. This was presented to Council meeting in Dec 2023. No further developments.</p>
<p>Oct 2023 Mtg</p> <p>AI 31 (c)</p> <p>Business Arising (from Information Reports)</p>	<p><u>Ugar Dredging Matters (Cr Rocky Stephen)</u></p> <p>November 2023 Council Workshop to consider options to address issues in relation to dredging matters for standard Ugar access.</p>	<p>ED Engineering Services</p>	<p>Ongoing. Currently sourcing a preferred dredging company for use by Council for this project.</p>
<p>Sept 2023 Mtg</p> <p>AI 7</p> <p>Mayor Report</p>	<p>ED Corporate Services to explore social media options for Councillors to promote TSIRC News.</p>	<p>ED Corporate Services</p>	<p>In progress.</p>
<p>September 2023 Mtg</p> <p>AI 16</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>ED Corporate Services</p>	<p>In progress. Criminal history checks are already being</p>

Agenda Item	Action	Action Area	Current Status
Auditor-General Observation Report on the Interim Audit for the Y/E 30 June 2023	process.		caried out for relevant positions. Policy yet to be formally updated.
<p style="text-align: center;">Aug 2023 Mtg</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AI 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Action Items from Previous Meetings</p>	<p><u>(Refer also AI 34 of July 2023 Meeting – Garbage/Waste Collection Vehicle for Moa):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	ED Engineering Services / ED Corporate Services (WHS Coordinator)	In progress. Priority being made for an interim replacement vehicle for Moa. Moa staff provided with refresher training on use of bins on trailers. Awaiting delivery of donated fleet from the Gold Coast Regional Council (this has been delayed due to non-arrival of Gold Coast R/C replacement fleet).
<p style="text-align: center;">July 23 Mtg</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AI 34</p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Matters</p>	<p>(6) Fuel Depot upgrade/repair for the ageing fuel infrastructure on Arkai (Kubin pods)</p> <p>Executive Director Engineering Services to explore short-term/long-term solutions.</p>	ED Engineering Services	In progress.

Agenda Item	Action	Action Area	Current Status
	<p>(7) Asset Condition Report</p> <p>Acting Executive Director Corporate Services to prepare relevant correspondence to the TSRA around costings before the November 2023 TSRA Board Meeting (discuss with Cr Rocky Stephen prior to submission).</p>	<p>ED Corporate Services/ED Engineering Services</p>	<p>In progress. Peak Services to coordinate. No baseline data available.</p>
	<p>(8) Alternative Location for Helicopter Landings on Oval at St. Paul's</p> <p>Executive Director Community Services to investigate a more suitable area for the Helipad on Wug that would not interfere (noise and distribution of dust and debris) with local school and surrounding houses.</p>	<p>ED Community Services</p>	<p>Ongoing. Currently working with Cr Levi and the local PBC to identify an alternative site.</p>



Torres Strait Island
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Mayors Report February 2024



TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

ORDINARY MEETING: February 2024
DATE: 20 – 21 February 2024
ITEM: Agenda Item for Resolution by Council
SUBJECT: Mayor Report – February 2024
AUTHOR: Mayor Phillemon 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillemon Mosby".

Cr Phillemon Mosby
Mayor
Torres Strait Island Regional Council

<p>Key Correspondence Received</p> <p>Email: mayor@tsirc.qld.gov.au</p>		
<p>Key Correspondence Sent</p>		
<p>Ministerial Meetings</p>		
<p>Media Media Release</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Video 2023/2024 Budget Review. ▪ Video Welcome 2024 and Provide brief statement of Mayor temporary absence from Office Oct 2023 – Jan 2024. ▪ Seaswift Masig update Severe Waether and Ramp Condition ▪ Joint Media Release from TSIRC and Seaswfit - TSIRC and Sea Swift advocate for improved marine infrastructure after teaming up to solve Masig Island issue. 	<p>23 Jan 2024 TSIRC Facebook page</p> <p>29 Jan 2024 TSIRC Mayor page</p> <p>5 February 2024</p> <p>13 February 2024</p>

important update for Sea Swift customers

MASIG ISLAND UPDATE

5 FEBRUARY 2024

Sea Swift understand the residents of Masig Island have been isolated due to severe weather events and ramp conditions for several weeks.

We would like to assure all communities and Councils that Sea Swift is working extremely closely with the Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC) to rectify this issue and get deliveries into the Island as soon as possible.

For the past few weeks, Sea Swift have been unable to access the island via vessel, due to a sand build up following recent weather events. TSIRC have advised clearing of the ramp and landing area will occur overnight on Wednesday, 7 February, enabling Sea Swift to access the site.

At this stage, the earliest access for Sea Swift into Masig Island will be on Sunday 11 February at 8.30am.

Together with TSIRC, Sea Swift would like to reassure all communities of security around essential food and supplies, and that we are doing everything possible to service the community as soon as safe to do so.

Sea Swift's website (www.seaswift.com.au) is the best place to find the most up-to-date schedule.

Please contact our customer service team with any questions on 1800 424 422 or by email: customerservice@seaswift.com.au

We thank you for your cooperation, patience, and support.



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MEDIA RELEASE

13 February 2024

TSIRC and Sea Swift advocate for improved marine infrastructure after teaming up to solve Masig Island issue

Sea Swift and Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC) are working together to advocate to both State and Commonwealth Government for improved marine infrastructure in the Torres Strait after overcoming recent challenges in the delivery of key freight to the region.

The partnership has been announced after Masig Island residents were recently left isolated due to severe weather events and ramp conditions.

Masig Island annually encounters challenging environmental conditions leading to excess sand on the ramp, preventing deliveries or vessel landings.

A Sea Swift vessel attempted to access the island several times last week, with all attempts unsuccessful due to conditions, before TSIRC workers solved the issue over the weekend.

While working with the high tide early on 9 and 10 February, TSIRC removed approximately 100 tonnes of wet sand from the ramp between 2am and 6am.

Due to this work performed by the council, a Sea Swift vessel was able to successfully arrive on Masig Island on Sunday (11 February) at 8.30am.

"Teams at both TSIRC and Sea Swift should be congratulated for the mammoth effort it took to finally provide for the Masig Island community at this time," said Sea Swift Managing Director Chris Pearce.

"Sea Swift will continue to work closely with the Council to ensure all communities and locations in the Torres Strait have ongoing food and supply security this wet season."

TSIRC Chief Executive Officer James William and Mr Pearce are now lobbying relevant government agencies for support in Northern Australia's remote and coastal communities.

The pair will travel to some of the most challenged islands represented by TSIRC to understand the challenges the vessel crews and communities respectively face in terms of delivery and supply.



Mr William emphasised that many island communities face significant challenges in the region regarding ageing infrastructure, particularly marine assets such as ramps, jetties, and channels.

"In a fresh approach, TSIRC and Sea Swift are now working closely together to better understand these challenges and formulating options to advocate to both State and Commonwealth Government to invest into the region," said Mr William.

Mr Pearce agreed and added that these are complex historical issues that can be solved with solid collaboration between the Council and Sea Swift, as well the continued commitment of investment from State and Commonwealth stakeholders.

"We want to work together with all stakeholders towards continual improvements to vital infrastructure which underpin critical services to this important region," Mr Pearce said.

Sea Swift deliver to many locations throughout Northern Australia and the Torres Strait.

Sea Swift's website (www.seaswift.com.au) is the best place to find the most up-to-date schedule for all locations serviced.

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About Sea Swift

Sea Swift has more than 35 years of experience providing essential shipping services and project freight in Northern Australia, and makes a significant contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across the region.

Sea Swift operates throughout the region's remote coastal and island communities, with depots in Cairns, Weipa, Seisia, Horn Island, Badu Island, and Thursday Island in Queensland, and Darwin, Gove, Groote Eylandt, Maningrida, and Galiwinku in the Northern Territory.

For more information, visit www.seaswift.com.au

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Tuesday 23rd January 2024 | Budget Video | TSIRC Facebook Page | 469 views | 8 Shares | 9 reactions

2023/2024 TSIRC Budget Update



Monday 29th January 2024 | Welcome Video | TSIRC Mayor Page | 1.4k views | 11 shares | 13 Comments | 117 Reactions

Mayor Phillemon Mosby Welcomes 2024 and provides a brief statement of his temporary absence from Office.



Monday 12th February 2024 | Thursday Island

Torres Strait Regional Authority, Chair, Napau Pedro
Stephen | TSIRC Mayor Phillemon Mosby.

Monday 12th February 2024 | Thursday Island

Torres Shire Council, Mayor Yen Loban | TSIRC
Mayor Phillemon Mosby.

Monday 12th February 2024 | Thursday Island

TSRA Member for Mer, Bob Kaigey.



George Nona,
Assistant Director
Torres Strait/NPA |
Biosecurity DAFF

Horace Baira
Deputy Chair | TSRA

Lindell Peddle
AFMA

Mayor Phillemon Mosby
Mayor | TSIRC

Cheryl Halpin
Inspector | ABF

Anthony Moynihan
A/Inspector | QPS

Andrew Berryman
Director | TS Treaty | DFAT



Tuesday 13th February 2024 | Thursday Island

Treaty Matters.

Attendance: TSIRC Mayor Phillemon Mosby | TSIRC Deputy Mayor Cr Getano Lui | DFAT | TSRA | QPS | ABF | AFMA | DAFF Biosecurity

Tuesday 13th February 2024 | Thursday Island

Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities & the Arts

Update on Integrated Service Delivery

Attendance: Mayor Phillemon Mosby | Moses Nelliman | John Buttigieg



Moses Nelliman

Acting Manager | Thursday Island Service Centre

Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities & the Arts



John Buttigieg

Regional Director

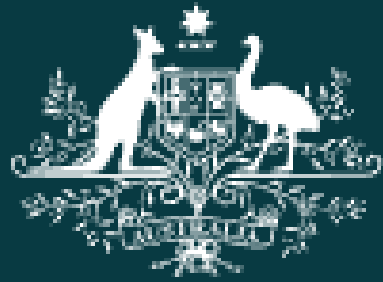
Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities & the Arts

Thursday 15th February 2024 | Cairns

Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG)

Attendance: TSIRC | Torres Shire Council |





Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

- **Friday 15th February 2024 | Cairns | Via Microsoft Teams**
- Bilateral phone call/video conference re Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Climate Resilience Centre update/next step.
- Attendance: Mayor Phillemon Mosby TSIRC | Shane Gaddes Head of Division DCCEEW



TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

ORDINARY MEETING:	February 2024
DATE:	20/21 February 2024
ITEM:	Information Report for Noting by Council
SUBJECT:	Chief Executive Officer Report – February 2024
AUTHOR:	James William, Chief Executive Officer

Recommendation:

That Council notes the Chief Executive Officer Report for February 2024.

Executive Summary:

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

1. Highlights

- Meet & greet with new Chief Executive of Torres and Cape Health Service, Rex O'Rourke.
- Met with Kell Dillion, General manager of Marine Safety Queensland, to discuss the funding priorities for marine infrastructure in our region.
- Working with SLQ for the upcoming Digital Inclusion workshop.

2. Media Coverage

Press Release – TSIRC and Seaswift team up to advocate to improve marine infrastructure.

3. Building Services

Highlights

- Record billing of \$1.8M for month of January.
- Building Services Unit All Staff Meeting held on the 10th of January 2024 connecting staff from across the region. Meeting was well received, and staff look forward to meeting again along with actioning items discussed.
- Several staff participated in Master Builders courses including Performance management – Managing Employees and Managing Phyco-social hazards in the workplace.

Key focus areas for the month ahead:

- Implementing process improvements to efficiently reduce outstanding work order numbers.
- Regional Supervisor to increase visits to divisions outside base to undertake quality inspections.
- Finalising open recruitment processes.

- Maintaining momentum with aged and current tendering program.
- Increase focus with stakeholders on addressing aged delivery issues.
- Revise delivery program for current and upcoming works till the EOFY.
- Finalising costs for the first builds under Package A works.
- Geotechnical Services contractor to be appointed and works scheduled.
- Survey date for Warraber to be re-scheduled.
- Seek community approval for the Warraber Future Expansion concept plan.
- Finalise survey detail and commence site plans for Package A works.
- Finalise and seek approval with the funding body for the Deed of Variation to the works program.
- A number of region-based staff scheduled to undertake first aid and silica awareness training.

4. Community Services

Highlights:

- Successful meet between Exec, Head of Dept and Manager Housing with Mura Badulgal PBC Board members to discuss responsibilities and clarify housing related concerns on Badu Division. Further engagements to be arranged for the future.
- Successful Food Security Bid with Health & Wellbeing Qld
- Housing QCAT Matters on hold to review and apply soft approach.
- Support ECQ Local Govt Election 2024
- Digital Inclusion Workshop planned for end of Feb with SLQ
- Deputy Mayor retirement event on lama
- TSIRCs support for Wakai Wayan events with School Kids on few Divisions

Key focus areas for the month ahead:

- Further investigate alternative options of transport for 5 communities. With limited availability on ground especially Badu, it is challenging to deliver services.
- Review process with BSU prior to matters progressing to QCAT (to ensure TSIRCs defensibility)
- Continue Rent Recovery Policy
- Need identified for engagement approach across the region for whole-of-council. Consider existing Engagement Framework and a way forward.
- Coordinate Administration Policy and Procedures for necessary Executive and CEO approval and implementation.
- Recruitment to various vacant administration roles
- Planning and Budget preparations
- Childcare model to be considered further.
- Planning for CHSP (Aged Care) application on economic opportunity for commencement in July
- Digital Inclusion Workshop with State Library Qld
- Investigate effective reporting mechanisms for HLOs and IKC

5. Corporate Services

Highlights:

- Drafting scope of works for progressing Economic Development Strategy
- RFQ Ugan & Dauan Business Case – Travel and Implementation Strategy closed and assessed.

- Commenced recruitment drive for vacancies Corporate Services: 3x Manager positions, 3x Lead positions, 3x Officer positions.
- Handover Acting ED to ED
- Progressing Pilot and Project Governance Committee energy project

Key focus areas for the month ahead:

- Recruitment of key positions
- Council elections
- Progressing external grant funding opportunities
- Operational plan 2024/25 development
- Consultation Trustee Policy review
- Secondment commencing in Legal Services team

6. Engineering Services

Highlights:

- Water security serious vulnerabilities managed over Dec/Jan. Less risk at present.
- Mer Desal renewal endorsed for award.
- Grant - \$40M Commonwealth Marine Infrastructure. Confirmation from Minister that funding is approved, funding agreement within 9 weeks.
- Grant - \$150K – State DES, for landfill closure req’s determination. Funding agreement to be formalised.
- Poruma Seawalls Opening Dec 2023.
- CHAS issued for public comment.
- MIP 7 submission submitted.

Key focus areas for the month ahead (Capital Works):

- Badu road works progressed well, outside of community roads complete.
- Recent State TMR - \$6.5M for Saibai Roads. Met with TMR 1/2/24 – they can transfer part funds prior to 24/25. TSIRC to prep PMP and issue. Grant is confirmed.
- 24/25 TMR ATSI Program – submission due Feb 14. Proposing approx. \$3M airport infrastructure.
- St Pauls barge ramp renewal.
- Badu barge ramp renewal.
- Badu water main/disinfection upgrade – funding shortfall.
- lama – Seawalls Project, Asbestos encountered.
- Masig Seawalls – overcoming delayed start.
- Warraber Seawalls - overcoming delayed start.
- Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy – extended consultation period, will fall into new Council to endorse the Strategy.

Key focus areas for the month ahead (Water & Wastewater):

- Mabuiag Water Storage Lagoon Repairs due to fire.
- MIP 6 funding outcome.
- Close-out of remaining ICCIP projects.

Key focus areas for the month ahead (Operations & Disaster Management):

- LDMG February 15th meeting and re-activation. Reaching a quorum is a challenge.
- Managing water security challenges and running mobile desals.

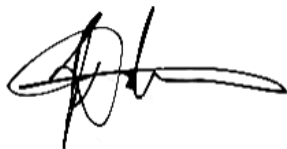
7. Financial Services

Highlights:

- Engagement of Project Manager to oversee the finalisation of the TechOne HRP upgrade.
- Finalised committed cash report to be used on a monthly basis.
- 23/24 Budget Review adopted.

Key focus areas for the month ahead:

- Ensure the continued operations of Payroll due to the inability to locate suitably skilled temporary staff and full-time employees.
- Recruitment of key vacancies within function (5 positions)
- State wage increase – awaiting confirmation of decision from QIRC and complete backpay calculations and TechOne update.
- Working with KPMG and the State Government on TSIRC Liquidity Review
- Working with each Department to develop their respective fees and charges and operational budget for the 24/25 FY.



James William
Chief Executive Officer



TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

ORDINARY MEETING: February 2024
DATE: 20-21 February 2024
ITEM: Agenda Item for Resolution by Council
SUBJECT: Community Grants Program Allocation – February 2024
AUTHOR: Lisa-Mae Meara, Community Grants Officer, Enterprise Development and Delivery Team

Recommendation:

Council resolves to:

- (a) allocate Community Grants Program funding to the following applicants in accordance with the Community Grants Policy:
 - Dengahm Elisala for the eligible amount of \$2,500, exclusive of GST;
- (b) allocate \$882 from the current available balance for Badu Community for the application of the Dhahdin Geai Warriors and \$9,118 support from the Community Gifts (CEO) available funds or consider funds from other Division funds;
- (c) note the report of grant applications processed out-of-cycle and funeral donations provided in February 2024 in accordance with the Community Grants policy.

Report:

In accordance with Council's Community Grants Policy, two (2) 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
Dhahdin Geai Warriors	\$10,000.00	Contribution towards costs associated with hosting the 2024 Island of Origin event on Badu Island, 14-16/06/2024.	\$10,000.00 supported by Cr Ranetta Wosomo	Nil	Badu
Dengahm Elisala	\$2,500.00	Contribution towards costs associated with son participating in the 2024 National Junior Championships in Adelaide, 11-19/04/2024.	\$2,500.00 endorsed by Mayor Phillemon Mosby	Nil	Dauan

The application for Dhahdin Geai Warriors from Badu Island was assessed by the community grants officer and deemed ineligible. According to Community Grants policy section 11.3(e) ineligible expenditure includes promotional material. The 2024 Island of Origin is a sporting event planned and known well in advance and the Dhahdin Geai Warriors Sports & TSI Corporation had sufficient time to organise contributions, fundraisers, and sponsors however, they failed to provide any evidence of fundraising efforts.

They have also applied for an in-kind application to waive the fees of \$1005 for the hire of the council's Jack Ahmat Stadium which has been approved under delegation.

The application for Dhahdin Geai Warriors was presented to Council at the January Council meeting and a decision deferred to a future meeting to allow for submission of further information. The available balance for Badu community funding is not adequate to support the request.

The following budget was provided by Dhahdin Geai Warriors as their estimated budget plan:

Category	Projected Estimates (\$)
Training Apparel	
Singlets	\$2,000.00
Polos	\$3,000.00
Socks	\$1,000.00
Cleaning Products – Hand Sanitisers, Wipes, etc	\$500.00
	\$6,500.00
Equipment	
Gazebos / Marquee (3 x 3m)	\$3,000.00
Foldable Tables -	\$2,000.00
Plastic Chairs -	\$1,500.00
Hart Dome Marker Set of 40 x 1 (48.50)	\$200.00
Hart Superlite Vests x 20 (\$5.50)	\$300.00
Hart Sure Shot Drink Bottle 800ml x 12 (\$8.50)	\$200.00
Drink Bottle Carrier (holds 12) (\$20.50)	\$200.00
	\$7,400.00
Promotional Documents & Banners	
Signage - Next Level Training Banner	\$1,000.00
Training Program / accessories	\$1,000.00
Flyers	\$100.00
	\$2,100.00
Activity Stationery	
Clip Boards 10 x \$4	\$500.00
Hard Plastic File Folder 30 x \$6	\$50.00
Printer	\$400.00
Pens 1 x box of 50	\$40.00
Paper (A3 & A4) & Laminating Sleeves	\$200.00
	\$1,190.00
Food & Drinks	
Wecloming BBQ for Team	\$3,000.00
Water Bottle	\$500.00
Ice Bags x 50	\$500.00
	\$4,000.00
Gaming Officials	
Travel Qantas 12 seat	\$7,000.00
Badu Island Foundation	\$11,000.00
AJ Ghalegar Insurance	\$5,000.00
Referee's Payments	\$6,000.00
	\$29,000.00
Estimated Budget Total:	\$50,190.00

In accordance with the Community Grants Policy, the following table represents grant applications processed out-of-cycle and funeral donations approved in February 2024:

Funeral Assistance	Jimmy Mareko	\$5,000.00	Funeral Travel assistance to attend the funeral service for the Late Mr Bobbiaga Kanabutu in Cairns, 31/01/2024.	\$2,500.00	Iama
	Elma Mosby	\$3,860.00	Funeral Travel assistance for travel costs to attend the funeral for the Late Ms Olive Tabua in Cairns, 03/02/2024.	\$3,860.00	Yorke
	Dauan Community	\$2,500.00	Funeral Donation towards the funeral expenses for the Late Mr Garmai Auda on Boigu Island.	\$2,500.00	Dauan
	Wasada Whap	\$1,344.96	Funeral Travel assistance for travel costs to attend the funeral for the Late Ranetta Elu in Seisia, 16/02/2024.	\$1,344.96	Dauan

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 if the allocation remains within existing Community Grants and Gifts budget.

Sustainability:

N/A

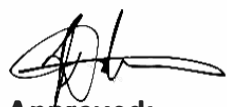
Statutory Requirements:

Local Government Act 2009



Prepared/Recommended:
 Lisa-Mae Meara
 Acting Community Grant Officer

Endorsed:
 Susanne Andres
 Executive Director Corporate Services



Approved:
 James William
 Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Fund Balances
2. Reconciliation - Approved Funding Table

Attachment 1: Fund Balances

(Balance prior to payment of applications endorsed during the January 2024 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	\$21,342.91	\$3,657.09
Hammond	Cr. Dorante	\$25,000.00	\$5,608.00	\$19,392.00
St Pauls	Cr. Levi	\$25,000.00	\$24,717.38	\$282.62
Ugar	Cr. Stephen	\$25,000.00	\$9,782.78	\$15,217.22
Badu	Cr. Wosomo	\$25,000.00	\$24,117.71	\$882.29
Dauan	Cr. Elisala	\$25,000.00	\$15,477.59	\$3,177.45
Erub	Cr. Gela	\$25,000.00	\$11,391.20	\$13,608.80
Iama	Cr. Lui	\$25,000.00	\$19,986.00	\$3,078.00
Kubin	Cr. Trinkoon	\$25,000.00	\$9,321.20	\$15,678.80
Mabuiag	Cr. Fell	\$25,000.00	\$14,806.94	\$9,193.06
Mer	Cr. Noah	\$25,000.00	\$13,382.02	\$7,014.19
Poruma	Cr. Pearson	\$25,000.00	\$20,228.60	\$1,031.40
Saibai	Cr. Tabuai	\$25,000.00	\$22,661.59	\$338.41
Warraber	Cr. Tamu	\$25,000.00	\$20,906.48	\$2,093.52
Yorke	Cr. Mosby	\$25,000.00	\$13,554.04	\$11,445.96
Mayor	Mayor Mosby	\$15,000.00	\$499.55	\$14,000.45
Community Gifts	CEO	\$25,000.00	\$5,556.58	\$19,443.42
		\$415,000.00	\$253,340.57	\$139,534.68

Attachment 2: Reconciliation - Approved Funding Table

This table refers to the divisional funds that have been approved and committed for this reporting period.

Application Type	Community Entity Applicants	Amount Requested	Project/Event	Amount Approved	Location
Out-of-Cycle Applications			Nil		
Division	Applicant	Completed Payments	Committed Funds	Approved Funding Total	
Boigu	Saint Saviour Church – August 7 th Festival	\$4,538.50		\$21,342.91	
	Church of The Rock – Church Dedication Celebration	\$1,858.50			
	Aron Tom – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$512.00			
	Aron Tom – Funeral Travel Assistance (Return Travel)	\$388.99			
	Gerari Peter – Funeral Donation Application	\$4,044.92			
	Malu Kiwai – Dan Ropeyarn Cup catering expenses	\$5,000.00			
	Malu Kiwai – Dan Ropeyarn Cup travel expenses	5,000.00			
Hammond	Gabriel Pearson – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$1,440.00		\$5,608.00	
	Rita Dorante	\$4,168.00			
St Pauls	Lalita-Ann Kris - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials	\$723.00		\$24,717.38	
	Toshina Sailor - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials	\$723.00			
	Lalita-Ann Kris - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials	\$606.54			
	Toshina Sailor - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials	\$606.54			
	Kozan Outreach Fellowship Ministry	\$4,525.81			
	Samantha Kris – Year 6 Graduation	\$2,191.57			
	Alice Namok - Make, Paint, and Sip Workshop	\$1,877.86			
	Abigail Lui – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$4,537.06			
	Toshina Sailor – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$3,926.00			
	Eunice Hosea – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$5,000.00			

Division	Applicant	Completed Payments	Committed Funds	Approved Funding Total
Ugar	Bob Modee – Ark of Transfiguration's Church Day	\$2,282.79		\$9,782.78
	Ugar P&C Association – 2023 Ugar Graduation	\$2,000.00		
	Diane Sabatino – Funeral Donation Assistance	\$499.99		
	Joseph Pau	\$5,000.00		
Badu	Brenda Nona - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials (Travel)	\$723.00		\$24,117.71
	Anaclita Ahmat - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials (Travel)	\$723.00		
	Denna Nona - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials (Travel)	\$723.00		
	Jesaray Nona - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials (Travel)	\$723.00		
	Mulga Football Team – QLD Murri Rugby League Carnival	\$5,000.00		
	Aragun Warriors – Gordonvale All Blacks Rugby League Carnival	\$3,000.00		
	Louisa Ahmat – Daughter's Air Force Graduation	\$930.00		
	Geiza Stow/Josephine Ahmat – Funeral Donation Assistance	\$2,500.00		
	Kayin Koasals – Dan Ropeyarn Cup	\$998.40		
	Aragun Warriors – Mackay All Blacks Rugby League Carnival	\$1,000.00		
	Courtney Morseu – Tagai Secondary Graduation	\$500.00		
	Elsie Nona - U12's Girls Rugby League State Championship	\$1,215.35		
	Brenda Nona - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials (Accomm)	\$606.54		
	Anaclita Ahmat - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials (Accomm)	\$606.54		
	Denna Nona - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials (Accomm)	\$606.54		
	Jesaray Nona - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials (Accomm)	\$606.54		

Division	Applicant	Completed Payments	Committed Funds	Approved Funding Total
	Josephine Ahmat – Funeral Donation Application	\$1,245.44		
	Naizel Enosa – Funeral Donation Application	\$1,221.25		
	May Ahmat – Badu Year 6 Graduation	\$545.11		
	Kulpiyam Youth & Spors Inc	\$644.00		
Badu	Dhahdin Geai Warriors		\$10,000.00*to be tabled at this February Council meeting.	
Dauan	Roxin Eagles – Roxin Eagles Gala Night	\$4,999.13		\$15,477.59
	Wrench Mau – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$5,000.00		
	Anai Bigie – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$2,978.47		
	Charles Bigie – Funeral Travel Assistance (Return Travel)	\$2,000.00		
	Diane Sabatino – Funeral Donation Assistance	\$499.99		
	Dengham Elisala – Son's participating in 2024 National Junior Championships in Adelaide.		\$2,500.00*to be tabled at this February Council meeting.	
Erub	Maryann Tamwoy – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$833.33		\$11,391.20
	Meo Sailor – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$833.33		
	Pensio Gela – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$335.61		
	Sarah Gela – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$686.81		
	Tabane Bustard – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$1,944.00		
	Diane Sabatino – Funeral Donation Assistance	\$799.47		
	Nazareth Thaiday – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$3,742.89		
	Georgina Thaiday – Funeral Donation Assistance	\$2,271.02		

Division	Applicant	Completed Payments	Committed Funds	Approved Funding Total
Iama	Rene Baluz – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$5,000.00		\$19,986.00
	Getano Lui – Funeral Donation Application	\$5,000.00		
	Milleon Tamu/Josephine David – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$4,422.00		
	Nellie Lui – Funeral Travel Assistance.	\$5,000.00		
	Jimmy Mareko	\$564.00	\$1,936.00	
Kubin	Louise Manas – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$4,474.95		\$9,321.20
	Jeanon Bosun – Funeral Donation Application	\$2,498.26		
	Jean Tamwoy – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$700.00		
	Diane Sabatino – Funeral Donation Assistance	\$999.99		
Mabuiag	Larissa Bani – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$3,624.00		\$14,806.94
	Goemu Bau Raiders – Dan Ropeyarn Cup	\$5,993.46		
	Mabuygiw Garkaziw Kupay TSI Corporation - Dabangay Cultural Heritage Management Plan		\$1,000.00	
	Bau Au Stingers – Dan Ropeyarn Cup	\$4,890.00		
	Diane Sabatino – Funeral Donation Assistance	\$299.48		
Mer	St James Anglican Church – Church Day Celebration	\$1,999.61		\$12,296.04
	Rottannah Passi – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$1,000.00		
	Leila Passi – Funeral Donation Application	\$5,000.00		
	Andrew Passi – Local Volley and touch competition.	\$2,486.20		
	James Zaro – Funeral Donation Assistance	\$1,796.43	\$703.57	
	Ndoro Kaigey – Funeral Donation Assistance	\$1,099.78	\$3,900.22	
Poruma	Mokathani Lui – Annual Christmas Competition		\$640.00	\$20,228.60
	Kerriann Noack – Track & Field Trials	\$2,272.30		

Division	Applicant	Completed Payments	Committed Funds	Approved Funding Total
	Barbara David – Kulkalgal Weaving Workshop		\$2,500.00	
	Joseph Pearson – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$867.30		
	Anthony Faid – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$1,487.00		
	Freddie David – Community Grants Assistance	\$2,500.00		
	Gertie Lowatta – Zenadh Kes Volleyball Carnival	\$7,602.00		
	Diane Sabatino – Funeral Donation Assistance	\$500.00		
	Renee Pearson – Funeral Donation Assistance	\$5,000.00		
	Poruma Community – Funeral Donation to Warraber community		\$600.00	
Saibai	Alimah Dai - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials (Travel)	\$723.00		\$22,661.59
	Alison Wosomo - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials (Travel)	\$723.00		
	Bethel Wosomo - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials (Travel)	\$723.00		
	Kaithalinah Wosomo - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials (Travel)	\$723.00		
	White Dove Ministry – Church Musical Instruments	\$5,000.00		
	Alimah Dai - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials (Accomm)	\$606.54		
	Alison Wosomo - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials (Accomm)	\$606.54		
	Bethel Wosomo - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials (Accomm)	\$606.54		
	Kaithalinah Wosomo - Inaugural Under 17's NQ Sistas Rugby League Trials (Accomm)	\$606.54		
	Mary Enosa – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$5,000.00		

Division	Applicant	Completed Payments	Committed Funds	Approved Funding Total
	Evelyn Dau – Funeral Donation Assistance	\$2,498.99		
	Waiben Wosomo – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$1,734.76		
	Mekei Wosomo	\$444.00		
	Yakopeta Akiba-Bowie		\$2,000.00	
	Norah Tabuai – Out-of-Cycle Community Grants Assistance`	\$1,300.00		
	Jack Matthew – Out-of-Cycle Community Grants Assistance	\$1,400.00		
Warraber	Louise Mari – Tikisha Mari World Challenge in New Zealand	\$2,500.00		\$20,906.48
	Catharine Enosa – Community Sorry Business (Travel)	\$1,602.00		
	Nancy Mari - Kenya Mari World Challenge in New Zealand	\$2,000.00		
	Romiyah Tamu – James Cook UniLodge	\$2,000.00		
	Florence Lui – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$396.00		
	Patricia Harry – Funeral Donation Application	\$5,000.00		
	Daniel Billy – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$384.48		
	Diane Sabatino – Funeral Donation Assistance	\$500.00		
	Donald Billy – Funeral Donation Assistance	\$5,000.00		
	Aken Baragud – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$1,524.00		
Yorke	Church of The Living God – Spring Church Conference	\$1,872.56	872.56	\$13,554.04
	Masig Thurud Wap – Dan Ropeyarn Cup	\$3,000.00		
	Dalassa Billy – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$4,325.43		
	Pensio Gela (Snr) – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$1,501.05		
	Elma Mosby – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$3,860.00		
Mayor	Rowena Johnson – Funeral Donation Application	\$499.55		\$499.55
	Rowena Johnson – Funeral Travel Assistance		\$500.00	

Division	Applicant	Completed Payments	Committed Funds	Approved Funding Total
CEO – Community Gifts	Rowena Johnson – Funeral Donation Application	\$1,899.27		\$5,556.58
	Rowena Johnson – Funeral Travel Assistance	\$1,758.89		
	Tagai State College – OOC-Bursary Awards Night	\$1,000.00		
	Diane Sabatino – Funeral Donation Assistance	\$898.42		



TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

AGENDA REPORT

ORDINARY MEETING:	February 2024
DATE:	20/21 February 2024
ITEM:	Agenda Report
SUBJECT:	Funding Acquisition Report
AUTHOR:	Zoe Dark, LGAQ

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 January reporting period.

Within the current financial year, Council have secured approximately \$5 Million of funding through successful applications. Much of this funding was advocated by Engineering Services and applied for within the previous financial year.

In comparison to the same period, last year, see the table below:

	1 July 2023 to 31 January 2024	1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022
Applied for in period	23,292,595	4,033,629
Unsuccessful in period	(15,000,000)	221,150
Successful (applied in current period)	306,357	1,973,900
Successful (applied for in prior period)	4,617,357	3,060,000

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 and 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	2023/24 FY	2024/25 FY	2025/26 FY	Project Details	Date of Application	Outcome	Current Status Report
Reconciliation Week	\$10,000	\$10,000			TS Flag Day and Mabo Day Activities	31st January 2024	Pending	Expected Outcome Q1 2024
Reconciliation Week	\$7,500	\$7,500			Queensland Rugby League Program	31st January 2024	Pending	Expected Outcome Q1 2024 (QRL is the applicant)
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.	23rd June 2023	Successful	
Torres Strait Regional Authority	\$85,000	\$85,000			Funding for a Business Case to develop travel options for Dauan & Ugar.	31st May 2023	Successful	

Total of Funding Applied	
*Noting funding can span over numerous financial years	\$112,500.00
Total of Funding Successful	\$95,000.00
Total of Funding Unsuccessful	\$0.00
Total of Funding Pending	\$17,500.00

Capital Project Funding

Capital Project Funding					
Funding Stream	Total	Project Details	Date of Application	Outcome	Current Status Report
QRRRF	\$162,737	Mabuiag Dump Road Upgrade	11 th January 2024	Pending	Expected Outcome Q1 2024
Department of Sport & Recreation	\$391,229	MIIFF – Kubin Sports Courts Upgrade	16 th November 2023	Pending	Expected outcome Q1 2024
Department of Sport & Recreation	\$577,256	MIIFF – Masig Island Sports Court Amenities	16 th November 2023	Pending	Expected outcome Q1 2024
TRDI Innovation	\$1,735,159	Satellite Tech supply & install 15 Starlink (Telstra is the lead applicant)	17 th November 2023	Pending	Expected outcome Q1 2024 (Telstra is the applicant)
LGAQ – QCoast 2100 3.0	\$485,000	Coastal Hazard Adaption Strategy – Implementation Funding	23 rd June 2023	Pending	Expected outcome in Early 2024
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts	\$15,000,000	Growing Regions Round One – Expressions of Interest	2 nd August 2023	Unsuccessful	Full application to be lodged in December 2023
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts	\$306,357	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program – Phase 4 Funding to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects.	July 2023	Successful	Confirmation of actual project/s to be determined.
Torres Strait Regional Authority	\$1,530,000	Funding for the Erub Reservoir Refurbishment.	June 2023	Successful	Application submitted by Engineering Services
Torres Strait Regional Authority	\$2,980,000	Funding for the Mabuiag Sewer Treatment Plant Replacement.	June 2023	Successful	Application submitted by Engineering Services
Gambling Community Benefit Fund	\$12,357	Funding requested for minor capital works to be carried out on the lama Basketball Courts to support the lama Youth Group.	February 2023	Successful	Waiting on funding agreement and documentation
Total of Funding Applied	\$23,180,095				
*Noting funding can span over numerous financial years					
Total of Funding Successful	\$4,828,714				
Total of Funding Unsuccessful	\$15,000,000				
Total of Funding Pending	\$3,351,381				

Annual Local Government Funding

The table below highlights all Annual Local Government Funding, that Council was allocated for 2023/24. 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.

Annual Local Government Funding				
Funding Stream	23/24 Total Allocation	Project Details	Date of Application	Comments
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	\$26,521.43	This payment recognises the costs incurred by Local Government in providing support to their SES Groups and Units.	Annual Allocation	100% paid upfront for current financial year 23/24
Financial Assistance – Indigenous Councils Funding Program	\$15,886,108	The ICFP replaces the SGFA & RRP and represents a significant investment in Queensland's Indigenous communities, increasing the Queensland Government's support for Indigenous councils by \$25.8 million for 2023-24.	Annual Allocation	100% paid upfront for current financial year 23/24
Financial Assistance – General Purpose	\$15,118,824	Financial Assistance General Purpose is an annual allocation-based program for local government bodies based on the principal of horizontal fiscal equalisation, enabling them to function by reasonable effort to an average standard.	Annual Allocation	100% paid upfront for current financial year 23/24
Financial Assistance – Local Roads	\$239,119	Financial Assistance Local Roads is an annual allocation-based program to assist local governments with roads expenditure and to preserve its roads assets.	Annual Allocation	100% paid upfront for current financial year 23/24
Total Allocation for 23/24	\$31,270,572.40			

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*

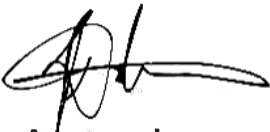
Conclusion:

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



Recommended:

Susanne Andres
Executive Director of Corporate Services



Approved:

James William
Chief Executive Officer



TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

MEETING MOVE INTO CLOSED BUSINESS

Resolution to close the meeting to the public:

That the Council resolve 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 and for the reasons outlined under those items.

Personal Interests

Councillors are reminded to declare any Conflict of Interest matters for those items listed and if any conflicts arise during deliberations.

MOVED:

SECONDED:



TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MOVE OUT OF CLOSED BUSINESS

Resolution to MOVE OUT of Closed Business:

That the Council resolve to reopen the meeting to the public pursuant to section 254I of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

MOVED:

SECONDED:



TORRES STRAIT ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

COUNCIL REPORT

ORDINARY MEETING:	February 2024
DATE:	20 & 21 February 2024
ITEM:	Agenda Item for Resolution by Council
SUBJECT:	Financial Dashboard Report – January 2024
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 2023-24 year to date, for the period ended 31 January 2024, as required under Section 204 *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Purpose:

This report seeks Council endorse the monthly financial statements for the 2023-24 year to date, for the period ended 31 January 2024.

Background:

The 2023-24 budget review was adopted in December 2023 and has taken into consideration the expected impacts of the year ahead including but not limited to high inflation, persistent labour shortages due to shifting workforce dynamics, shortages in contractors due to remote operations and material shortages. Our strategic approach to budget planning demonstrates management's dedication to proactively confronting potential financial challenges and positioning the organisation for resilient financial performance, all while ensuring the continued delivery of essential services to the community.

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 2023-24. (See Appendix A for Summary Financial Statements by Department and Appendix A Detailed Capital Report).

Resource implications:

The actual operating result (before depreciation) for January 2024 YTD is a \$930K surplus, compared to the YTD forecast operating surplus of \$611K.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AT A GLANCE – Year to Date (YTD) 2023/2024

Key financial results	Annual budget review	YTD budget review	YTD actual	YTD variance \$	YTD variance %	Status
Recurrent revenue	69,147,199	44,526,376	41,524,692	(3,001,683)	(6.7%)	●
Other income	5,636,324	3,618,616	3,877,511	258,895	7.2%	●
Recurrent expenditure (excl. depreciation)	(79,800,540)	(47,533,820)	(44,471,443)	3,062,376	6.4%	●
Operating result (excl. depreciation)	(5,017,017)	611,172	930,760	319,589	52.3%	●
Capital revenue	36,828,288	18,512,719	3,324,314	(15,188,405)	(82.0%)	●
Capital expenses	(3,500,000)	(2,041,666)	(136,098)	1,905,569	93.3%	●
Net result (excl. depreciation)	28,311,271	17,082,224	4,118,976	(12,963,248)	(75.9%)	●
Depreciation expense	(59,570,010)	(34,677,339)	(34,925,446)	(248,107)	(0.7%)	●
Net result	(31,258,739)	(17,595,115)	(30,806,470)	(13,211,355)	(75.1%)	●

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 \$319K variance attributed to:

Revenue \$2.7M unfavourable variance.

- Timing of receipt of Engineering grants due to delay in works caused by various factors.
- Partially offset by an overstatement of contract and recoverable works revenue due to capital works yet to be moved in line with AASB's and recorded as capital income and capitalised in asset register or recorded as work in progress (WIP).

Expenditure \$3M favourable variance.

- Decrease in employee benefits is a result of a large number of vacancies
- Material and services for some departments are currently under budget. This is due to a combination of factors, including cost management and timing of operating works.

Net Result to Date \$13.2M unfavourable variance.

- The variance is attributed to a decrease in capital grants received, stemming from a reduction in completed capital projects.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

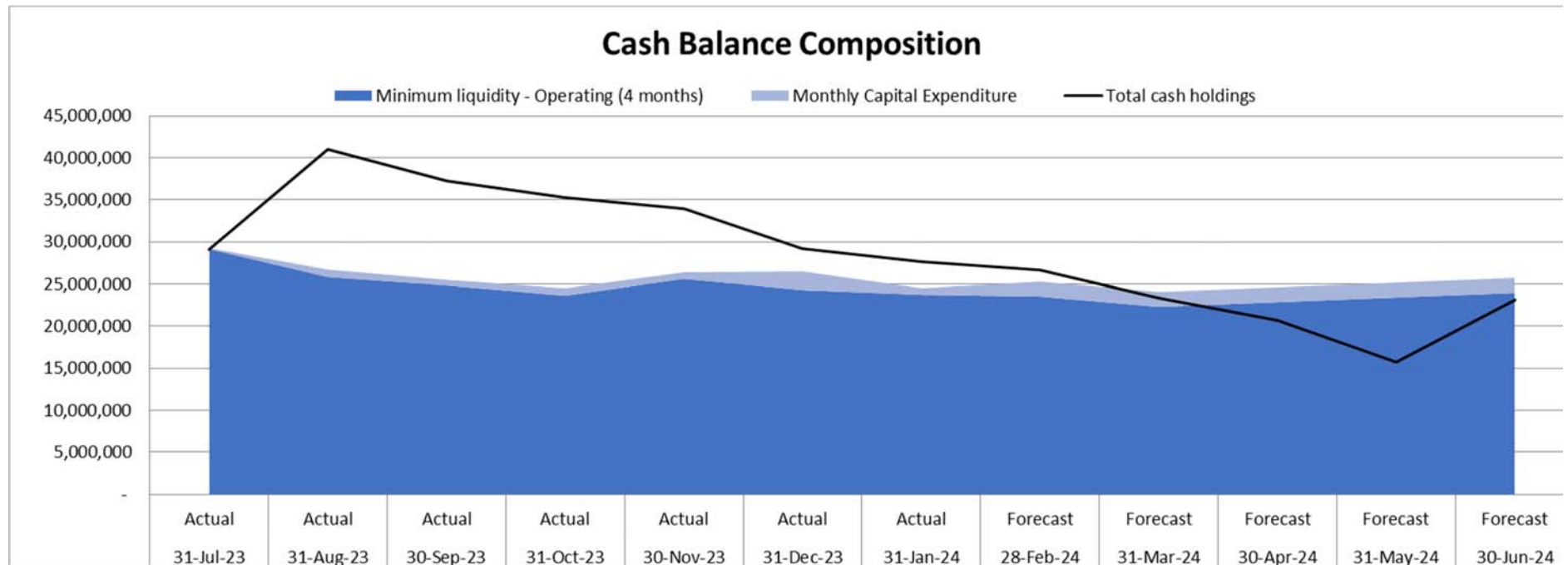
	Annual Budget Review	YTD Budget Review	YTD actual	YTD variance \$	YTD variance %
Income					
Recurrent revenue					
Community levies, rates and charges	1,891,244	64,674	63,616	(1,059)	0.0%
Fees and charges	4,881,316	2,880,726	3,668,900	788,174	27.4%
Sales revenue	20,995,399	11,968,241	15,456,649	3,488,408	29.1%
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	41,379,241	29,612,734	22,335,527	(7,277,207)	(24.6%)
	69,147,199	44,526,376	41,524,692	(3,001,683)	(6.7%)
Capital revenue					
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	36,828,288	18,512,719	3,324,314	(15,188,405)	(82.0%)
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Interest received	634,106	390,285	754,305	364,020	93.3%
Other income	195,962	424,681	414,054	(10,627)	(2.5%)
Rental income	4,806,257	2,803,650	2,709,152	(94,498)	(3.4%)
Total income	111,611,812	66,657,710	48,726,517	(17,931,193)	(26.9%)
Expenses					
Recurrent expenses					
Employee benefits	31,002,631	17,269,309	15,735,829	1,533,480	8.9%
Materials and services	48,078,751	29,843,683	28,309,076	1,534,607	5.1%
Finance costs	719,158	420,828	426,538	(5,710)	(1.4%)
Depreciation and amortisation	59,570,010	34,677,339	34,925,446	(248,107)	(0.7%)
	139,370,550	82,211,158	79,396,889	2,814,269	3.4%
Capital expenses	3,500,000	2,041,666	136,098	(1,905,569)	(93.3%)
Total expenses	142,870,550	84,252,825	79,532,987	(4,719,838)	(5.6%)
Net result	(31,258,739)	(17,595,115)	(30,806,470)	(13,211,355)	75.1%

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Current Month	Prior Month	variance \$	variance %
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	26,376,750	26,940,120	(563,370)	(2.1%)
Short term deposits	66,774	66,774	0	0.0%
Trade and other receivables	9,739,135	10,708,661	(969,526)	(9.1%)
Inventories	411,753	411,753	0	0.0%
Contract assets	4,701,693	4,771,947	(70,254)	(1.5%)
Lease receivables	105,591	105,591	0	0.0%
Total current assets	41,401,696	43,004,846	(1,603,150)	(3.7%)
Non-current assets				
Lease receivables	11,233,246	11,233,246	(0)	(0.0%)
Property, plant and equipment	1,033,889,597	1,037,803,070	(3,913,473)	(0.4%)
Right of use assets	819,412	871,065	(51,653)	(5.9%)
Total non-current assets	1,045,942,255	1,049,907,381	(3,965,126)	(0.4%)
Total assets	1,087,343,951	1,092,912,227	(5,568,276)	0.1%
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	3,601,378	1,868,329	(1,733,049)	(92.8%)
Borrowings	-	-	0	
Provisions	1,445,540	1,418,978	(26,562)	(1.9%)
Contract liabilities	12,491,846	12,491,846	0	0.0%
Lease liabilities	461,020	459,526	(1,494)	(0.3%)
Total current liabilities	17,999,784	16,238,679	(1,761,105)	(10.8%)
Non-current liabilities				
Provisions	10,464,009	10,520,704	56,695	0.5%
Lease liabilities	621,246	621,246	0	
Total non-current liabilities	11,085,255	11,141,950	56,696	0.5%
Net community assets	1,058,258,911	1,065,531,597	(7,272,686)	(0.7%)
Community Equity				
Asset revaluation surplus	735,386,498	735,386,498	0	0.0%
Retained surplus/(deficiency)	353,678,883	353,678,883	0	0.0%
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	- 30,806,470	- 23,533,783	(7,272,686)	30.9%
	1,058,258,911	1,065,531,597	(7,272,686)	(0.7%)

Cash Forecasting

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning sustainability ratios recommends that Council maintain a minimum liquidity of four months operating cashflows. Council has based the monthly cashflow projections on the 23/24 Budget Review projections. Grant revenue has been forecasted on expected timing of receipt of funds as per funding agreements. July to January figures reflect actual cash balances.



Cashflow Comments

YTD January 2024 – Actual \$27.7M

- Cash holdings remain above 4-month recommendations. Grant payments are initially concentrated at the start of the financial year. The majority of the surplus pertains to the complete 23/24 Financial Assistance Grant paid in advance and Indigenous Councils funding program (ICFP) paid in August.

FY June 2024 – Current forecast \$23M (Budget \$26M)

- Advance payment of half of the 24/25 Financial Assistance Grant received budgeted to be received in June 2024.
- New ICFP grant funding replaced SGFA and RRP which is approx. \$7M more than budgeted. The above-budgeted component relates to a one-off increase by State due to an additional \$25.8M that brought the total program funding for 23/24 financial year to \$69.8M for Indigenous Councils.

Debtor Analysis

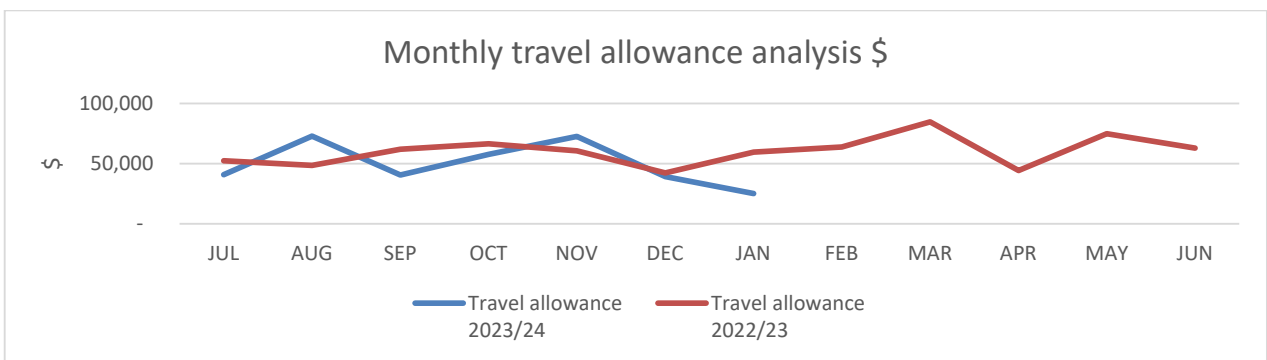
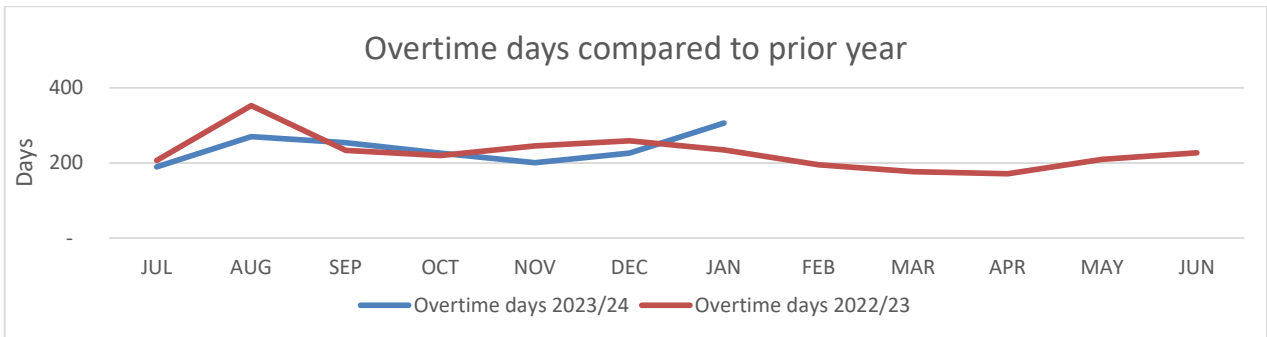
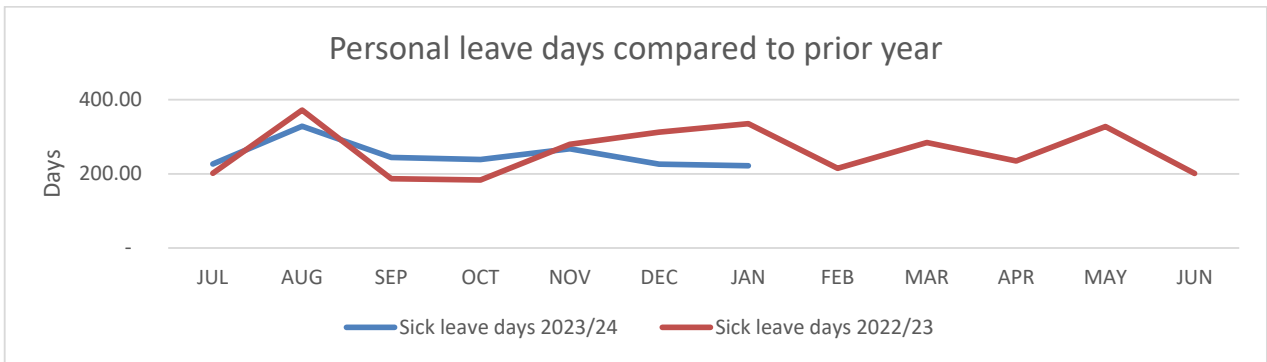
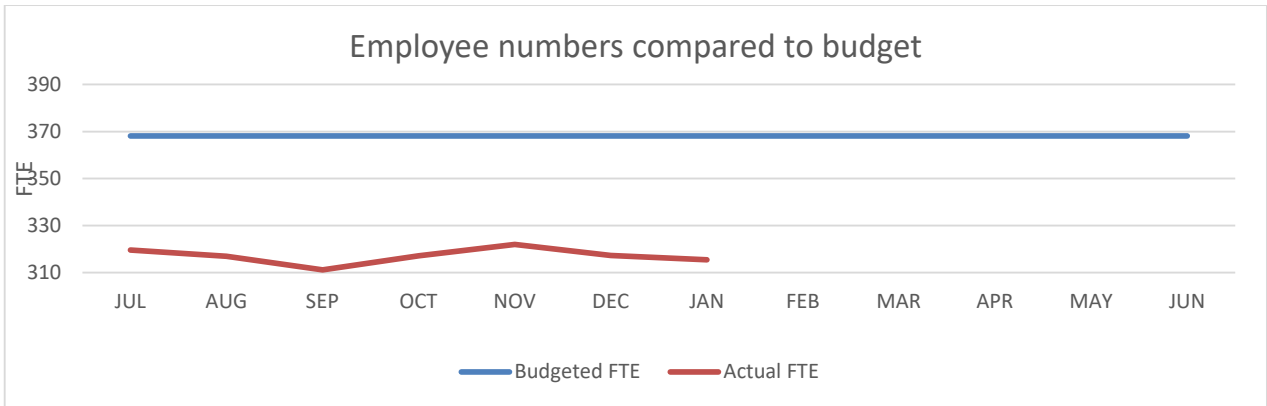
	As at 31 January 2024		As at 31 December 2023		As at 30 November 2023	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Current	2,784,816	55%	3,062,134	52%	2,860,361	51%
30 to 60 days	60,880	1%	624,515	11%	517,261	9%
60 to 90 days	465,627	9%	206,533	4%	320,213	6%
90 days plus	1,790,282	35%	1,975,907	34%	1,887,322	34%
Total aged debtors	5,101,606	100%	5,869,090	100%	5,585,156	100%
Housing debtors (Note 1)	12,714,248		12,804,542		12,717,415	
Total Provision	- 13,150,800		- 13,194,858		- 13,238,915	
Net debtors (exc. Unapplied credits)	4,665,053		5,478,774		5,063,656	
Unapplied Credits	- 272,150		- 217,433		- 385,619	

Notes to table:

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



Payroll Analysis



Grant Analysis:

Refer to the '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

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 high state wage increases.

While inflation now appears to be stabilising, 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:



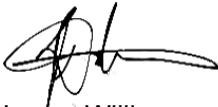
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Appendix A

Executive Department

Key Financial Results	Annual Budget Review	YTD Budget Review	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance %	Status
Recurrent revenue	123	123	0	(123)	-100.0%	●
Other income	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Recurrent expenditure (excl. depreciation)	(3,645,255)	(2,122,951)	(2,238,819)	(115,868)	-5.5%	●
Operating surplus (exc. Depreciation)	(3,645,132)	(2,122,828)	(2,238,819)	(115,991)	-5.5%	●
Capital revenue	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Capital expenses	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Net result (excl. depreciation)	(3,645,132)	(2,122,828)	(2,238,819)	(115,991)	-5.5%	●
Depreciation Expense	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Net result	(3,645,132)	(2,122,828)	(2,238,819)	(115,991)	-5.5%	●

Comments:

Unfavourable Operating result:

Expenditure is slightly over budget for January 2024

Unfavourable Net result:

The above reason has caused a overall unfavorable variance in January 2024

Building Services Department

Key Financial Results	Annual Budget Review	YTD Budget Review	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance %	Status
Recurrent revenue	18,000,000	10,201,331	13,632,431	3,431,100	33.6%	●
Other income	100,000	78,500	77,871	(629)	-0.8%	●
Recurrent expenditure (excl. depreciation)	(14,184,021)	(8,038,211)	(10,979,828)	(2,941,617)	-36.6%	●
Operating surplus (exc. Depreciation)	3,915,979	2,241,620	2,730,474	488,854	21.8%	●
Capital revenue	1,800,000	300,000	0	(300,000)	-100.0%	●
Capital expenses	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Net result (excl. depreciation)	5,715,979	2,541,620	2,730,474	188,854	7.4%	●
Depreciation Expense	(20,697)	(12,633)	(20,697)	(8,064)	-63.8%	●
Net result	5,695,282	2,528,987	2,709,777	180,790	7.1%	●

Comments:

Favourable Operating result:

Contract and recoverable works and operating expenditure are overstated due to capital works yet to be moved to capital revenue and the

Favourable Net result:

Minimal variance between budget and actuals at the end of January 2024

Corporate Services Department

Key Financial Results	Annual Budget Review	YTD Budget Review	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance %	Status
Recurrent revenue	22,108	13,318	4,768	(8,550)	-64.2%	●
Other income	39,000	22,780	17,498	(5,282)	-23.2%	●
Recurrent expenditure (excl. depreciation)	(6,135,526)	(3,406,385)	(3,044,941)	361,444	10.6%	●
Operating surplus (exc. Depreciation)	(6,074,418)	(3,370,287)	(3,022,675)	347,612	10.3%	●
Capital revenue	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Capital expenses	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Net result (excl. depreciation)	(6,074,418)	(3,370,287)	(3,022,675)	347,612	10.3%	●
Depreciation Expense	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Net result	(6,074,418)	(3,370,287)	(3,022,675)	347,612	10.3%	●

Comments:

Favourable Operating/Net Result

Recurring Revenue - Other income lower than expected and admin fees not yet received.

Recurrent Expenditure - The key driver for favourable operating expenses are employee benefits due to a number of vacancies as well as lower total travel expenses and reduced total IT hardware and software expenditure.

Health and Community Services Department

Key Financial Results	Annual Budget Review	YTD Budget Review	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance %	Status
Recurrent revenue	13,666,013	8,576,134	8,447,749	(128,385)	-1.5%	●
Other income	531,961	309,765	306,654	(3,111)	-1.0%	●
Recurrent expenditure (excl. depreciation)	(16,434,522)	(9,569,226)	(9,216,978)	352,248	3.7%	●
Operating surplus (exc. Depreciation)	(2,236,548)	(683,327)	(462,575)	220,752	32.3%	●
Capital revenue	17,425,000	10,331,250	113,202	(10,218,048)	-98.9%	●
Capital expenses	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Net result (excl. depreciation)	15,188,452	9,647,923	(349,373)	(9,997,296)	-103.6%	●
Depreciation Expense	(31,560,097)	(18,434,752)	(18,625,354)	(190,602)	-1.0%	●
Net result	(16,371,645)	(8,786,829)	(18,974,727)	(10,187,898)	-115.9%	●

Comments:

Favourable Operating Result:

Recurrent Revenue - reduced due to timing of receipt of grant funding ~\$427K State & Federal across a number of programs. Accommodation & Housing Rental & Commission income also underbudget YTD; partially offset by Commercial Property Rental Income being ~\$489K higher than budgeted YTD (due to timing of invoicing and/or new leases). Recurrent Expenditure - continuing high level of staff vacancies across Community Services has seen reduced salaries expenditure.

Unfavourable Net result:

Capital Revenue - Budgeted \$4.2M for BSU Capitalisations not yet processed. Timing of receipt of grant funding for Housing - \$5.6M Forward Remote Capital and \$368K Community Housing Grant underbudget YTD.

Appendix A

Financial Services Department

Key Financial Results	Annual Budget Review	YTD Budget Review	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance %	Status
Recurrent revenue	25,177,851	16,612,427	17,141,873	529,446	3.2%	●
Other income	(500,000)	0	1,879	1,879	0.0%	●
Recurrent expenditure (excl. depreciation)	(6,284,998)	(4,029,738)	(3,069,682)	960,056	23.8%	●
Operating surplus (exc. Depreciation)	18,392,853	12,582,689	14,074,070	1,491,381	11.9%	●
Capital revenue	1,235,474	549,096	600,255	51,159	9.3%	●
Capital expenses	(3,500,000)	(2,041,666)	(136,098)	1,905,568	93.3%	●
Net result (excl. depreciation)	16,128,327	11,090,119	14,538,227	3,448,108	31.1%	●
Depreciation Expense	(1,040,325)	(607,119)	(608,382)	(1,263)	-0.2%	●
Net result	15,088,002	10,483,000	13,929,845	3,446,845	32.9%	●

Comments:

Favourable Operating result:

Recurrent Revenue - slightly higher due to Increasing interest rates.
Recurrent expenditure - overall expenditure was lower then projected.

Favourable Net result:

Depreciation expenses slightly higher than budgeted and hence does not effect the overall budget.

Engineering Services Department

Key Financial Results	Annual Budget Review	YTD Budget Review	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance %	Status
Recurrent revenue	16,146,465	11,385,426	4,700,080	(6,685,346)	-58.7%	●
Other income	0	0	633	633	0.0%	●
Recurrent expenditure (excl. depreciation)	(31,033,965)	(19,266,832)	(14,968,443)	4,298,389	22.3%	●
Operating surplus (exc. Depreciation)	(14,887,500)	(7,881,406)	(10,267,730)	(2,386,324)	-30.3%	●
Capital revenue	14,151,687	6,347,427	2,540,580	(3,806,847)	-60.0%	●
Capital expenses	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Net result (excl. depreciation)	(735,813)	(1,533,979)	(7,727,150)	(6,193,171)	403.7%	●
Depreciation Expense	(26,351,867)	(15,278,455)	(15,393,215)	(114,760)	-0.8%	●
Net result	(27,087,680)	(16,812,434)	(23,120,365)	(6,307,931)	-37.5%	●

Comments:

Unfavourable Operating result:

Recurrent Revenue - unfavourable revenue result is due to delay in works associated with recurrent grants, mainly QRA works.
Recurrent Expenditure - favourable result is combination of unfilled employee positions and work delays associated with QRA works.

Unfavourable Net result:

Capital grants received lower than budget forecast (budget timing)
Depreciation expense slightly higher than forecast in the 23/24 budget review.

Fuel and Fleet Services Department

Key Financial Results	Annual Budget Review	YTD Budget Review	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	YTD Variance %	Status
Recurrent revenue	1,575,001	931,552	1,061,249	129,697	13.9%	●
Other income	25,000	13,636	9,519	(4,117)	-30.2%	●
Recurrent expenditure (excl. depreciation)	(2,082,004)	(1,100,225)	(952,752)	147,473	13.4%	●
Operating surplus (exc. Depreciation)	(482,003)	(155,037)	118,016	273,053	176.1%	●
Capital revenue	2,216,128	984,946	70,276	(914,670)	-92.9%	●
Capital expenses	0	0	0	0	0.0%	●
Net result (excl. depreciation)	1,734,125	829,909	188,292	(641,617)	-77.3%	●
Depreciation Expense	(597,024)	(344,379)	(277,798)	66,581	19.3%	●
Net result	1,137,101	485,530	(89,506)	(575,036)	-118.4%	●

Comments:

Favourable Operating Result

Recurrent revenue - Higher sale of fuel and gas.
Recurrent expenditure - Employee benefits underbudget due to vacancies.

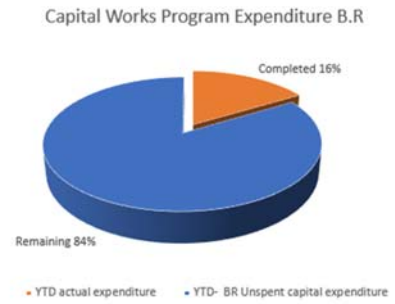
Unfavourable Net Result

Capital Revenue - Contract Implementation Delayed

Appendix A

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

YTD actual expenditure	\$	6,353,493
YTD- BR Unspent capital expenditure	\$	32,292,110
Full year BR budget capital expenditure	\$	38,645,603



MONTHLY PROGRESS – CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

