



# CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Ordinary Meeting held on 24 October 2023**



**SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND  
MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATION**

**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island Council held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 24 October 2023**

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## CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 24 October 2023

### 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.1 The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.00pm.

### 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE/DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

1.2 Record of Attendance

Shire President

Deputy President

Councillors

Cr Gordon **THOMSON**

Cr Azmi **YON**

Cr Kee Heng **FOO**

Cr Hafiz **MASLI**

Cr Vincent Cheng-Siew **SAW**

Cr Philip **WOO**

Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**

Cr Steve **PEREIRA**

Cr Swee **TUNG**

Chief Executive Officer

Director Planning, Governance & Policy/Minute Taker

Director Community/Recreation Services

Town Planning Consultant

David **PRICE**

Chris **SU**

Olivier **LINES**

Herve **CALMY**

2.2 **Leave of Absence**

2.3 **Apologies**

2.4 **Declarations of Financial/Impartiality/Proximity Interest**

### 3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

### 4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Cr THOMSON provided update on item 4.5 *Taman Sweetland Traffic* from the September Ordinary Council Meeting from Director of Works and Services Troy DAVIS, currently on leave. A traffic count assessment is underway that will document the speed, type of vehicle and volume of vehicles on the roadway. Once this data is in, options will be examined to address the scale of the traffic in the area.

4.2 Cr Azmi YON passed on positive community feedback on the progress of the Lily Beach Precinct improvements with the gazebo and its surroundings. Raises that Lily Beach has low tidal patterns which expose rock pools that locals know how to traverse safely when and if possible. Noted that travellers to the island are not familiar with the conditions and asked if there was the need for signage in the area relating to this?

CEO David PRICE advised that the gazebos are close to completion. Solar lights will be installed shortly, and the halal and non-halal signage for the two bbq plates will be also installed. The eco-flow toilet system may be installed by Christmas depending on its arrival by ship. Minor works to be completed on the dedicated fire-pit to be had. Consideration in the new year for boardwalk work.

CEO David PRICE shared that the SOCI team had also raised the low-tidal patterns and the dangers it presents to those unfamiliar to them. CEO to talk to IOTA about appropriate material and signage for the area. CEO to report back at the next meeting.

- 4.3 Cr Azmi YON acknowledged the SOCI staff work at the recent election and referendum.
- 4.4 Cr Vincent SAW raised that the fountain outside the Poon Saan Community Hall was inoperative. CEO David PRICE advised that the interior cooler bubbler, capable of delivering cold water, may be installed outside as a replacement. Noted that the exterior fountain provided by the Commonwealth did not have cooling unlike the interior Council cooler bubbler.

CEO David PRICE advised Council that there were two other cooler bubblers to be installed in park spaces; most likely Drumsite Park and the Poon Saan basketball court precinct.

- 4.5 Cr Vincent SAW raised that the car parks in the Poon Saan blocks area had weed growth that could be cut back. CEO David PRICE to refer this to the Parks and Garden Forman.

## 5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### Council Resolution

**Moved: Cr YON**

**Seconded: Cr SAW**

**Res. No: 83/23**

That Council grant Cr Vincent SAW a leave of absence from 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and grant Cr Steven PEREIRA a leave of absence from 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Carried: 9/0**

<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>

**Against: None**

## 6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- 6.1 Fatiha MOHD FAUZI, Farina IBRAHIM and Alissa SHAHEED from the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) presented to Council. Fatiha MOHD FAUZI informed Council that many in the community including a large number of young persons on the island were affected by the current conflict in Palestine. She put that there was a need to spread awareness of the injustice suffered and to talk about human rights. Fatiha MOHD FAUZI requested to fly the Palestinian flag at the George Fam flagpoles as a sign of solidarity.

*Thank you for sparing us a few minutes of your time, it's greatly appreciated.*

*We are here today on behalf of members of the Shire Youth Advisory Council to kindly ask for your support in allowing us to fly the Palestinian flag on the George Fam flag pole in solidarity of the hardship Palestinians are currently facing.*

*If you are unsure of what is currently happening in Gaza, to sum it up thousands, specifically over 5000 innocent civilians, half being children, have been killed by Israeli military air strikes.*

*This is not a war but a genocide that is deeply affecting members of YAC as well as many members of the community and millions of people across the world. As Muslims we are seeing our brothers and sisters being wiped out. As we can't provide aid first hand our mission is to spread awareness, donate and keep speaking about Palestine. Therefore with your help it would be greatly appreciated if you would allow us to fly the Palestinian flag, stand proudly for Palestine and be on the right side of history.*

Shire President Gordon THOMSON thanked them for their presentation and acknowledged the request to utilise the George Fam flagpoles in this way. Advised the YAC that Council will discuss the request at the end of the meeting under the *new business of an urgent nature* section.

## **7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS/BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

### **7.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 September 2023**

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

<b>Council Resolution</b>			
<b>Moved: Cr FOO</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr YON</b>	<b>Res. No:</b>	<b>84/23</b>
That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 26 September 2023 Council Meeting.			
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>9/0</b>		
<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>
<b>Against:</b>	None		

### **7.2 Minutes of Special Meeting of Council held on 23 October 2023**

<b>Council Resolution</b>			
<b>Moved: Cr FOO</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr YON</b>	<b>Res. No:</b>	<b>85/23</b>
That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 23 October Special Meeting of Council			
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>9/0</b>		
<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>
<b>Against:</b>	None		

### **7.3 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings**

## **8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

Shire President Gordon THOMSON summarised Shire's resolution to support the Yes Campaign in the Voice Referendum. Christmas Island recorded a 62% YES vote, whilst Australia recorded a 61% NO vote.

The *Allies for Uluru*, a collection of organisations that supported the YES campaign, had a seven day silent period before making a public statement.

Shire President Gordon THOMSON read the statement from the *Allies for Uluru*:

*22 October 2023*

*To the Prime Minister and every Member of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Commonwealth Parliament.*

*This is an open letter which will be circulated to the Australian public and media.*

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have observed a week of silence across*

*Australia since the outcome of the Referendum last Saturday 14 October 2023. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags have flown half-mast and we have refrained from media commentary, even as politicians, governments, media commentators and analysts have spent a week exonerating – and indeed, lauding – the nobility of the 60.8 per cent of Australians who voted to reject Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the First Peoples of Australia.*

*These are the collective insights and views of a group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, community members and organisations who supported Yes:*

*1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are in shock and are grieving the result. We feel acutely the repudiation of our peoples and the rejection of our efforts to pursue reconciliation in good faith. That people who came to our country in only the last 235 years would reject the recognition of this continent's First Peoples – on our sacred land which we have cared for and nurtured for more than 65,000 years – is so appalling and mean-spirited as to be utterly unbelievable a week following. It will remain unbelievable and appalling for decades to come.*

*2. We thank the 5.51 million Australians who voted Yes to recognition. This represents approximately 39.2 per cent of Australian voters on 14 October 2023. At the 2022 Federal Election the Australian Labor Party received support from 32.58 per cent of voters, the Liberal Party 23.89 per cent, the National Party 3.6 per cent and One Nation 4.96 per cent. We thank those Australians who gave Yes more support at this Referendum than they did to any political party.*

*3. We acknowledge the resounding Yes vote in discrete and remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The high levels of support for Yes in our communities exposes the No Campaign's lies, taken up by the media even in the last week of the campaign. The situation of these communities needs to be addressed sooner rather than later.*

*4. Australia is our country. We accept that the majority of non-Indigenous voting Australians have rejected recognition in the Australian Constitution. We do not for one moment accept that this country is not ours. Always was. Always will be. It is the*

*legitimacy of the non-Indigenous occupation in this country that requires recognition, not the other way around. Our sovereignty has never been ceded.*

*5. The Constitution still belongs to those who the founding fathers originally intended it for and remains unchanged in our exclusion. We were asked to be recognised over a decade ago; we sought to be included in a meaningful way and that has been rejected. In refusing our peoples' right to be heard on matters that affect us, Australia chose to make itself less liberal and less democratic. Our right to be heard continues to exist both as a democratic imperative for this nation, and as our inherent right to self-determination. The country can deny the former but not the latter. A 'founding document' without recognition of First Peoples of this country continues the process of colonisation. It is clear no reform of the Constitution that includes our peoples will ever succeed. This is the bitter lesson from 14 October.*

*6. The support for the referendum collapsed from the moment Liberal and National Party leaders, Mr Dutton and Mr Littleproud, chose to oppose the Voice to Parliament proposal after more than a decade of bipartisan support. The proposal was tracking 60 per cent support compared to 40 per cent opposition for several years until the National and Liberal parties preferred wanton political damage over support for some of this country's most disadvantaged people. There was little the Yes campaign could do to countervail this.*

*7. Lies in political advertising and communication were a primary feature of this campaign. We know that the No campaign was funded and resourced by conservative and international interests who have no stake or genuine interest in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We know this funding supported multiple No campaigns that intentionally argued in varying directions to create doubt and fear in both non-Indigenous and Indigenous communities. This included resurrecting scare campaigns seen during the 1990s against land rights, but the scale of deliberate disinformation and misinformation was unprecedented, and it proliferated, unchecked, on social media, repeated in mainstream media and unleashed a tsunami of racism against our people. We know that the mainstream media failed our people, favouring 'a false sense of balance' over facts.*

*8. There has always been racism against First Nations people in Australia. It increased with multiple daily instances during the campaign and was a powerful driver for the No campaign. But this campaign went beyond just racism. 'If you don't know - Vote No' gave expression to ignorance and licensed the abandonment of civic responsibility on the part of many voters who voted No. This shameful victory belongs to the Institute of Public Affairs, the Centre for Independent Studies and mainstream media.*

*9. Post-referendum commentaries that exculpate those who voted No were expected as the usual kind of post-election approbation of the electorate. The truth is that the majority of Australians have committed a shameful act whether knowingly or not, and there is nothing positive to be interpreted from it. We needed truth to be told to the Australian people.*

*10. We will maintain the vision of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. We will continue to uphold the outcomes of the Uluru Dialogues to which more than 1,200 Aboriginal*



*and Torres Strait Islander people from across the country contributed – culminating in the Uluru Statement signed by 250 people on 26 May 2017. It is evident that many Australians are unaware of our cultures, our histories, or the racism imbued in the Australian Constitution. That so many Australian people believe there is no race or division on race in the current Australian Constitution speaks to the need for better education on Australian history and better civics education. We have faith that the upswelling of support through this Referendum has ignited a fire for many to walk with us on our journey towards justice. Our truths have been silenced for too long.*

*11. We want to talk with our people and our supporters about establishing – independent of the Constitution or legislation – an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to take up the cause of justice for our people. Rejection of constitutional recognition will not deter us from speaking up to governments, parliaments and to the Australian people. We have an agenda for justice in pursuit of our First Nations rights that sorely need a Voice – we will continue to follow our law and our ways, as our Elders and Ancestors have done.*

*12. We will regather in due course and develop a plan for our future direction. While this moment will be etched into Australia’s history forever, today we think of our children, and our children’s children. Our work continues as it has always done. We will continue to fight to seek justice for our peoples. We are three per cent of the population, and you are 97 per cent.*

## **9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

## **10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

### **10.1 Chief Executive Officer**

#### **10.1.1 Review of Council Committees**

Council resolved to appoint Councillors to the following Committees and Concept Forums.

1. Community Consultative Committee

Cr LEE nominated himself and Cr MASLI as CCC Council representatives.

Cr MASLI accepted the nomination.

No other nominations received from the floor.

#### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr LEE**

**Seconded: Cr MASLI**

**Res. No:**

**86/23**

Community Consultative Committee

- a) Retain the Community Consultative Committee with the functions, membership and powers as established and shown in Attachment 1.\*
- b) Appoint the Shire President Gordon THOMSON, Cr LEE and Cr MASLI as the Councillor representatives on the Community Consultative Committee. \*
- c) Invite nominations representative from the member organisations of the Community Consultative Committee.

**Carried: 9/0 (\*Absolute Majority)**

**For: Cr THOMSON**

**Cr YON**

**Cr FOO**

<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>
<b>Against: None</b>		

2. Community Welfare Fund and Management Committee

Cr LEE nominated Cr YON and Cr FOO to be the Councillor representatives on the CWFMC.

Cr YON and Cr FOO accepted the nominations

No other nominations were received from the floor.

<b>Council Resolution</b>			
<b>Moved: Cr YON</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr FOO</b>	<b>Res. No:</b>	<b>87/23</b>
Community Welfare Fund and Management Committee			
a)	Retain the Community Welfare Fund Management Committee with the functions, membership and powers as established and shown in Attachment 1*.		
b)	Appoint Cr YON and Cr FOO as the Councillor representatives on the Community Welfare Fund Management Committee*.		
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>9/0 (*Absolute Majority)</b>		
<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>
<b>Against: None</b>			

3. The Islander Editorial Group

Cr THOMSON nominated Cr MASLI as Councillor representative on the IEG

Cr MASLI accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were received from the floor.

<b>Council Resolution</b>			
<b>Moved: Cr LEE</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Res. No:</b>	<b>88/23</b>
The Islander Editorial Group			
a)	Appoint the Shire President Gordon THOMSON and Cr MASLI as Councillor representatives on The Islander Editorial Group.		
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>9/0</b>		
<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>
<b>Against: None</b>			

4. Cemeteries Management Reference Group

Cr THOMSON nominated Cr TUNG to participate on the CMRG.

Cr TUNG declined the nomination.

Cr LEE nominated himself, Cr YON and Cr SAW.

No other nominations were received from the floor.

**Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr SAW**

**Seconded: Cr YON**

**Res. No: 89/23**

Cemeteries Management Reference Group

- a) Appoint Cr LEE, Cr YON and Cr SAW as the Councillor representatives on the Cemeteries Management Reference Group.
- b) Invite nominations for a serving representative from the member organisations of the Cemeteries Management Reference Group.

**Carried: 9/0**

<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>

**Against: None**

5. Community Cultural Planning and Heritage Reference Group

Cr LEE nominated himself for the CCPHRG.

No other nominations were received from the floor.

**Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr LEE**

**Seconded: Cr SAW**

**Res. No: 90/23**

Community Cultural Planning and Heritage Reference Group

- a) Appoint Cr LEE as the Councillor representative on the Cultural Planning and Heritage Reference Group.

**Carried: 9/0**

<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>

**Against: None**

6. Transport, Land and Communications Committee

Cr THOMSON nominated Cr PEREIRA for the TLCC

Cr PEREIRA accepted.

Cr LEE nominated himself for TLCC

No other nominations from the floor were received.

**Council Resolution****Moved: Cr LEE****Seconded: Cr MASLI****Res. No: 91/23**

Transport, Land and Communications Committee

- a) Retain the powers and functions as prescribed by section 5.10 of the Local Government Act (CI) 1995\*, and
- b) Appoint Shire President Gordon THOMSON, Cr PEREIRA, Cr LEE, the Chief Executive Officer, the Director Works and Services, the Director of Planning, Governance and Policy as Councillor and staff representatives in accordance with section 5.9 of the Local Government Act (CI) 1995\*.

**Carried: 9/0 (\*Absolute Majority)**

<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>

**Against: None**

## 7. Audit Committee

**Council Resolution****Moved: Cr LEE****Seconded: Cr SAW****Res. No: 92/23**

Audit Committee

- a) That all current councillors be appointed to the Audit Committee in accordance with section 7.1A of the Local Government Act (CI) 1995.\*
- b) Retain the powers and functions as prescribed by section 7.1A of the Local Government Act (CI) 1995 and,
- c) That the Director Finance and Administration attend the Audit Committee meetings in the capacity as ex – officio.

**Carried: 9/0 (\*Absolute Majority)**

<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>

**Against: None**

## 8. Senior Citizens Centre Advisory Committee

Cr FOO nominated himself for SCCAC.

Cr TUNG nominated herself for SCCAC.

Cr FOO withdrew his nomination.

No other nominations were received from the floor.

**Council Resolution****Moved: Cr YON****Seconded: Cr FOO****Res. No: 93/23**

Senior Citizens Centre Advisory Committee

- a) Retain the Senior Citizens Centre Advisory Committee with the functions, membership and powers as established and shown in Attachment 1\*.
- b) Appoint Cr TUNG and Director of Recreation Services and Training as the Council representatives on the Senior Citizens Centre Advisory Committee\*.
- c) Invite nominations for serving representatives from the member organisation the Christmas Island Seniors Association\*.

**Carried: 9/0 (\*Absolute Majority)**

<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>

**Against:** None

9. Fisheries Management Committee

Cr THOMSON nominated himself, Cr LEE and Cr YON.

Cr LEE and Cr YON accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were received from the floor.

**Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr YON**

**Seconded: Cr FOO**

**Res. No: 94/23**

Fisheries Management Committee

The composition of the committee is:

- a) Cr THOMSON, Cr LEE and Cr YON as the Councillor representatives, the CEO and Director for Planning, Governance and Policy as the employee representatives\*,
- b) That Council and seeking applications from members of the public to join the Shire of Christmas Island Fisheries Management Committee.\*

The Terms of Reference of the Shire of Christmas Island Fisheries Management Committee is:

*"To inform and advise the Shire and the Christmas Island Community on Fishery Management issues, direction, policy and where appropriate alternative direction to the proposed Christmas Island Applied Laws Amendment (Fish Resources Management) Ordinance 2022."*

**Carried: 9/0 (\*Absolute Majority)**

<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>

**Against:** None

10.1.2 Draft Local Planning Strategy – Part 1

Town Planning consultant Herve CALMY presented the Part 1 Draft Local Planning Strategy to Council.

Cr YON left the meeting at 8.20pm

Cr WOO left the meeting at 8.22pm

Cr YON and WOO returned to the meeting at 8.25pm

**Council Resolution****Moved: Cr SAW****Seconded: Cr MASLI****Res. No: 95/23**

Council takes note of the October 2023 Draft Local Planning Strategy - Part 1 Strategy and that Part 2 Background Information and Analysis will be submitted with Part 1 for endorsement at the November Ordinary Meeting of Council prior to submission to the WA Planning commission for Certification.

**Carried: 9/0**

<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>

**Against: None****10.2 Director Finance & Administration**

## 10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – September 2023

**Council Resolution****Moved: Cr LEE****Seconded: Cr FOO****Res. No: 96/23**

That Council approves the expenditure as presented in September 2023 Schedule of Accounts

**Carried: 9/0**

<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>

**Against: None**

## 10.2.2 Financial Statements – September 2023

**Council Resolution****Moved: Cr FOO****Seconded: Cr LEE****Res. No: 97/23**

That Council receives the Financial Statements of September 2023 for the Municipal Fund.

**Carried: 9/0**

<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>

**Against: None**

## 10.2.3 Outstanding Rates/Debtors Report 30 September 2023

**Council Resolution****Moved: Cr YON****Seconded: Cr SAW****Res. No: 98/23**

The report is noted.

**Carried: 9/0**

<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>

Cr LEE                      Cr PEREIRA    Cr TUNG

**Against:** None

### 10.3 Director Community Services, Recreation & Training

#### 10.4 Director Works, Services & Waste

##### 10.4.1 RFT 02-2023 Supply and Delivery of 7x Toyota Dual Cab Utes

###### Council Resolution

**Moved: Cr YON    Seconded: Cr WOO    Res. No:    99/23**

That Council accepts the offer for RFT 03-2023 Supply and Delivery of 7x Toyota SR Dual Cab Utes from Scarboro Toyota for the Lump Sum of \$390,027.31

**Carried:        9/0**

**For:    Cr THOMSON                      Cr YON                      Cr FOO  
         Cr MASLI                          Cr SAW                      Cr WOO  
         Cr LEE                                Cr PEREIRA                Cr TUNG**

**Against:** None

### 10.5 Director Planning, Governance & Policy

##### 10.5.1 Procurement Policy Review

###### Council Resolution

**Moved: Cr YON    Seconded: Cr SAW    Res. No:    100/23**

That Council adopts the reviewed *Financial Policy 2 – Purchasing* in the Policy Manual.

**Carried:        9/0**

**For:    Cr THOMSON                      Cr YON                      Cr FOO  
         Cr MASLI                          Cr SAW                      Cr WOO  
         Cr LEE                                Cr PEREIRA                Cr TUNG**

**Against:** None

##### 10.5.2 Corporate Business Plan

###### Council Resolution

**Moved: Cr MASLI    Seconded: Cr FOO    Res. No:    101/23**

That Council adopts the 2023-2028 Shire of Christmas Island Corporate Business Plan

**Carried:        9/0**

**For:    Cr THOMSON                      Cr YON                      Cr FOO  
         Cr MASLI                          Cr SAW                      Cr WOO  
         Cr LEE                                Cr PEREIRA                Cr TUNG**

**Against:** None

## 11 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

## 12 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

### 12.1 Resolution to admit new business relating to the presentation by the Youth Advisory Council

<b>Council Resolution</b>			
<b>Moved: Cr YON</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Res. No:</b>	<b>102/23</b>
That new business relating to the presentation by the Youth Advisory Council is introduced.			
<b>Carried: 9/0</b>			
<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>
<b>Against:</b>	None		

### 12.2 Resolution – Council Statement on Gaza

<b>Council Resolution</b>			
<b>Moved: Cr LEE</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr YON</b>	<b>Res. No:</b>	<b>103/23</b>
<b>STOP ISRAEL’S WAR CRIMES IN GAZA</b>			
<b>The Shire of Christmas Island calls for an urgent ceasefire in Israel and Palestine</b>			
The Shire of Christmas Island is gravely concerned at the escalation of violence between Israel and Hamas.			
The Government of Israel has launched an unrelenting bombing campaign against the Palestinians of densely-populated Gaza; shut off Gaza from basic supplies of food, water, electricity and medicine; and ordered 1.1 million people to evacuate. This has created an urgent humanitarian crisis for Palestinians – with basic necessities running out and fears people are beginning to die of dehydration.			
The Shire of Christmas Island condemns attacks on civilians, with over 5,000 Palestinians killed to date, including up to 2000 children. The continuing attacks on the civilian population of Gaza are war crimes under international law that prohibits “collective punishment”. Thirty-five UN teachers, medical and sanitation workers have been killed in Gaza. Christmas Island people are enduring collective pain for the suffering of our fellow human beings in Gaza.			
We call for all sides, and the international community, to act for peace. There must be an immediate de-escalation and ceasefire, and the creation of humanitarian corridors to allow humanitarian aid into Palestine unimpeded. Civilians must be protected, and civilian infrastructure such as hospitals must not be targeted. UN Human Rights Expert Francesca Albanese has stated ‘the United Nations and its Member States must intensify efforts to mediate an immediate ceasefire between the parties, before we reach a point of no return’.			
We welcome the \$10 million aid package for Palestine announced by the Australian Government on 14 October. Humanitarian needs for food, water, medical supplies and shelter are rapidly escalating and Australia must commit further assistance.			
The Shire of Christmas Island calls on the Australian Government to exercise all avenues of diplomacy to stop the bombing and the ground assault by Israel into Gaza and call for an immediate			



ceasefire.

We reiterate our opposition to war, violence, and racism, including antisemitism and Islamophobia.

This latest escalation is part of a decades-long conflict that must be brought to a just outcome through dialogue and respect for international law, including human rights.

The Shire of Christmas Island calls for an end to the occupation of Palestine and a just and sustainable peace in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions: including the removal of illegal settlements, the withdrawal of Israel from all Palestinian lands along with the dismantling of the separation wall. In line with the Shire's support for a two-state solution with the security of borders for both nations, we call on all countries to recognise, without delay, Palestine as a sovereign state with East Jerusalem as its capital. This will confirm the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination in a free and independent Palestine.

The Shire of Christmas Island stands in solidarity with all victims of violence in this conflict and calls for an immediate ceasefire.

For the next 7 days our Christmas Island flag will be lowered to half-mast to mark 7 days of mourning for the loss of our fellow human beings in Palestine.

**Carried: 9/0**

<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>

**Against:** None

### 12.3 Resolution to admit new business relating to the *Allies for Uluru* statement

#### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr YON**

**Seconded: Cr MASLI**

**Res. No: 104/23**

That new business relating to the *Allies for Uluru* statement is introduced.

**Carried: 9/0**

<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>

**Against:** None

### 12.4 Resolution on the *Allies for Uluru* statement on the Voice Referendum

#### **Council Resolution**

**Moved: Cr YON**

**Seconded: Cr MASLI**

**Res. No: 105/23**

That the Shire of Christmas Island advises the organisation, *Allies for Uluru*, and the Prime Minister and Members of the Parliaments of the Commonwealth of Australia, the States and mainland Territories, that the Shire of Christmas Island identifies as one of the organisations who supported Yes in the Voice referendum; and the support of the Shire of Christmas Island for the entirety of the terms of the *Allies of Uluru* letter to the Prime Minister and the members of the Commonwealth Parliament of 22 October 2023.

Christmas Island voted in favour of the constitutional recognition of the First Peoples of Australia by

establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice – 61.7% YES.

**Carried: 9/0**

<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr THOMSON</b>	<b>Cr YON</b>	<b>Cr FOO</b>
	<b>Cr MASLI</b>	<b>Cr SAW</b>	<b>Cr WOO</b>
	<b>Cr LEE</b>	<b>Cr PEREIRA</b>	<b>Cr TUNG</b>

**Against:** None

**13 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

**14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Shire President closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

**15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 21 November 2023**