



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 17 March 2026



**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 17 March 2026**

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Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 17 March 2026

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 Steven **PEREIRA**
Cr Swee **TUNG**
Cr Gordon **THOMSON**
(Entered the meeting at 7.01pm)
Cr Azmi **YON**
Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**
Cr Tracey **KREPP**

Chief Executive Officer

David **PRICE**

Assistant Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Director Community/Recreation Services

Wei **HO**
Olivier **LINES**

- 2.2 **Leave of Absence**
Councillor

Cr Stephanie **LAI** Resolution 13/26

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 LEE Raised the question of potholes in general and on the road beside Tracks Taven. CEO David Price indicated that the Tracks Taven potholes have been reported to the Shire and together with general potholes are scheduled for filling and sealing.

- 4.2 Cr KREPP Raised on behalf of residents the actual timing of the Chicken reduction program, rat control and the use of the Shire's chicken cages for possible use by residents.

CEO David Price Indicated that with the Chicken Control Contractor visiting next week to develop the ongoing program for chicken control it is anticipated that Stage 2 the one-month initial large scale population reduction will commence at the beginning of the dry season following by Stage 3 the long-term reproduction program over 24 months.

With the current Rat population, the CEO reported this has been raised with the Department of Infrastructure in Canberra and Parks Australia as an island and community wellbeing and health issue that requires a Whole-of-Government approach.

On the question of community use of the Shire's chicken cages this would be looked at by the visit of the Chicken Control Contractor for possible including in the control program

- 4.3 Cr KREPP Raised the question of vehicles in Coconut Drive and Short Street blocking view for residents when reversing from their driveways, the parking of a boat that is infringing traffic movement and identified the area of asphalt that need some repair.

The CEO David Price indicated the Ranger would investigate and take the necessary actions, and the asphalt issues would be referred to the Works Department of repair scheduling.

- 4.4 Cr TUNG Raised the question of the delivery and installation of the sunshades for the playgrounds that were in the Budget.

Director for Community/ Recreation Services Olivier Lines reported that 3 are on the current ship and will be allocated to Poon Saan, Prickle Park and Taman Sweetland. Cr Tung raised why Drumsite was not on the list to which Olivier Lines indicated that a shade at Kookaiz in Drumsite could be include with a lean-to design.

- 4.5 Cr PERERIA raised the question of a boat parking on the side of the road in Gaze Road when a designated boat parking area is available.

The CEO David Price indicated that he would get the Ranger to direct the boat owner to relocate the boat to the designated parking area.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.1 Cr TUNG

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr KREPP

Seconded: Cr THOMSON

Res. No:

12/26

That the leave of absence application submitted by Cr Swee (Mel) TUNG (20/04/2026) to 04/05/2026) be approved.

Carried:

6/0

Cr PEREIRA

Cr TUNG

Cr YON

Cr LEE

Cr KREPP

Cr THOMSON

5.2 Cr LAI

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr TUNG

Res. No:

13/26

That the leave of absence application submitted by Cr Stephanie LAI (12/03/2026) to 30/04/2026) be approved.

Carried:

6/0

Cr PEREIRA

Cr TUNG

Cr YON

Cr LEE

Cr KREPP

Cr THOMSON

6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

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

7.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 3 February 2026

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr KREPP

Res. No: 14/26

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 3 February 2026 Council Meeting.

Carried: 6/0

Cr PEREIRA

Cr TUNG

Cr YON

Cr LEE

Cr KREPP

Cr THOMSON

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.2 Director Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – January 2026

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr THOMSON

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 15/26

That Council receive the expenditure totalling \$874,578.54 as presented in January 2026 Schedule of Accounts.

Carried: 6/0

Cr PEREIRA

Cr TUNG

Cr YON

Cr LEE

Cr KREPP

Cr THOMSON

10.2.2 Financial Statements – January 2026

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr THOMSON

Seconded: Cr YON

Res. No: 16/26

That Council receives the Financial Statements of January 2026.

Carried: 6/0

Cr PEREIRA

Cr TUNG

Cr YON

Cr LEE

Cr KREPP

Cr THOMSON

10.2.3 Tender of Sale – Obsolete IMAC Computers

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr THOMSON

Seconded: Cr YON

Res. No: 17/26

That Council call for tenders or expression of interest for obsolete IMAC computers

Carried: 6/0

Cr PEREIRA

Cr TUNG

Cr YON

Cr LEE

Cr KREPP

Cr THOMSON

10.2.4 Schedule of Accounts – February 2026

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr KREPP

Seconded: Cr TUNG

Res. No: 18/26

That Council receive the expenditure totalling \$834,041.18 as presented in February 2026 Schedule of Accounts.

Carried: 6/0

Cr PEREIRA

Cr TUNG

Cr YON

Cr LEE

Cr KREPP

Cr THOMSON

10.2.5 Financial Statements – February 2026

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: 19/26

That Council receives the Financial Statements of February 2026.

Carried: 6/0

Cr PEREIRA

Cr TUNG

Cr YON

Cr LEE

Cr KREPP

Cr THOMSON

10.3 Director Community/Recreation Services & Training

10.3.1 Celebrating 28th Anniversary Seniors Week 2026

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr THOMSON

Seconded: Cr YON

Res. No: 20/26

That the Shire of Christmas Island is coordinating the 2026 Seniors Week celebration from the 20th to 26th July 2026 and invites sponsorship from community organisations to assist in facilitating this annual event.

Carried: 6/0

Cr PEREIRA

Cr TUNG

Cr YON

Cr LEE

Cr KREPP

Cr THOMSON

10.4 Director Works, Services & Waste

10.5 Director Planning, Governance & Policy

10.5.1 Local Heritage List Policy Adoption

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr KREPP

Seconded: Cr THOMSON

Res. No: 21/26

That Council enters 9 Lam Lok Loh, known colloquially as 'Japanese House' as the first entry into the Shire of Christmas Island Heritage List.

Carried: 6/0

Cr PEREIRA

Cr TUNG

Cr YON

Cr LEE

Cr KREPP

Cr THOMSON

- 11 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**
- 12 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING**
- 13 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**
- 14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**
The Shire President closed the meeting at 7.37pm
- 15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 28 April 2026