



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 9 December 2025



**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 18 November 2025

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Presiding Member Shire President Steven Pereira

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Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 9 December 2025

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

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

Cr PEREIRA advised the meeting that within the provisions of the Local Government (Administrative) Regulations 1966, Section 14C (2) (b) he is authorising Cr TUNG to attend the Council meeting by electronic means.

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** (online)
Cr Tracey **KREPP**
Cr Stephanie **LAI**
Cr Azmi **YON**
Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**

Chief Executive Officer
Director Planning, Governance & Policy/Minute Taker
Assistant Director Finance and Corporate Services

David **PRICE**
Chris **SU**
Wei **HO**

2.2 **Leave of Absence**

Cr Gordon **THOMSON**

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 YON provided an update to the Council on the progress of the crab migration. Advised that it has gone well, with expected return of crabs this coming weekend Saturday 13 Dec. Requested SOCI assistance in crab management from CITA through to the Police Station on Gaze Road the coming weekend. Advised that Parks will close the roadway into Flying Fish Cove.

CEO PRICE advised he will return to Parks to advise the manpower assistance available.

- 4.2 Cr LAI raised a request from a member of the public regarding the walking path on Murray Road in the Drumsite precinct. Could SOCI consider extending the fenceline of the walking path where it extends over Murray Road? Cr LAI also identified the chance to provide a maintenance clean on the pathway to reduce slip risks for users on the path beside the unsealed road that leads to the back of PRL's Workshops.

CEO PRICE to advise of the follow up actions.

- 4.3 Cr LAI raised on behalf of a community member the need for Drumsite Park to undergo cleaning. Identified wasp nests in the area, and also acknowledged the recent removal of a vehicle in the park's vicinity.

CEO PRICE to advise of the follow up at Drumsite Park.

Meeting discussed another disused vehicle in the roundabout precinct. Discussion on the land tenure the vehicle is on; more investigation required. Cr YON identified a boat parked in the roundabout precinct too that may not have permission to be there.

- 4.4 Cr LAI requested to know if a speed bump could be installed at Arenga Close.

CEO PRICE advised that he'd examine the options.

- 4.5 Cr LAI raised to the meeting the occurrence of birdwatcher tourists stopping their vehicles along Gaze Road to engage in birdwatching. Cr KREPP also advised that she has witnessed the same, alongside birdwatchers entering private property on Gaze Road to pursue line of sight of a bird. Residents in the area sought to have their privacy maintained and not have people on their property in this way.

Cr LAI continued that stopping on a roadway to participate in birdwatching presented a risk to other vehicles on the road; Cr PEREIRA also shared that this activity has happened at other locations citing the Telstra Tower corner on Murray Road as an example, alongside erratic stopping during crab migration periods.

CEO PRICE advised that CITA will be contacted on this concern raised by Cr LAI to seek their assistance in reminding guests to the island mindfulness in residential areas and safety around road behaviour.

- 4.6 Cr KREPP requested to be advised on the status of park shade provision from budgeting to installation.

CEO PRICE responded that two of the parks are having shade cover installed this financial with more to be done in the following financial year.

- 4.7 Cr KREPP requested advice on the possibility of installing water coolers in the council parks around the island.

CEO PRICE advised that installs would require water and power, and that he would return to the Council with some figures for future budget consideration.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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 18 November 2025

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr LAI		Seconded: Cr KREPP	Res. No: 112/25
That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 18 November 2025 Council Meeting.			
Carried: 6/0			
For:	Cr PEREIRA	Cr TUNG	Cr KREPP
	Cr LAI	Cr YON	Cr LEE
Against:			

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

Audit Committee 2 December 2025

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr KREPP		Seconded: Cr TUNG	Res. No: 113/25
That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 2 December 2025 Audit Meeting.			
Carried: 6/0			
For:	Cr PEREIRA	Cr TUNG	Cr KREPP
	Cr LAI	Cr YON	Cr LEE
Against:			

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.1.1 Light Industrial Area Lots 509 and 510

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr YON		Seconded: Cr LEE	Res. No: 114/25
That Council approves the CEO engaging with the two Expression of Interest for Light Industrial Area Lots 509 and 510 LIA with the view to obtaining an offer to buy for consideration at a future Council Meeting.			
Carried: 6/0	ABSOLUTE MAJORITY		
For:	Cr PEREIRA	Cr TUNG	Cr KREPP
	Cr LAI	Cr YON	Cr LEE
Against:			

10.1.2 Annual Report 2025

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr YON	Seconded: Cr LAI	Res. No:	115/25
1. The Shire of Christmas Island Annual Report for 2025 is accepted.			
2. An Elector's General Meeting is held on Tuesday 3 February 2026 commencing at 6.30pm for the purpose prescribed by the Local Government Act 1995 (WA) (CI).			
3. The Chief Executive Officer is to give notice of the Elector's Meeting and to ensure that statutory requirements regarding the acceptance of the Annual Report 2025 are met.			
Carried:	6/0	ABSOLUTE MAJORITY	
For:	Cr PEREIRA	Cr TUNG	Cr KREPP
	Cr LAI	Cr YON	Cr LEE
Against:			

10.2 Director Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – November 2025

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr LEE	Seconded: Cr YON	Res. No:	116/25
That Council receive the expenditure totalling \$960,452.16 as presented in November 2025 Schedule of Accounts.			
Carried:	6/0		
For:	Cr PEREIRA	Cr TUNG	Cr KREPP
	Cr LAI	Cr YON	Cr LEE
Against:			

10.2.2 Financial Statements – November 2025

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr LEE	Seconded: Cr YON	Res. No:	117/25
That Council receives the Financial Statements of November 2025.			
Carried:	6/0		
For:	Cr PEREIRA	Cr TUNG	Cr KREPP
	Cr LAI	Cr YON	Cr LEE
Against:			

10.3 Director Community/Recreation Services & Training

10.4 Director Works, Services & Waste

10.5 Director Planning, Governance & Policy

10.5.1 Additional Use 43A Gaze Road

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr TUNG

Seconded: Cr KREPP

Res. No: 118/25

That the Council not approve the application for Additional Use Class 36 – Residential Building for 43a Barracks, Gaze Road for the reasons set out in the officer’s report; and advises the applicant that the proposal is not supported in the Commercial zone due to inconsistency with the planning framework and the Shire’s strategic direction for protection and enhancement of commercial land at this time and that Council inform the applicant of their options under the State Administrative Tribunal following the resolution.

Carried: 4/2

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr KREPP
Cr LAI

Against: Cr YON Cr LEE

11 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

11.1 Notice of Motion Cr LAI

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LAI

Seconded: Cr TUNG

Res. No: 119/25

The below notice of motion was received from Cr LAI.

MOTION

That Council

1. Revoke Resolution 80/25, made at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16 September 2025, which states:
“That the Shire of Christmas Island Council remains resolutely opposed to the privatization of energy supply on Christmas Island at any stage of generation and distribution...” (full text as recorded in the minutes)
2. That Council defers adopting any policy position regarding energy supply on Christmas Island, including the opposition to privatization expressed in Resolution 80/25, until:
 1. The Commonwealth feasibility study on decarbonising electricity supply in the Indian Ocean Territories is provided;
 2. Any relevant proposals involving private or public energy generation are fully assessed; and
 3. The community has been consulted and had the opportunity to provide input.

Carried: 4/2 ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr KREPP
Cr LAI

Against: Cr YON Cr LEE

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 7.30 pm

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 3 February 2026