



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 3 February 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 3 February 2026

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Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Christmas Island held at the George Fam Chambers at 7.00pm on Tuesday 3 February 2026

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.1 The Deputy Shire President Cr TUNG declared the meeting open at 7.01pm.

Cr TUNG advised the meeting that within the provisions of the Local Government (Administrative) Regulations 1966, section 14C (2)(b) she is authorising Cr PEREIRA and Cr LAI 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** (video)
Cr Swee **TUNG**
Cr Tracey **KREPP**
Cr Azmi **YON**
Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**
Cr Stephanie **LAI** (video)

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

David **PRICE**
Chris **SU**
Wei **HO**
Kevin **WILSON**
Olivier **INES**

2.2 Leave of Absence

2.3 Apologies

Gordon **THOMSON**

2.4 Declarations of Financial/Impartiality/Proximity Interest

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Cr KREPP passed on a resident inquiry about the condition of some street signs on island. A number had growth over them, hampering visibility. Some Silver City signs were reported to suffer from growth.

CEO David PRICE advised the relevant team will arrange for inspection.

4.2 Cr KREPP distributed a proposal from Haley COOK on a current reuseable esky initiative. Provided background to the project; it provided eskies for islanders to use for transport of food from the mainland to the island to reduce single-use esky movements which typically end up in

landfill. Hayley COOK's document presented by Cr KREPP contains findings from the initial phase of the project. Cr KREPP requests council consideration for future participation alongside other parties in a future phase.

CEO David PRICE advised the meeting that the Commonwealth has recently completed a Landfill Environmental Management Plan for the Shire's Waste Management site. There are implementation recommendations for the local government to which the Shire is looking to resource in line with the plan. CEO David PRICE will contact Haley COOK to follow up.

- 4.3 Cr PEREIRA requested to know when the completion date for the Temple Book project may be. Director for Planning Chris SU provided a background to the Temple and Civic Building book project, and advised that the temple artworks had been completed with interpretation text being developed. The civic building artworks are in development alongside their interpretation texts. Director SU advised the temple book draft should be completed within 5 months, and the civic building draft in twelve months.
- 4.4 Cr LAI requested for an update on the speed bump matter for Arenga Close. CEO David PRICE advises the speed bump matter is still in development.
- 4.5 Cr YON raised a request from a resident if the Shire could support the installation of bidet water sprays in the toilets at the hospital and airport. The CEO David PRICE advised that both of those locations were Commonwealth buildings, and that he will advise to the Commonwealth the request received at the council meeting.
- 4.6 Cr YON brought community feedback to the meeting about the need for a prayer room at the Christmas Island Airport. The new QANTAS schedule overlaps with the afternoon / evening prayer times. CEO David PRICE advised that he will inform the Commonwealth of this feedback.
- 4.7 Cr TUNG presented photo documentation of vehicles in the Poon Saan area. She recounted that the February 2025 council meeting received an update that the Shire Ranger and AFP were addressing the matter and notes it has been one year.
CEO David PRICE advised that he will follow up with the ranger and AFP on the program of removal.
- 4.8 Cr TUNG requested an update on the rat and chicken eradication program. CEO David PRICE advised that quotes had been received in January 2026. CEO advised that some works may be completed in this financial year, with second phase works in the following financial year.
CEO PRICE advised that the rat eradication program proposal will require input from National Parks pertaining to sustainability and environmental impacts.

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 9 December 2025

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr YON

Res. No: 2/26

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 9 December 2025 Council Meeting.

Carried: 6/0

For: Cr PEREIRA
Cr KREPP

Cr TUNG
Cr LAI

Cr YON

Cr LEE

Against:

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

10.1.1 Budget Review 2025/26

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr YON

Res. No: 3/26

That the variations in the existing budget line items as set out in the attached proposed budget review report be approved.

Carried Absolute Majority

6/0

For: Cr PEREIRA

Cr TUNG

Cr YON

Cr LEE

Against: Cr KREPP

Cr LAI

10.1.2 2026 ALGA National Conference Attendance

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr YON

Res. No: 4/26

That Council –

1. Confirm registration to attend the 2026 Australian Local Government Association National Assembly conference scheduled for 23 to 25 June 2026 in Canberra,
2. Nominates the Shire President, the CEO and Councillors KREPP and TUNG to attend the conference for the purpose of registration, travel and accommodation arrangements,
3. Advise the CEO of any Motions by 27 February 2026 that Council may want to have included in the Conference Agenda Papers and,
4. Confirm the voting (x 1) and proxy (x 1) delegates for the conference.

Carried: **6/0**

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr YON Cr LEE
Cr KREPP Cr LAI

Against:

10.1.3 Date Change for the 2026 June Ordinary Meeting of Council

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr KREPP

Res. No: **5/26**

The Ordinary Meeting date of Council for June 2026 be changed from 23rd June to 16th June 2026.

Carried: **6/0**

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr YON Cr LEE
Cr KREPP Cr LAI

Against:

10.1.4 ICT Network Facility (Telecommunication Infrastructure)

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr KREPP

Res. No: **6/26**

That Council resolves, that in accordance with Clause 4.4.2(b) of the Scheme the proposed Telecommunications Infrastructure (ICT Network Facility) at Proposed Lot 595 Cnr of Irvine Hill Road & Phosphate Hill Road, Phosphate Hill Christmas Island may be consistent with the objectives of the Urban Development zone and that the proposal be advertised in accordance with the procedures of the Deemed Provisions.

Carried: **6/0**

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr YON Cr LEE
Cr KREPP Cr LAI

Against:

10.2 Director Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – December 2025

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: **7/26**

That Council receive the expenditure totalling \$1,349,747.87 as presented in December 2025 Schedule of Accounts.

Carried: **6/0**

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr YON Cr LEE
Cr KREPP Cr LAI

Against:

10.2.2 Financial Statements – December 2025

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON

Seconded: Cr LEE

Res. No: **8/26**

That Council receives the Financial Statements of December 2025.

Carried: 6/0

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr YON Cr LEE
Cr KREPP Cr LAI

Against:

10.2.3 Outstanding Rates/Debtors Report 31 December 2025

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON **Seconded: Cr KREPP** **Res. No: 9/26**

The report is noted.

Carried: 6/0

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr YON Cr LEE
Cr KREPP Cr LAI

Against:

10.3 Director Community/Recreation Services & Training

10.4 Director Works, Services & Waste

10.5 Director Planning, Governance & Policy

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

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON **Seconded: Cr KREPP** **Res. No: 10/26**

The meeting be closed to members of the public in accordance with section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 for council to discuss matter of a confidential nature.

Carried: 6/0

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr YON Cr LEE
Cr KREPP Cr LAI

Against:

13.1 Light Industrial Area Lot Offers

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON **Seconded: Cr KREPP** **Res. No: 11/26**

That Council accepts the:

1.The offer of \$250,000 for Lot 509 and \$250,000 for Lot 510 be accepted.
2.That the offer for \$30,000 - \$40,000 for 1 Lot be advised the offer was unsuccessful.
3.That Council authorizes the CEO to facilitate the sale of the above Lots.

Carried:

**Absolute
Majority**

For:

6/0

Against:

Cr PEREIRA
Cr KREPP

Cr TUNG
Cr LAI

Cr YON

Cr LEE

13.2 Reopening the Meeting

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr YON

Res. No: 11/26

That the meeting be reopened to the public,

Carried: 6/0

For:

Cr PEREIRA
Cr KREPP

Cr TUNG
Cr LAI

Cr YON

Cr LEE

Against:

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Deputy Shire President closed the meeting at 7.34pm

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 17 March 2026