UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 28 July 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 28 July 2026**

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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	Cr Steven **PEREIRA**
Deputy President	Cr Swee **TUNG**
Councillors	Cr Gordon **THOMSON**
	Cr Azmi **YON**
	Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**
	Cr Stephanie **LAI**
	Cr Tracey **KREPP**
Chief Executive Officer	David **PRICE**
Director Planning, Governance & Policy/Minute Taker	Chris **SU**
Assistant Director of Finance and Corporate Services	Wei **HO**
Director Community/Recreation Services	Olivier **LINES**
Director Works, Services & Waste	Andrew **SPYRAKIS**
Director for Finance and Corporate Services	Kevin **WILSON**

2.2 **Leave of Absence**

2.3 **Apologies**

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

CEO reports the following declarations of interest forms received from councillors for filing.

Cr LAI reported an impartiality interest in item 10.1.3
Cr THOMSON reported an impartiality interest in item 10.1.3
Cr YON reported an impartiality interest in item 10.1.3
Cr LEE reported an impartiality interest in item 10.1.3
Cr PEREIRA reported an impartiality interest in item 10.5.4
Cr KREPP reported an impartiality interest in item 10.5.3

2.5 **Announcement by Cr THOMSON on resignation**

Cr THOMSON requested the indulgence of the Chair to announce his resignation from Council.

Advised that he has tendered his resignation to the CEO and is now informing the Council that his last date as Councillor will be 31st July 2026. Reads letter of resignation, noted here in the minutes.

Dear David

Please accept this letter as my resignation from the position of Council at the Shire of Christmas Island effective the 31st July 2026. It has been my great honour to serve the people of Christmas Island as a councillor from 1999 until October 2011 and from August 2012 to the present.

I thank you and the Shire's employees for the constant energy and commitment and all their dedicated service to the community.

Throughout my time as president, integrity and co-operative action for the community rather than self-interest has been the philosophy and practice of our Council and employees. I thank you for that.

Comrades, together we have done well. May it always be so.

Thank you.

Cr THOMSON passed his letter to the CEO for addition to the minutes.

Cr PEREIRA read a response on behalf of Council.

Now on behalf of the Council and the Shire of Christmas Island, I would like to sincerely thank Councillor Thomson for his dedicated service as both councillor and president in his role since 1999 until the present.

His leadership, commitment and passion for our community has helped guide the Shire through many important decisions and challenges.

We are grateful for the time, energy and experience he has generously given in service to our community.

While we are saddened to see him stand down, we wish him many successes and happiness in the future.

Please join me in thanking Councillor Thomson for his outstanding contribution to the Shire. Thank you very much.

Cr PEREIRA presented Cr THOMSON a commemorative plaque on behalf of Council.

3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4.1 Cr LAI asks on behalf of a resident for clarification on progress of road work repair on Murray Road, at the area between the school and the dryers where temporary traffic control is situated.

Director of Works and Services Andrew SPYRAKIS informed the meeting that Watercorp's contractor is addressing the remediation for road works repair for that stretch of Murray Road after completion of their civil water infrastructure works. He informed the meeting that it had been programmed by them for this month, however with the shipping delay it will be pushed out to September.

4.2 Cr TUNG asked on behalf of a resident when might Council be conducting line marking at the bank, post office and supermarket car parks?

Director for Works and Services Andrew SPYRAKIS advised that the priority works programmed for the roads team at present is the resealing efforts; however line marking may possibly be scheduled for the end of October in conjunction with marking for pedestrian crossings.

4.3 Cr PEREIRA raised to Council a query from a resident on what Council may be able to do in Seaview Drive regarding traffic calming measures. Resident had advised that the speed of traffic in the area was a concern given the number of children who play in the area. Asked the CEO if Council could place a speed bump in the area?

CEO advised that Shire will examine the query and also raise it with the AFP who police speeding on Christmas Island in the first instance.

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 16 June 2026

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON **Seconded: Cr THOMSON** **Res. No: 46/26**

That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 16 June 2026 Council Meeting.

Carried: 7/0

For:	**Cr PEREIRA**	**Cr TUNG**	**Cr LEE**	**Cr TUNG**
	Cr KREPP	**Cr THOMSON**	**Cr YON**	

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 Annual Budget 2026-27 Agenda

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr KREPP **Seconded: Cr LAI** **Res. No: 47/26**

1. Council adopts the 2026/27 Annual Budget of the Shire of Christmas Island as presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting of the 28 July 2026.
2. A materiality level of plus/minus 10% or plus/minus $10,000 (whichever is the greater) to define significant variance in budget estimates and monthly reports is endorsed.
3. Council adopts the accounting policies contained within the budget.
4. The Shire President/Deputy President and Councillors' allowances to be paid as follows:
   a) Pursuant to section 5.98 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, council adopts the following annual fees for payment of elected members in lieu of individual attendance fees:

      Shire President $29,375

      Councillors $18,977
   b) Pursuant to section 5.98(5) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, council adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition to the annual meeting allowance:

      Shire President $42,837
   c) Pursuant to section 5.98A (1) of the *Local Government Act 1995,* council adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition of the annual meeting allowance (25%):

      Deputy President $10,709

Carried: **7/0 ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

For: **Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr LEE Cr TUNG**
Cr KREPP Cr THOMSON Cr YON

Against:

10.1.2 WALGA Conference 2026

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr THOMSON **Seconded: Cr TUNG** **Res. No: 48/26**

That Council –

1. nominate the following elected members Cr LAI, Cr LEE, Cr YON and Cr KREPP to attend the 2026 Annual West Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) conference to be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre 21 Mounts Bay Road from 16 to 18 September 2026 inclusive, and
2. nominate two elected members Cr LAI and Cr LEE as voting delegates and two elected members Cr YON and Cr KREPP as proxy delegates to register for the forthcoming 2026 conference.

Carried: **7/0**

For: **Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr LEE Cr TUNG**
Cr KREPP Cr THOMSON Cr YON

Against:

10.1.3 Community Assistance Grants 26-27

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr YON **Seconded: Cr LEE** **Res. No: 49/26**

1. The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to make payments to those organisations listed under "Proposed" in Attachment 10.1.3.1.

2. The Chief Executive Officer writes to each applicant advising the outcome of their application and, in the case of unsuccessful applicants, offering any in-kind assistance that may be available to enable the organisation to achieve their objectives.

Carried: 7/0

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

Against:

10.2 Director Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – June 2026

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr THOMSON **Seconded: Cr KREPP** **Res. No: 50/26**

That Council receive the expenditure totalling $1,377,719.53 as presented in June 2026 Schedule of Accounts.

Carried: 7/0

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

Against:

10.2.2 Financial Statements – June 2026

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LAI **Seconded: Cr LEE** **Res. No: 51/26**

That Council receives the Financial Statements of June 2026 for the Municipal Fund.

Carried: 7/0

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

Against:

10.2.3 Write off Soft Star rates Debts Council Agenda 28-7-2026

Council Resolution				
Moved: Cr YON		**Seconded: Cr KREPP**	**Res. No:**	**52/26**
That Council writes the outstanding rates debt $27,370.73 for two rates assessment properties previously leased by Soft Star PTY LTD for Lot 3051 and Lot 3052 Golf Course Casino Road.				
Carried:	**7/0 ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**			
For:	**Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr LEE Cr TUNG** **Cr KREPP Cr THOMSON Cr YON**			
Against:				

10.3 Director Community/Recreation Services & Training

10.4 Director Works, Services & Waste

10.5 Director Planning, Governance & Policy

10.5.1 SOCI Workforce Development Plan 2026-2031

Council Resolution				
Moved: Cr YON		**Seconded: Cr LEE**	**Res. No:**	**53/26**
That Council receives the 2026-2031 SOCI Workforce Development Plan for noting.				
Carried:	**7/0**			
For:	**Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr LEE Cr TUNG** **Cr KREPP Cr THOMSON Cr YON**			
Against:				

10.5.2 Policy Manual Review

Council Resolution				
Moved: Cr LAI		**Seconded: Cr KREPP**	**Res. No:**	**54/26**
That Council adopts the following reviewed policy – *Human Resources Policy 4: Council Employment Policy*				
Carried:	**7/0**			
For:	**Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr LEE Cr TUNG** **Cr KREPP Cr THOMSON Cr YON**			
Against:				

10.5.3 Planning Application: 3-6 Tong Chee Road

Cr KREPP left the meeting at 7.17pm

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE **Seconded: Cr TUNG** **Res. No: 55/26**

That Council accepts the planning application request for Short-Term Accommodation at 3/6 Tong Chee Road

Carried: 6/0

For: Cr PEREIRA Cr TUNG Cr LEE Cr TUNG Cr YON Cr THOMSON

Against:

Cr KREPP returned to the meeting at 7.18pm

10.5.4 Planning Application: 39b Gaze Road

Cr PEREIRA left the meeting at 7.18pm Deputy President Cr TUNG presides over the meeting.

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LAI **Seconded: Cr KREPP** **Res. No: 56/26**

That Council rejects the planning application request for residential building usage at 39b Gaze Road

Carried: 6/0

For: Cr TUNG Cr LEE Cr TUNG Cr YON Cr THOMSON Cr KREPP

Against:

Cr PEREIRA returned to the meeting at 7.19pm and resumes duty of presiding over the meeting.

10.5.5 ARIC Terms of Reference

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr THOMSON **Seconded: Cr YON** **Res. No: 57/26**

That the Council approve the Terms of Reference for the inaugural Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

Carried: 7/0 ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

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

Against:

10.5.6 SOCI Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport Standing Committee public hearing attendance

Council Resolution				
Moved: Cr THOMSON		**Seconded: Cr YON**	**Res. No:**	**58/26**

That the Council receives the 2024 SOCI submission to the *Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability* and 2026 submission to the *Payment Arrangements under the Federation Funding Agreement Framework Audit* and notes the invitation to participate in the public hearing for the former in Perth August 27th.

Carried:	**7/0**			
For:	**Cr PEREIRA**	**Cr TUNG**	**Cr LEE**	**Cr TUNG**
	Cr KREPP	**Cr THOMSON**	**Cr YON**	
Against:				

10.5.7 SOCI Public Health Plan

Council Resolution				
Moved: Cr LEE		**Seconded: Cr KREPP**	**Res. No:**	**59/26**

That the Council adopt the first Shire of Christmas Island Public Health Plan 2026-2031 and report to the WA Chief Health Officer as per s.47 of the Public Health Act (WA)(CI)(2016)

Carried:	**7/0**			
For:	**Cr PEREIRA**	**Cr TUNG**	**Cr LEE**	**Cr TUNG**
	Cr KREPP	**Cr THOMSON**	**Cr YON**	
Against:				

10.5.8 SOCI Strategic Community Plan 2 Year Desktop Review

Council Resolution				
Moved: Cr YON		**Seconded: Cr LAI**	**Res. No:**	**60/26**

That the receive the *Shire of Christmas Island Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033 'Our Island, Our Responsibility'* two year review.

Carried:	**7/0**			
For:	**Cr PEREIRA**	**Cr TUNG**	**Cr LEE**	**Cr TUNG**
	Cr KREPP	**Cr THOMSON**	**Cr YON**	
Against:				

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 7.23pm

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 25 August 2026