



CONFIRMED MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 19 August 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 19 August 2025

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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 Gordon **THOMSON**

Councillors

Cr Kee Heng **FOO**
Cr Philip **WOO**
Cr Hafiz **MASLI**
Cr Kelvin Kok Bin **LEE**

Acting CEO Director Planning, Governance & Policy
Director Community/Recreation Services
Assistant Director of Finance and Corporate Services

Chris **SU**
Olivier **LINES**
Wei **HO**

- 2.2 **Leave of Absence**
Deputy President
Councillor

Cr Azmi **YON**
Cr Mel **TUNG**
Cr Steven **PEREIRA**

- 2.3 **Apologies**
Councillor

Cr Vincent **SAW**

- 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 referred a query from a resident as to whether or not the US military were going to establish itself on Christmas Island? Shire President Gordon THOMSON advised that council had no visibility on the matter. Cr LEE requested that the resident's opposition to such a development be recorded in the minutes.
- 4.2 Cr FOO informed the meeting that the South Point Temple committee's plan to engage a team of mediums for the annual festival has been cancelled due to lack of availability of seats in December.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.1 Cr YON- Leave of Absence

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr MASLI	Seconded: Cr WOO	Res. No:	69/25
That the leave of absence application submitted by Cr Azmi Yon (08/08/2025 to 09/09/2025) be approved.			
Carried:	5/0		
For:	Cr THOMSON Cr MASLI	Cr FOO Cr LEE	Cr WOO
Against:			

5.2 Cr TUNG - Leave of Absence

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr MASLI	Seconded: Cr WOO	Res. No:	70/25
That the leave of absence application submitted by Cr Swee (Mel) Tung (19/08/2025 to 05/09/2025) be approved.			
Carried:	5/0		
For:	Cr THOMSON Cr MASLI	Cr FOO Cr LEE	Cr WOO
Against:			

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 22 July 2025

Members considered the unconfirmed minutes.

Council Resolution			
Moved: Cr FOO	Seconded: Cr LEE	Res. No:	71/25
That Council adopt the unconfirmed minutes of the 22 July 2025 Council Meeting.			
Carried:	5/0		
For:	Cr THOMSON Cr MASLI	Cr FOO Cr LEE	Cr WOO
Against:			

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

- 8.1 Shire President Gordon THOMSON advised that Council had been approached by Tim SAMBELL at CIDHS for a donation of \$1,000 to contribute to the boy's volleyball excursion to the national championships in Queensland. Under the donations policy, President Gordon THOMSON approved the request and is reporting to the Council as required.
- 8.2 Shire President Gordon THOMSON congratulated Director of Community Services Oliver LINES and the Shire staff Wei HO, Darren MARSH, Garry FOO, Chris SU, Rostynah OH, Cheau Ling NG and Suzane CHAN for a successful CI Marathon the weekend before. More than 50 people flew into the island for the event and there were no incidents during the event. Council noted the scale of the event has increased consistently over the years, becoming a major visitor program from its origins as a community social event.

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

10 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

10.1 Chief Executive Officer

10.2 Director Finance & Administration

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – July 2025

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr LEE

Seconded: Cr FOO

Res. No: 72/25

That Council receive the expenditure totaling \$1,322,843.07 as presented in July 2025 Schedule of Accounts.

Carried: 5/0

For: Cr THOMSON Cr FOO Cr WOO
Cr MASLI Cr LEE

Against:

10.2.2 Financial Statements – July 2025

Council Resolution

Moved: Cr MASLI

Seconded: Cr WOO

Res. No: 73 /25

That Council receives the Financial Statements of July 2025

Carried: 5/0

For: Cr THOMSON Cr FOO Cr WOO
Cr MASLI Cr LEE

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**
- 14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**
The Shire President closed the meeting at 7.15pm
- 15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 16 September 2025**