



GENERAL MEETING  
HELD THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009

COMMENCING AT 10:00AM  
PIASC BOARDROOM  
PALM ISLAND MAIN STREET

## ATTENDANCE

Alfred Lacey  
Raymond Sibley  
Zina Prior  
Michael Thaiday  
Ruth Gorringer

Mayor  
Councillor Acting Mayor  
Councillor  
Councillor  
Councillor

Barry Moyle

CEO

Mayor Lacey opened meeting 10:40

## 2. APOLOGIES.

Minute silence for Sibley, Richardson, Parkinson, Thaiday and Bulsey Family

Resolution- (GM01.290109) Pervious Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008

That PIASC accepts the minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008 as a true & correct record subject to amendments, Cr. Prior be recorded as returning after GM07.181208, Cr. Gorringer and Prior declared MPI and left the room for item GM33.181208

Carried Unanimously

Resolution- (GM02.290109)CEO Reports

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council resolves to sponsor Marni Rose Kyle \$500.00 for her trip to Brisbane for the 2009 Indigenous Schoolgirls Netball Trials and Council congratulate Marnie-Rose on her achievements for being selected to represent Australia.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM3-290109) Acting Deputy CEO Report

That the PIASC accepts acting deputy CEO Report

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM04.290109) Finance Report

As John Mugambi, Finance Manager & David Okunyah, Finance Officer are presently on leave, no Finance Reports were left for the meeting. Ezekiel Walsh is acting Finance Manager is unable to provide any Rental Reports or Debtors Reports as all the information has not been put into the new system. Finance Reports (including Debtors Report) will be presented at the February 2009 General Meeting

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM05.290109) Sandy Boyd Aged Care Report

That the PIASC received & accepts the Sandy Aged Boyd Care Report.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM06a.290109) Housing Report- Mrs. Beryl Gorringe

Housing report be received and Council offer Mrs. Beryl Gorringe a unit at Krause Unite

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM06b.290109) Housing Report-Verona Baira

Housing report be received and all other items to be referred back to the Housing Committee and a letter to be written to house currently illegally occupied by Verona Baira (Michael Fullerton tenant) in relation to the noise complaint and all housing applications be accepted

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM06c.290109) Housing Report- Transitional Houses – Doreen Prior & Norman Bounghi

Housing report be received and that the transitional houses be returned to Council.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM07.290109)

- Work Facilities Mangers Report
- Water/ Sewerage Plant Report
- Heavy machinery Report

**Work Facilities Manager Report**

Report be received & accepted and a meeting to be arrange to progress the sport facilities upgrade.

**Water/ Sewerage Plant Report**

That the PIASC receives & accepts the Water/Sewerage Plant Report.

**Heavy machinery Report**

That the PIASC receives & Accepts the Heavy Machinery report.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM08.290109) Editor Report- Palm Island Voice			
Report be received & accepted copies of Palm Island Voice to go to the Colleges and Correctional centre.			
Carried Unanimously			

Resolution (GM09.290109) Material Personal Interest			
That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council resolves to accept the Material Personal Interest (MPI) Spreadsheet & that all Councillors and the CEO to sign so that they can verify they have declared a Material Personal Interest (MPI), in the Meeting's held in 2008. when signed, the MPI Spreadsheets will be uploaded to the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Intranet, Cr. Gorrige interest in GM24 31.7.08 was not material and that the register be noted accordingly			
Carried Unanimously			

Resolution (GM10.290109) Uniforms Designs 2009			
Moved Cr.	Thaiday	Seconded Cr.	Gorrige
That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council resolves to accepts the designs from Corporate Services & Totally Work Wear. 2 x long sleeve and 3 x short sleeve for Councillors and dress jackets to be considered			
Carried			

Meeting suspended to conduct Disaster Management Meeting  
Lunch 12:25pm

Resolution (GM11.290109) Resolutions Spreadsheets			
Moved Cr.	Gorrige	Seconded Cr.	Thaiday
That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council accepts the Resolution Spreadsheet for General Meeting Held 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2008			
Carried Unanimously			

Resolution (GM12.290109) Edward Prior- Gun Licence			
That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council endorse Edward Prior to hold a gun licence on Palm Island for recreational & semi traditional purpose.			
Carried Unanimously			

Resolution (GM13.290109) Remuneration for Councillors of Local Government

That the PIASC authorise the payment of remuneration to the Mayor to be set at \$88,590, Deputy Mayor to increase by 5% (\$53,151), Councillors &  
- The purpose for which the remuneration is to be paid; remain the same and

**Amendment** Moved: Cr. Sibley Seconded: Gorringe

As above with the Mayor's remuneration to be set at \$82,000

For: Cr's Gorringe, Sibley

Against: Cr's Thaiday, Prior, Lacey

The amendment is lost

For: Cr's Prior, Thaiday, Lacey

Against: Cr's. Sibley, Gorringe

Carried

Resolution (GM14.290109) Tropical Population Health Services Living Strong Facilitator Training – Palm Island – Palm Island- 2009

As per recommendation page 69 arrange workshop for 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February notice to staff

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM15.290109) Palm Island – Special Holidays 2009

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council endorses the following events & dates as public holidays for 2009,

NAIDOC WEEK 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009

ESTABLISHMENT/BWGCOLMAN DAY 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009

STRIKE 57 (check with Dulcie)

SPRING FESTIVAL 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Survival Day 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM16.290109) Correspondence RAATSIC

That the PIASC **NOT** accepts Sharon Wardre to visits palm island to undertake a study of Health needs on Palm Island & that a Council request they make a presentation to the Delegation Day prior to any approval.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM17.290109) LGAQ Training- Murielle Morgan

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council approves and gives support for Murielle Morgan and one other staff to complete a Diploma in Local Government Administration, The cost of \$3,100.00 be covered through the Dept. Local Govt.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM18.290109) Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Local Laws

Council investigate the LGAQ for providing local laws workshop

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM19.290109) Land & Sea Management Program

- Fantome Island
- Francis Creek
- Cemetery Restoration

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council endorses appealing against the decision of the Federal Minister, Peter Garrett for Caring for Country

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM20.290109) CV Peter Michael Robinson- Indigenous Vet.

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council accepts the services of Peter Robinson from Indigenous Community Volunteers and that the CEO enters into discussions with ICF regarding the arrangements for Mr Robinson who will commence in March.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM21.290109) Letter from Justice Group- Possession of Spirits in QLD Premises.

That the Palm Island Council Accepts & Notes the letter from the Palm Island Justice Group.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM22.290109) Local Govt Managers Australia

That the Palm Island Aboriginal shire Council accepts the Local Government Managers Australian, if wanting to register please contact Andrea Kyle

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM23.290109) Anne Lanham

That the PIASC receives & accepts the letter from Anne Lanham and noted

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM24.290109) Ralph Watson

That the PIASC receives & accepts the letter from Ralph Watson Council write advising of Council horse program

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM25.290109) Write off Laminator-GBC 3500 Pro Series
That Council accepts to write off Laminator GBC 3500 Pro Series, because it is not working & it has been replaced
Carried

Resolution (GM26.290109) Coolgaree Bay – Markets 09
The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Act Policy No 08/0906: For the purpose of this Policy, the Council does not under any circumstances wish to lend monies to the adult residents of the community
Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM27.290109) Letter from Ralph & Barbara Baira
That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council accepts the correspondence and that a Letter of Demand is required from Mr Baira and that an Invoice of the damages to the vehicle be sent to Council so a claim can be made to Council Insurers
Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM28.290109) Bwngcolman Brothers Rugby League Club- Donation of Trophies
That the PIASC gives support to the Bwngcolman Brothers Rugby League Club, Council is unable to provide financial support at the moment and Council make the Coolgaree Bay Palace available for a hire fee of \$200 with a \$200 cleaning deposit.
Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM29.290109) Doreen Prior & Norman Bounghi, Fixed Term Agreement
Item be dealt with item Number GM6c.290109
Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM30.290109)Coolgaree Bay Construction
That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire gives the Coolgaree Bay Constructions Pty Ltd the status of Council must go to tender
Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM31.290109)Use of Hotel & Payment of DJ – 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2008
That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council endorses the use of the Hotel on 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2009 and that payment to Vincent Thimble in the sum of \$1500.00 also be endorsed. This payment includes the hire of his equipment.
Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM32.290109) Ergon Energy Agreement
That the PIASC resolves to accept the Agreement between PIASC & Ergon Energy.
Against Cr. Prior Carried

Resolution (GM33.290109) Eric Dundas Automatic Repairs
That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council urgently enters into discussions with Eric Dundas to discuss a purchase price. That Council gives support to William Blackman if he wishes to take the business on or that the Council calls for expressions of interest for the business.
Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM34.290109) Department of Natural resources & water
That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council provides a suitable date in February 2009 to hold an information session with the Council and then a suitable time for Community information sessions to be held.
Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM35.290109) Local Sport & Recreation Program
That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council accepts and notes the advice from the Department of Sport and Recreation.
Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM36.290109) Coolgaree Delivery Service
That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council advises CDEP of the set rate for all organisations on Palm Island as per Set Charges by the Council each year and that it is increased 3% CPI.
Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM37.290109) Aboriginality Form- Douglas Pitt
That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council gives proof of Aboriginality to Doug Pitt for his application to Deakin University.
Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM38.290109) Thomas Geia Claim
Report from BCK Lawyers in relation to the case Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council – ats- Thomas G Geia be received. Council endorse the settlement as agreed on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2008, signed by legal representatives for the plaintiff, Council & Mediator & it is acknowledge that Council endorses this settlement on a commercial basis considering the cost of proceeding to Court.
Carried Unanimously

**Resolution (GM39.290109) Application- Employment form**

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council accepts Applications of Employment from the following:

Candice Walsh- Cleaner Position

Stephanie Boyd- Weed & Pest

Joshua Cannon- Carpentry

Keith Bligh Jnr- Labourer Job

Ashley Johnson- Reception, Finance/Accounts

And notification be sent to the above.

Carried Unanimously

**Resolution (GM40.290109) Sylvia Palmer Land Issues**

Report & letter be received & Council write to Alice Lenoy advising that council does not believe she has a strong enough tenure to the camp site know as Palmer Camp site, Long Beach Road & that Council request they seek alternative accommodation & to vacate the premises they currently occupy within 6 months period.

Carried Unanimously

**Resolution (GM41.290109) Anglican Diocese of North Queensland**

That the PIASC invites Bishop Leftwich & Chris Nelson, General Manager, Anglican Diocese of North Queensland to the next Delegation day on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

Carried Unanimously

**Resolution (GM42.290109) Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program**

That the PIASC endorse that the PLCIP \$100,000 be utilized on the Hansen hut & Qld Council Office Removal in accordance with the funding eligibility under major renovations for social & cultural infrastructure.

Carried Unanimously

**Resolution (GM43.290109) Federal Agreement & Housing Agency Agreement**

Report be received Council authorise the Mayor & CEO sign the Queensland Housing Agency Agreement and that the Mayor & Deputy Mayor to speak with the Housing Minister about seeking some relief to the 1<sup>st</sup> July implementation of the 25% housing incoming ruling for house rent and that Council to investigate the possibility of adopting an amnesty on rent arrears if tenants are inappropriately housed and better housing solutions can be found this is an attempt to reduce the under utilisation of housing stock

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM44.290109) Shop Lease

Report and letters from BCK Lawyers in relation to the legal action against Mrs. Corrina Geia be received and Council invite Mrs Corrina Geia to meet with Council to discuss how to progress the tenancy at the shops and Council will offer Trustee Permit (3 month) until a lease can be put in place.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM44a.290109) Shop Lease

Report and letters from BCK Lawyers in relation to the legal action against Mrs. Magdalena Blackley be received and Council invite Mrs Magdalena Blackley to meet with Council to discuss how to progress the tenancy at the shops and Council will offer Trustee Permit (3 month) until a lease can be put in place.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM44b.290109) Shop and other Leases

Council prepare a report on all informal leases e.g. all shops, Sandy Boyd, Airport, barge terminal and all organisations etc. on the island in the attempt to establish proper leases on Palm Island

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM45.290109) Mall Upgrade

Report and letter (copy attached) from the Department of Public Works outlining the project proposal and the works for the Mall Upgrade and that Council endorse the project as proposed

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM46.290109) Hotel Works

Report be received & Council commit to carry the work out as indicated in the report once the applicant receives conditional approval for the licence.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM47.290109) Legal Representation of Native Title

Report & proposal from Preston Law be received & Council write to Department Natural resources and Water seeking additional funds for legal representation for Council through the land tenure issue.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM48.290109) Economic Development Conference 2009

Report & Economic development conference & Council authorise Councillor Zina Prior & the Mayor (D/Mayor) & the CEO to attend the Economic & Regional Development Conference to be held in Townsville 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM49.290109) Use of the Coolgaree Bay Hotel  
( Pub)

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council gives approval for the use of the Hotel at a cost of \$400.00 per night and that \$200.00 be refunded if the premises are cleaned

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM50.290109) Councillors Sibley's - Searches on Police

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council receives & accepts the report from Cr. Sibley Council to further investigate the possibility of Council searching police under citizens rights or local laws

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM51.290109) QUT Research project on Palm Island

Report be received and Council offer a letter of support for Prof Tom Cooper, Dr Annette Baturo and Dr Chris Matthews through the Queensland University of Technology to undertake their research project titled:

ARCLVET09 Project: Skilling Indigenous Australia: Effective learning of numeracy for employment by regional and remote Indigenous students in vocational education and training courses

On Palm Island and that Council seek an audience with Prof Tom Cooper, Dr Annette Baturo and Dr Chris Matthews the next time they travel to Palm Island

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM52.290109) Community Cabinet Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009.

Report and letter from the Hon. Anna Bligh Premier of Queensland be received and Council endorse the nominated request as presented in this report and Council authorize the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO to attend the Community Cabinet meeting to be held in Townsville and Ayr on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM53.290109) Housing Assistance Agreement 2008

Housing assistance agreement for 2008 – 09 between the State of Queensland and Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council be received and Council authorize the Mayor and CEO to sign the agreement on behalf of Council

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM54.290109) Skilling Queensland

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council resolves to accept and endorse the Grant of \$125,752 for the Palm Island Construction Program Project due to commence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009.

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM55.290109)AABA Car Rentals  
(Car Damages)

Letter from AABA Car Rentals be received & accepted

Carried Unanimously

Resolution (GM56.290109) Qld Housing program

As per recommendation and that Braddock's donger's and lot 475E to be relocated.

Carried Unanimously

**Meeting closed 5.10pm**

**Mayor Alfred Lacey**

Signed.....

