

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council – General Meeting held Thursday 5th May 2011



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GENERAL MEETING Held at the Council Chambers on Thursday 5th May 2011

Declaration of Meeting Opening

The Chairperson declared the Meeting open at 9.50am

PRESENT

Chairman Mayor Alfred Lacey
Councillors Cr Hal Walsh
Cr Gorringe
Cr. Prior (joined meeting at 10.02am)

Officers Mr Jeff Brown (A/CEO)
Ms Lillian Lampton

Finance Manager Mr J Mugambi (Finance Manager)

Observers Nil

Apologies/absent: Cr Sibley
Mrs. Lyn Freckleton (Executive Assistant)
Mrs Andrea Kyle-Sailor (A/Corporate Services Manager)

Condolences: Condolences were extended to the Walsh, Ketchup and the Poynter Families

Congratulations: Nil

Welcome: Nil

Proceedings:

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ORDINARY MEETING

Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 28th April, 2011

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Walsh

Seconded: Cr. Gorringe

That the minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting held Thursday 4th April, copies of which have been printed and circulated to members, be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

2. PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

The start of this year saw Queensland experience two of the most devastating natural disasters ever experienced in our State. Regardless of these setbacks, an army of volunteers jumped in to help get Queensland back in business.

Despite the State's strong and resilient economy, many businesses are still feeling the effects of the disaster. That is why we are launching a 'Buy local, Back Queensland' campaign – to harness the goodwill of Queenslanders to support the recovery of our diverse and vibrant local communities.

The campaign aims to get Queenslanders to embrace what makes their region unique, foster local jobs creation and support local business.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Prior

Seconded: Cr Gorringe

That the letter from the Queensland Premier, Premier Anna Bligh be received and noted.

CARRIED

**2. EMAIL RECEIVED FROM GARY JENSEN (TOWNSVILLE)
PALM ISLAND 2010 NDRRA**

Advising that the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council was approved NDRRA funding of \$8,012 966 for restoration of essential public assets resulting from damage that occurred during Queensland Monsoonal Flooding and Tropical Cyclones Olga, Neville, Ului and Paul, January to April 2010.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Walsh

Seconded: Cr Prior

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council accepts the funding from NDRRA of \$8,021966 for restoration of essential public assets resulting from damages incurred from tropical cyclones.

CARRIED

**3. LOCAL GOVT. NATURAL DISATER RELIEF & RECOVERY ARRANGEMENTS
GRANT**

Correspondence received from the Qld Govt. Dept of Natural Disaster Recovery

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Walsh

Seconded: Cr Prior

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council notes the correspondence received from the Qld Govt. Dept on Natural Disaster Recovery.

CARRIED

4. PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL SUBDIVISION MEETING

(See attached documentation tabled)

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gorringe

Seconded: Cr Walsh

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council to accept the report from the Sub-Division meeting held on the 5th April, 2011.

CARRIED

5. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – JUNIOR NETBALL CARNIVAL TOWNSVILLE

On behalf of the Palm Island Junior Netball, we have selected players to compete at the Junior Netball Carnival Hosted by the Townsville City Netball Association, to be held on the 28th – 29th May 2011.

There will be 4 x teams travelling to Townsville to compete; all players were asked To contribute \$100.00 each to help cover, transport and uniforms

The team is currently seeking assistance from the Sunferries Travel, to assist with player, coaches and managers return tickets from Palm Island to TSV and back.

Seeking Council assistance with the Accommodation.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Walsh

SECONDED: Cr. Gorringe

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council approves payment of \$250.00 per team to assist the Palm Island Netball “Bwgcorman Style” to Townsville for a Netball competition in accordance with Council’s Policy for sporting assistance.

CARRIED

6. LETTER RECEIVED FROM RICKY CLAY

That this letter be received and noted.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gorringe

Seconded: Cr Walsh

CARRIED

7. PALM ISLAND DISTRICT RUGBY LEAGUE – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Letter received from the PIDRL, requesting Financial Assistant to attend Trial Selection between – Palm Island Barracudas and Bowen Rugby League Rep Teams, to compete in the Foley Shield Matches for 2011, with the trials to be held Saturday 7th May 2011 – Sunday 8th May 2011.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Walsh

SECONDED: Cr. Gorringe

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council accepts the Letter received from the PIDRL, requesting Financial Assistant to attend Trial Section between – Palm Island Barracudas and Bowen Rugby League Rep Teams, held Saturday 7th May 2011 – Sunday 8th May 2011, and

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That the Palm Island Shire Council makes a contribution of \$900.00 to the PIDRL, as an encouragement for the Barracudas Team to be selected to play in the Foley Shield Carnival, noting that:-

- Any acknowledgement at the game is to recognise the Palm Island Shire Council. For its contribution to the Palm Island District Rugby League.
- Councillor Prior is authorised, as the Council representative, to attend this Carnival. **CARRIED**

Councillor Gorrige left meeting room at 1.21pm.

8. LETTER RECEIVED FROM MICK SLATER, MAJOR GENERAL CHAIR OF THE QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

Advising that as we all come to terms with the devastation affecting Queensland, to please accept this letter as an introduction for you and your Councillors to the role of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority. Hoping it will be the first step in establishing a strong relationship between your Council and the Authority through the rebuilding process.

Advising that the Queensland Reconstruction Authority is planned to be established on or about 15 February 2011 to develop, implement and manage a state-wide plan for rebuilding and reconnecting communities affected by the recent floods and cyclone.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Walsh

SECONDED: Cr. Prior

That this letter be received and noted.

CARRIED

9. LETTER RECEIVED FROM MILTON FRIDAY AND CLIFFORD LYMBURNER RE: STRIKE DAY COMMEMORATIONS FRIDAY 3RD JUNE 2011.

That we are trying to organize this year's Annual event for Strike Day 2011. This important event is acknowledged and remembered each year for all generations to be proud of their history, achievements and to where we are now.

To make this event successful we would like to invite a representative of Council to be one of our guest speakers on the day commencing at 9-00am at the old Football ground opposite the Council Chambers. The event will be run from 9am to 2pm.

Most of the costing is from donations and community organisations and people being involved.

13. BWGCOLMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL - SEEKING SUPPORT FOR ALTERATION OF SUNFERRIES SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF 24TH-30TH MAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH ST MICHAELS SCHOOL

On behalf of Bwgcorman Community School we request an alteration to the Sunferry Scheduled Services, to assist us in having an opportunity to attend the Vibe Alive festival in Townsville on the 26th and 27th May. This festival is a wonderful opportunity for the children of Palm Island to participate and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures. The program begins at 9am Wednesday at the Townsville Show Grounds with a “Concert” on Wednesday night. Students will sleep in a pavilion at the showgrounds. The festival concludes at 2pm Thursday afternoon.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Walsh

Seconded: Cr Gorrige

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council support the proposal from St Michaels that the Sunferries Ferry leave Palm Island on Wednesday morning around 7am and leave Townsville on Thursday afternoon around 3-4pm.

CARRIED

**14. LETTER RECEIVED FROM MISS ROWENA RYAN
RE: SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION**

Seeking clarification from Council with regards to an allocation for a suitable dwelling for herself and her 2 daughters. Advising that she has been wait-listed for a house on Palm Island for the past 11 years.

That the current living arrangements with her partner’s parents, siblings and their children is becoming intolerable.

(See letter tabled in folder).

Due to Cr Walsh declaring a conflict of interest in this matter causing the quorum to collapse, this matter will be tabled at the next general meeting.

15. ACTING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT –

Animal control:

- The Walwa Vet from Victoria visited Palm Island from the 5/4/11 to the 8/4/11 and provided support services to Animal Control during the period of four (4) days they were here:
- The final count for services provided was the gelding of 26 stallions and colts, together with the branding of 46 horses.

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- The week was a success, restricting the number of animals processed due to wet weather, with the vets more than happy to come back again to continue this programme of support.
- It was proposed that they could be available in six months time and following that visit a similar program could be carried out every two years after that.
- The Animal Control staff will be continuing the programme of registrations, visiting house to house to see determine the number of dogs we have to deal with and any issues such as mange & worming.
- A flyer detailing the council commitment to the management of animals will also be distributed to each of the homes.

Waste Management:

- The transfer station with George James (coco) training Anthony Ketchup is operating effectively.
- Noting that Mams still have not fenced off the green waste area, and the requested skip bins requested have not been provided outside of the Transfer Station.
- It was proposed that placement of a skip bin outside of the transfer station would be more suitable for residents to put rubbish over the weekends, than the wheelie bin as suggested on the sign on the transfer station gate.
- This would give far better control with waste that could simply be put through the transfer station and compacted with other refuse.
- As Councillors may have seen, without any bins being provided rubbish is being dumped elsewhere.

Environmental Health:

- I am waiting on confirmation from my Course Coordinator whether he will be coming to Palm Island for my final assessment, or if I have to go back for one more block training session. Following the completion of this final assessment I will become qualified as an Environmental Health Worker with the completion of my diploma of Indigenous Environmental Health Worker
- Qld Health has received very positive feedback from the recent horse programme and are considering the role out of similar programs for the other Indigenous Communities. Commenting that they were please to see that Palm was taking the initiative to manage the horse problem on the Island, with the Walwa Vet programme being carried out at the same time they were here.
- They also want to put an article in the Americ paper, but before they do this confirmation from the council would be necessary

Job Find:

We have the one Job Find employee still with us and that is Christopher Bourne who is our cemetery carer.

Christopher has asked if there is a chance of him becoming a fulltime worker for Council. Currently he is only employed as a casual worker.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Walsh

Seconded: Mayor Lacey

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council had received and noted this report.

CARRIED

16. PALM ISLAND BUSINESS HUB PROPOSAL

(see attached proposal tabled in Folders)

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Walsh

SECONDED: Cr. Prior

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has received and noted.

CARRIED

**17. LETTER RECEIVED FROM QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY
GRAEME NEWTON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Advising the Authority has approved for payment to Council the sum of (\$979,704.00) including GST by way of grant advance funding for Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangement (NDRRA) eligible reconstruction projects.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Walsh

Seconded: Cr Prior

That Council has received and noted this advice.

CARRIED

18. LETTER RECEIVED FROM AARON RICHARDSON – RE: NAIDOC CO-ORDINATOR POSITION

Making application for the position of NAIDOC Co-ordinator, 2011 celebrations.

This matter has been left with the A/CEO and the Finance Manager to interview potential applicants.

19. LETTER RECEIVED FROM AARON RICHARDSON RE: LAND

I am writing this letter requesting information of my land that was approved in 2007 on my great grandfather fathers land (Alf Palmer Snr.) that was taken from me and given to someone else.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr.Prior

SECONDED: Cr. Walsh

That this matter to be referred to the next Trustee Meeting.

CARRIED

20. LETTER FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGERS AUSTRALIA – PETER IRVINE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FUTURE LEADERS FORUM

Each year in May, LGMA Queensland presents the Future Leaders Forum. This year, the Forum is heading to Townsville and will be held on the 12-13 May at Jupiters Townsville.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. Prior

SECONDED: Cr. Walsh

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council received and notes this advice, and the matter of attendance be left with the A/CEO to delegate.

CARRIED

21. LETTER DARREN MCDONALD ANC

Letter received from Mrs. McDonalds regarding the Navy Cadet Unit on Palm Island that he is eager to establish with the youth of Palm Island and community members who are interested.

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council Letter received from CMDR McDonalds regarding the Navy Cadet Unit on Palm Island that he is eager to establish with the youth of Palm Island and community members who are interested.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. Prior

SECONDED: Cr. Walsh

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council invite CMDR McDonald to attend delegation day, during the month of June, 2011 to further discuss this matter.

CARRIED

22. THE PROGRAM PLAN BUILD & DELIVER

Letter received from Mrs. Graeme Streeter, regarding the Survey of 5 Housing sites on Palm Island.

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council receives the letter from Mrs. Graeme Streeter, regarding the Survey of 5 Housing sites on Palm Island.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr.

Walsh

SECONDED: Cr. Prior

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council instructs the Program Office to provide an acceptable solution to this matter by the next General meeting.

CARRIED

23. DEPT COMMUNITIES – INDIGENOUS LAND BOUNDARY FRAMEWORK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Correspondence received from the Dept Communities, regarding the Indigenous Land Boundary Framework Improvement Project for Palm Island.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. Walsh

SECONDED: Mayor Lacey

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council receives and notes this correspondence.

CARRIED

24. BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT –

- Lot 250
- Lot 296
- Lot 465
- Mary McKillop Day Care Centre

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. Walsh

SECONDED: Mayor Lacey

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council receives and notes this correspondence.

CARRIED

25. LETTER – MRS. WILLIAM AND CATHERINE LANDERS

Letter received from Mr. & Mrs. Landers, regarding veranda at Lot Clumpoint Road

(Cr Gorrige declared a conflict of interest in this matter, but remained in the meeting room and refrained from voting on this matter)

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Walsh

SECONDED: Cr Prior

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council Letter received and noted, and to be referred to housing.

CARRIED

26. ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Letter received Dan O’Gorman S.C. and Tony McAvoy regarding the consultation processes effort before determining the format of the alcohol management plan that relates to Palm Island.

Cr Prior left meeting at 2.15pm

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Walsh

SECONDED: Cr Gorrige

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council receive and note this correspondence, and

- Councillor Walsh proposed to rescind Council’s current “By Laws”, regarding “Beer Only” decision that was made at a Council meeting in the past,

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approximately 2002. And that Notice to be issued to all members for the rescinding of this “By Law” as required by Legislation.

- That this decision be advised to Messrs Dan O’ Gorman and Tony McAvoy; and
- A Public Notice to be erected on the Palm Island “Public Notice Board” and published in local papers. (Palm Island Voice and Townsville Bulletin)

CARRIED

27. DEPT COMMUNITIES – AGENCY APPOINTMENT

Letter received from Dept Communities regarding Agency Appointment between PIASC and Dept of Communities Housing and Homelessness Services

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. Walsh

SECONDED: Cr. Gorringe

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council receive this letter and the A/CEO to make arrangements for a one day workshop with the Department for the Agency Agreement.

CARRIED

28. NORTH QLD – QUARRY SUPPLIES

Letter received North Queensland Quarry Supplies Pty Ltd
(Councillor Prior returned to meeting at 2.38pm)

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. Walsh

SECONDED: Cr. Prior

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council Letter received North Queensland Quarry Supplies Pty Ltd. And that Council invites the North Queensland Quarry Supplies to attend delegation day together with “Cardno” to brief Council on this project before a final decision is made.

CARRIED

29. PALM ISLAND ENTERPRISE STRATEGY

Mr William Hyams joined the meeting at 12.00 noon to present the Enterprise Strategy for Palm Island for Council review and discussion.

(Mayor left meeting room at 12.00pm, Mayor returned to meeting at 12.13pm, Cr Gorringe left meeting room at 12.26pm, Mayor left meeting room at 12.26pm, Cr Gorringe returned to meeting at 12.30pm and Mayor returned to meeting at 12.38pm)

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. Prior

SECONDED: Cr. Walsh

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council received the final report from Vital Places of the Enterprise Strategy for Palm Island; and that

- **Councillor Prior is to represent Council on the Palm Island Promotional Steering Committee, to progress the Enterprise Strategy for Palm Island.**
- **The Council endorses William Hyams from DEEDI to progress the Economic Development Project Officer position, for the Palm Island Shire.**

CARRIED

30. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE – PIASC

Attached is the PIASC DRAFT Copy of the Organisational Structure, received from CEO – Jeff Brown, for Council review and discussion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Walsh

SECONDED: Cr Gorringe

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council Organisational Structure “as tabled” be received and adopted:-

- **And that the Positions of the Director Administration & Governance and the Director of Community Services to be advertised.**

CARRIED

31. PIASC – EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRIES RELATION POLICY

Attached – Policy received from A/CEO regarding the PIASC Employment & Industries Relations.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Walsh

SECONDED: Cr Gorringe

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council Fitness for Work – Drug and Alcohol Policy be received and accepted.

CARRIED

32.PIASC – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Attached – Policy received from A/CEO regarding PIASC Community Engagement

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Prior

SECONDED: Cr Gorringe

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Community Engagement Policy be received and adopted.

CARRIED

33.SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT – UPGRADE (STAGE 2)

Letter received from Qld Govt. Regarding the Upgrade Stage 2 for the Sewerage Treatment Plant for Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Walsh

SECONDED: Cr Prior

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Council receive and note the letter from Qld Govt. regarding the Upgrade of Stage 2 for the Sewerage Treatment Plant for Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council.

CARRIED

34. EMAIL – RECOGNITION OF WAR SERVICE – ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE

Email received, regarding – Recognition of War Service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Walsh

SECONDED: Cr Prior

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council A/CEO and Librarian to collate information regarding Palm Island War Veterans.

CARRIED

35. LOCAL LAWS 2011

That the Draft copies of the Local Laws were table for Council's information

- **Local Law No.1 (Administration) 2011**
- **Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011**
- **Local Law No.2 (Animal Management) 2011**
- **Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011**
- **Local Law No.3 (Community and Environmental management) 2011**
- **Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental management) 2011**

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Walsh

SECONDED: Cr Prior

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council receive the draft Local Laws for consideration prior to adoption.

CARRIED

36. Local Disaster Management Plan

The draft copy of Local Disaster Management Plan was table for Council's information prior to adoption.

A copy has also been provided to the Area Director of EMQ

MOVED: CR Walsh

SECONDED: Cr Gorringer

That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council received the draft Local Disaster Management Plan for consideration prior to adoption.

CARRIED

37. Information Technology Hardware & systems Security Policy

MOVED: CR Walsh SECONDED: Cr Gorringe

That the draft Information Technology hardware and Systems Security Policy be received and adopted.

CARRIED

MEETING CLOSURE

The Meeting concluded at 3.30pm

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Meeting held this Thursday 5th May 2011.

Submitted to the Meeting of Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council General Meeting

Signed 

**Alfred Lacey
MAYOR
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council**

Meeting Closed 3.30pm 5th May, 2011