



# PALM ISLAND

# Aboriginal Shire Council

# AGENDA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1 MAIN STREET, PALM ISLAND 4816



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#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

# 1. Opening Meeting

# 1.1 Welcome and Acknowledgements of Traditional Owners

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, the Manbarra and Bwgcolman Peoples. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and acknowledge the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to land, sea, culture, and community.

We extend this respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples attending today's meeting and reaffirm our commitment to working in partnership to support self-determination, cultural heritage, and community wellbeing.

# 1.2 Attendance and Apologies

Mayor Alf Lacey	Emma Bradbury, Interim CEO
Deputy Mayor Mersane Oui	Martine Care, Preston Law
Councillor Telstan Sibley	Rani Sam-Johnson, Executive Assistant
Councillor Ebanese Oui	Jessie-Mae Laczik, Governance Officer
Councillor Germaine Bulsey	

# 1.3 Leave of Absence Requests

### 1.4 Confirmation of Quorum (per s259 LGR 2012)

The Chairperson confirms that a quorum is present in accordance with section 259 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

#### 1.5 Condolences

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council extends its heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of the following community members who have recently passed:

- Anthony Pryor/Prior and families
- Estelle Snyder and families

Council acknowledges the deep loss felt by the Palm Island community and stands in solidarity with all families during this time of grief. May their spirits rest peacefully, and may their families find comfort and strength in the support of community.

#### 2. Declarations

- 2.1 Conflict of Interest (s150EQ-s150ES LGA 2009)
- 2.2 Prescribed and Declarable Conflicts
- 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
  - 3.1 Adoption of Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes of 27th August 2025

# PALM ISLAND

# Aboriginal Shire Council



# PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name: Ordinary Council Meeting

Meeting Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Meeting Time: 11:00am

Location: Council Chambers, 1 Main Street, Palm Island Qld 4816

Record of Attendance						
Present	Name	Title	Attendance			
	Cr Alf Lacey	Mayor	In-person			
COUNCIL LODG	Cr Mersane Oui	Deputy Mayor	In-person			
COUNCILLORS	Cr Telstan Sibley	Councillor	In-person			
	Cr Ebanese Oui	Councillor	In-person			
	Cr Germaine Bulsey	Councillor	In-person			
	Emma Bradbury	Acting Chief Executive Officer	In-person			
OFFICERS	Rani Sam-Johnson	Executive Assistant	In-person			
	Jessie-Mae Laczik	Governance Officer	Via Teams			
	Martine Care	Preston Law	Via Teams			
GUESTS	Kim Driver	Local Government Association of QLD	Via Teams			
		(LGAQ)				

# 1. Opening of Meeting

# 1.1 Welcome and Acknowledgements of Traditional Owners

Mayor Lacey opened the meeting at 11:13am and acknowledged the Traditional Owners, the Manbarra and Bwgcolman Peoples.

# 1.2 Attendance and Apologies

All Councillors and Officers were present. No apologies were noted.

#### 1.3 Leave of Absence Requests

Nil.

### 1.4 Confirmation of Quorum (per s259 LGR 2012)

Quorum confirmed.

#### 1.5 Condolences

Council respectfully acknowledges the recent passing of the following community members and extends heartfelt condolences to their families and loved ones:

- Oriel Johnson and families
- Owen Mathieson and families
- Emily Prior / Stewart and families
- Doreen Morton and families
- Baby Prior / Bligh and families
- Randall Parker / Hero and families
- James Lewis Cannon and families
- Muriel Bramwell / Wilson and families

Council recognises the deep sorrow felt across the Palm Island community and stands in solidarity with all families during this time of mourning.

A minute of silence was observed in honour of the families and their grief.

#### 2. Declaration of Interests

The chairperson invited Councillors present to disclose prescribed conflicts of interest ("PCOI") or declarable conflicts of interest ("DCOI") in respect of any items in the agenda, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009.* 

No declarations were made. Moved: E. Oui

Seconded: T. Sibley

Carried

#### 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

# **Resolution 2025.487**

#### Item 3.1 Ordinary Council Meeting

That Council:

Confirms the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30th July 2025 as a true and accurate record.

### 3.2 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

### 4. Reports

# Resolution 2025.488

#### Item 4.1 Chief Executive Officer Report

This report outlines key activities and strategic focus areas undertaken by the Interim CEO during August 2025. Particular attention has been given to ensuring compliance with procurement protocols and regulatory requirements, as well as supporting workforce stability.

That Council resolves to:

Receive and note the (Interim) CEO report for August 2025.

Moved: Cr. M. Oui Seconded: Cr. G. Bulsey Carried

### **Resolution 2025.489**

#### Item 4.2 Chief Financial Officer Report

This report provides Council with a summary of the financial performance as at July in the 2025/2026 financial year. It outlines actual revenue and expenditure against the adopted budget,

highlights key variances and identifies financial risks and opportunities. The Council resolves to:

- a. Receive the Financial Reports detailing financial activities for July 2025.
- b. Receive and note the proposed amendments to the 2025/2026 budget
  - Increase Spring Festival Expense to \$250K
  - Increase NAIDOC Expense to \$150K
  - Increase Animal Control Expense to \$75K (Angel Paws)
  - Increase Revenue for Local Roads by \$291K

Moved: Cr. E. Oui Seconded: Cr. G. Bulsey Carried

#### Resolution 2025.490

#### Item 4.3 Governance, Finance and Administration Report

This report provides operational and strategic updates across the Directorate, including governance workshops, asset naming, IKC infrastructure upgrades, insurance repairs, HR matters, commercial performance, legal support, funeral coordination, and community engagement.

The Council resolves to:

 Receive the Governance, Finance and Administration Report for information and note its contents.

Moved: Cr. G. Bulsey Seconded: Cr. E. Oui Carried

Action: That a report be prepared addressing funeral services capacity. Action: That a report be prepared addressing the condition of the cemetery.

Action: That a proposal be developed outlining improvements to the presentation of the town square area in front of the Council office.

### **Resolution 2025.491**

# Item 4.4 Engineering and Assets Report

This report provides updates on infrastructure projects and operational matters, including the Batch Plant, Airport, Waste Transfer Station, Solomon Tanks, Sewer Treatment Plant, Clear Water Storage, roads, jetty works, walking trails, stormwater channel, and the Medical Centre lease transfer.

The Council resolves to:

Receive and note the Engineering and Assets Manager's Report for August 2025.

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley Seconded: Cr. E. Oui Carried

# Resolution 2025.492

#### Item 4.5 Fleet and Workshop Report

This report provides an update on fleet operations, workshop activity, fuel inventory, and income for August 2025. It highlights support for major infrastructure projects, including Butler Bay Road, and outlines cyclone season preparations.

The Council resolves to:

Receive and note the Fleet and Workshop Report for August 2025.

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley Seconded: Cr. G. Bulsey Carried

# **Resolution 2025.493**

#### Item 4.6 Civil and Open Space Report

This report outlines operational activities and priorities, including civil works, open space maintenance, funeral services, firebreaks, safety training, and waste management. The section continues to support infrastructure, community safety, and environmental management.

The Council resolves to:

Receive and note the Civil and Open Spaces Report for August 2025.

Moved: Cr. G. Bulsey Seconded: Cr. E. Oui Carried

# Resolution 2025.494

## Item 4.7 Growth and Economic Development Report

This report outlines key activities and initiatives, including employment programs, funding applications, business engagement, infrastructure development, and operational risks. The Directorate continues to collaborate with stakeholders to strengthen Palm Island's economic identity and employment outcomes.

The Council resolves to:

Receive and note the Growth & Economic Development Report for August 2025.

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley Seconded: Cr. M. Oui Carried

#### Resolution 2025.495

# Item 4.8 Project Director Report

This report provides a brief update to the Elected Council on the status of capital projects and actions being taken to ensure Council objectives are achieved.

That Council resolves to:

a. Receive and note the Project Director Report for August 2025.

b. Endorse the sliding gate decorative design for the 10 x 1B new residential complex (Chook City).

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley Seconded: Cr. E. Oui Carried

Action: Request the Chief Executive Officer to initiate a public notification process inviting community suggestions for the official naming of the 10 x 1B new residential complex.

#### Resolution 2025.496

#### Item 4.9 Workforce Update Report

This report outlines key HR initiatives, including development of a Recruitment and Selection Policy aligned with the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld), and provides workforce data on headcount, vacancies, and gender balance. The focus is on building a compliant, capable, and locally grounded workforce.

The Council resolves to:

Receive and note the Workforce Update Report for August 2025.

Moved: Cr. M. Oui Seconded: Cr. T. Sibley Carried

# Resolution 2025.497

# Item 4.10 Governance Improvement Report

This report provides an update on the Governance Improvement Project undertaken with the assistance of the LGMA Governance Advisory Service. The engagement focused on reviewing Council's governance compliance and developing an action plan to meet legislative requirements, address gaps, and manage identified risks.

The Council resolves to:

Receive and note the update on the Governance Improvement Project.

Moved: Cr. G. Bulsey Seconded: Cr. M. Oui Carried

#### Resolution 2025.498

### Item 4.11 Salary Sacrificing Arrangements for Councillors

This report provides advice on the eligibility of Councillors to enter into salary sacrifice arrangements, in

accordance with relevant legislative and taxation requirements.

The Council resolves to:

Receive and note the update.

Moved: Cr. M. Oui Seconded: Cr. T. Sibley Carried

Break for lunch 2:20pm-2:35pm

#### 5. Matters for Decision

# Resolution 2025.499

### Item 5.1 Response to NIAA proposal – Low Aromatic Fuel Designation Exemption

In response to correspondence from NIAA seeking a position on low aromatic fuel designation exemption (OPAL fuel), Council considered the dual impacts of the low aromatic fuel designation. Council considered a range of complex issues in developing a response, including:

- i. Acknowledging the public health benefits of low aromatic fuel in reducing volatile substance misuse.
- ii. Noting the hardship caused by the lack of marine-compatible fuel on-island, impacting safety and access.
- iii. Considered that the current consultation framework does not reflect the complexity of the issue or support meaningful community input.

#### Council resolved:

- a. not to support the extension of the low aromatic fuel designation exemption, and
- b. Write to the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) requesting that:
  - The consultation period be extended;
  - A co-designed engagement process be developed with Council and community stakeholders;
  - Hybrid solutions be explored to retain health benefits while addressing marine safety and community-lead decision making.

Moved: Cr M. Oui Seconded: Cr T. Sibley Carried

#### **Resolution 2025.500**

# Item 5.2 Recording of Council Meetings for Minute-Taking

Council noted the proposal to record Ordinary Council meetings using the use of artificial intelligence–enabled transcription tools to record Ordinary Council meetings for the purpose of supporting accurate, timely, and consistent minute-taking.

#### Council resolves:

- a. Approve the use of AI systems to record Ordinary Council meetings to improve the accuracy, efficiency, and compliance of minute-taking practices in line with the *Public Records Act 2002* and *QDAN480 v.4*.
- b. Manage recordings and transcripts as transitory records under Council's recordkeeping procedures.
- c. Reflect the adoption of digital transcription methods in the Governance Framework and operational procedures, subject to ongoing review.

Moved: Cr M. Oui Seconded: Cr T. Sibley Carried

### **Resolution 2025.501**

# Item 5.3 Renewal of Restricted Area Permit – Reverend Hong Manh Le

Council considered the request from the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation regarding renewal of the Restricted Area Permit for Reverend Hong Manh Le to transport sacramental wine for religious services.

The Council resolves to:

 Advise the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation that it has no objections to the renewal of the Restricted Area Permit for Reverend Hong Manh Le for the 2025–2026 period, subject to continued compliance with all permit conditions.

Moved: Cr M. Oui

Seconded: Cr T. Sibley Carried

# Resolution 2025.502

### Item 5.4 Adoption of Complaints about the Chief Executive (CEO) Policy

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the *Complaints About the Chief Executive Officer Policy*. The policy outlines the process for managing complaints involving suspected corrupt conduct by the Chief Executive Officer, in accordance with section 48A of the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001 (Qld)*.

That Council:

a. Adopts the Complaints About the Chief Executive Officer Policy as presented.

- b. Endorses the Mayor as the nominated person under section 48A(2) of the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001 (Qld)*.
- c. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to notify the Crime and Corruption Commission of the nominated person's details.

Moved: Cr G. Bulsey Seconded: Cr E. Oui Carried

## **Resolution 2025.503**

# Item 5.5 Allocation of Beach Road Dwelling for Incoming CEO

This report seeks Council's decision to allocate one of the Beach Road dwellings for use as the residence of the incoming Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

#### Council resolved to:

- a. Endorse the allocation of 94 Beach Road dwelling for the incoming CEO.
- b. Support operational preparation of the dwelling (cleaning, furnishing) within existing budget.
- c. Recognise the strategic importance of providing appropriate accommodation to attract and retain high calibre candidates.

Moved: Cr T. Sibley Seconded: Cr. E. Oui Carried

#### 6. Confidential Matters

### Resolution 2025.504

#### Item 6.1 Closed Session

Council resolved to enter a closed session pursuant to section 254J(3)(e) and (f) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)* to consider confidential legal advice and proposed contractual arrangements. The matters under discussion involved legal proceedings to which Council is a party, as well as procurement issues requiring deliberation in accordance with sound contracting principles. The closed session was convened to ensure compliance with statutory obligations and to preserve the confidentiality of sensitive legal and commercial information.

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley Seconded: Cr. G. Bulsey Carried

#### Resolution 2025.505

# Item 6.2 Return to Open Session

That Council resumes in open session in accordance with section 254J(6) of the *Local Government Regulation* 2012 (Qld), noting that no resolutions were made while the meeting was closed.

# 7. Notices of Motion

Nil.

# 8. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 24th September 2025.

# 9. Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3:42pm.

# 3.2 Business Arising from Previous Minutes 27th August 2025

Item	Resolution Ref	Title	Resolution Text (as adopted)	Update / Status
9.2	2025.468		That Council approves: a. The Community Betterment Fund Policy and application forms; and b. An increase in the community grant amounts to \$150,000, being made up of \$30,000 for funerals and \$120,000 for community grants.	
9.3	2025.445	New Clear Water Storage	That Council approve to issue a purchase order to Australian Tank Manufacturers for the sum of \$859,592.80 (GST inclusive).	Purchase order to be issued.
9.3	2025.469	Cultural Walk		Budget approved. Awaiting design commencement.
9.4	2025.446	Repair of Jetty	That Council approve to issue a purchase order to Pacific Marine Group for the sum of \$573,229.00 (GST exclusive).	Purchase order to be issued.
9.5	2025.471	Centre of Excellence Precinct Planning Funding	Council notes the Centre of Excellence Precinct Plan. Matter will be deferred to future Ordinary Council Meeting.	September Meeting

9.8	2025.474	Angel Paws Proposal	proposal submitted by Angel Paws and to proceed with Solution 3, at a	Site visit to be confirmed. Clinic inventory underway. Agreement terms being finalised.
9.10	2025.476	CEQ Retail Planning	for a Community Home Hardware Store.	Initial engagement commenced. CEO liaising with CEQ. DA not yet lodged. Compliance risks noted.
13.1	2025.461	Preston Law Presentation – David & Corrina Geia	dispose of interest in Lot 69 on SP 282455 under LGR s236(1)(c)(iii) and	advised. Awaiting final instructions. CEO direction
13.4	2025.464	Andrew Jackson Presentation	That Council agree to purchase a retail shipping container to the value of \$80,000 to be placed at Lex Wotton's residence in Bently Street. Lease to be prepared.	Lease preparation pending.
5.2	2025.500	Recording of Council Meetings for Minute-Taking		Mayor to confirm final wording for minutes.

# 4. Reports

# 4.1 CEO Report

# **PALM ISLAND**

# Aboriginal Shire Council

ITEM NO:	4.1
REPORT NAME:	CEO Report
MEETING:	Ordinary Council Meeting
DIRECTORATE:	Office of the CEO
AUTHOR:	Emma Bradbury, <i>interim</i> CEO
DOC ID:	20250924:4.1

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides Council with an overview of major activities, strategic initiatives, and organisational highlights for the period August - September 2025. The focus has been on progressing transformative housing and economic development projects, strengthening governance and compliance, and fostering a positive workplace culture through recognition and engagement.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

1. Receive and note the CEO report.

#### **KEY INITIATIVES & HIGHLIGHTS**

### 1. Rent-to-Buy Scheme Workshop

Council continues to advance the Rent-to-Buy Home Ownership Scheme, a landmark initiative with state and national support. The recent workshop in Townsville brought together Council, the Department of Housing, and key stakeholders to refine delivery models and incentives. The scheme is recognised as an intergenerational opportunity for Palm Island, with ongoing discussions scheduled for October's TWG meeting. Council is committed to ensuring the program is delivered with precision and care, and that allocations are managed transparently

# 2. Staff Recognition & Positive Culture

On 8 September, Council staff gathered at Fred Clay Park for an early morning BBQ—a moment to connect, reflect, and celebrate the team's contributions. Special thanks were extended to all staff for their dedication during a period of transition. Commendations were shared for Nina, Tracey, Vaughn, and their teams for compassionate management of recent funerals, and for Tanya's outstanding work preparing for the Spring Festival. The event, cooked and catered by staff, exemplified teamwork and pride in service. The CEO has also reinforced Council's support for work-life balance, encouraging staff to disconnect outside office hours and updating digital signatures to reflect this value.

# 3. Governance, Compliance & Strategic Planning

Council has maintained a strong focus on governance and compliance, with ongoing reviews of procurement, risk management, and legislative obligations. Peak Services have been engaged and commence a review of Council's procurement practices with a report to be tabled at the October meeting.

# 4. Major Projects & Economic Development

Significant progress has been made on housing and infrastructure projects, including the successful RAES offer for Palm Island Economic Development Corporation Pty Ltd, and ongoing work on the Chook City subdivision and Rodeo Grounds Estate. Council's strategic narrative emphasises local capacity building, risk management, and leveraging existing assets for community benefit.

# 5. Community Engagement & Events

Preparations are underway for the Palm Island Spring Festival, with sponsorship invitations extended to partners and stakeholders. The festival will showcase Bwgcolman culture and community pride, with a dynamic program including traditional dance, youth performances, and a headline concert by Jessica Mauboy.

# **IMPLICATIONS/RISK**

Council's financial position remains stable, with strong progress on capital works and compliance. Risks associated with project delivery, procurement, and workforce structure are being actively managed through ongoing reviews and reforms.

#### LINKS TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

All activities and initiatives outlined in this report align with Council's Corporate Plan 2020-24 and support the strategic priorities of economic development, community wellbeing, and good governance.

#### CONCLUSION

The reporting period has been marked by significant achievements, collaborative progress, and a renewed commitment to Council's values. I extend my sincere thanks to all staff, Councillors, and partners for their dedication and support.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

nil

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# Aboriginal Shire Council



ITEM NO:	FIN0002
REPORT NAME:	CFO Report as at 31.08.2025
MEETING:	Ordinary Council Meeting
DIRECTORATE:	Finance
AUTHOR:	CFO – Rebecca Baguley
DOC ID:	FIN0002.24.08.25

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides Council with a summary of the financial performance as at 31 August 2025–26 financial year. It outlines actual revenue and expenditure against the adopted budget, highlights key variances, and identifies financial risks and opportunities. The report is presented for Council's information only.

#### 1. BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS

Council adopted the 2025–26 Budget at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 30 July 2025. In accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012, monthly financial updates are provided to Council to support transparency, accountability, and informed oversight of Council's financial position.

#### 2. REPORTS

As at 31 August 2025:

- Operating Revenue: \$12.55 million (37.6% of annual budget)
- Operating Expenditure: \$4.84million (15.5% of annual budget)
- Capital Expenditure: \$5.31 million
- Reforecast of EOFY Surplus/ (Deficit) \$1,612,950
- 31 July Capital Project Budget FINAL:-
  - Life of Project Cost \$22,055,510
  - July Operational Surplus commitment to Capital \$331,017

Key observations for Operational Budget v Actual FINAL 31 July, 2025

- Surplus before Depreciation \$8.43M with a strong positive variance of \$1.27M
  - 31 July Forecast End of Financial Year Surplus before Depreciation \$1.612.950
- Surplus after Depreciation \$7.5M v Budgeted forecast of \$6.2M for July Key observations for Draft 31 August position.
- Total Expenditure down on budget for August by \$849K due to internal project and plant hire expenditure by department to be captured YTD.

- QBUILD Other Projects Painting and planned upgrades have not commenced due to lack of human resources. BCM staff concentrating on Capital Project delivery in the absence of construction staff.
- \$7M in capital project commitments at 31.08.2025
- Forecast Capital Overspend for EOFY Revision to be provided to the next Council meeting. Revision
  of Budgets for Project Priorities underway

A detailed breakdown of financial performance by department can be supplied upon request.

#### 3. IMPLICATIONS/RISK

The financial position remains stable 2 months into the new financial year, however a review of capital project forecast overspend is being undertaken to ascertain impact on Council EOFY operating result.

Council's Current Assets at \$29.7M which is a strong position for solvency.

#### a. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Amendments to the 2025–26 Budget are proposed to approve;

#### **INCOME**

• Roads to Recovery Grant - \$59K

#### TOTAL VARIANCE TO BUDGET TO BE APPROVED \$59k to:

EOFY Forecast - Surplus before Depreciation - \$1,613,009 at 31 August.

#### **b. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

This report supports compliance with the Local Government Regulation 2012, Part 3 – Financial Planning and Accountability and aligns with Council's Financial Management Policy.

Policy	Impact - 31 August Budget v Actual
Investment Policy	Nil
Revenue Policy	Nil
Debt Policy	Nil

#### c. SUSTAINABILITY BENCHMARKS - AUGUST

#### PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL - SUSTAINABILITY RATIOS Budget Year 2025-Target 2026 Based on 10 year Aug-25 Jul-25 Council Narrative Measure Type Sustainability Forecast Not required from Tier 8 Councils. Calculated for additional insight N/A 71.09% 47.73% -24.60% into Council's ability to cover operating expenses with operating Operating Operating Surplus Ratio revenues generated Performance Measures Council's Ability to cover core operational expenses and Greater than 0% 79.20% 61.52% 6.61% Operating Cash Ratio generate a cash surplus. Greater than 4 Indicates Council's ability to meet ongoing and emergent financial Liquidity Unrestricted Cash Expense Cover Ratio 65.67 20.14 5.01 Total Capital expenditure includes all project costs pertaining to the Greater than 90% Asset Sustainability Ratio 507.71% 215.92% 390.40% capital projects current at 31/08/2025. Asset Manageme An approximation of the expent to which Council's infrastructure Asset Consumption Ratio Greater than 60% assets have been consumed relative to the cost of building a new 61.96% asset with the same benefit to the community. 62.23% 65.05% Debt Servicing N/A N/A N/A N/A Leverage Ratio\*\* Not applicable to councils without debt For contexual purposes only. This ratio measures the ability of 0.28% Council Controlled Revenue Council to generate operating revenue without relying on external Financial Capacity sources. A higher ratio indocates a stronger ability to generate suc For contexual purposes only - This figure was current at 30/06/2025 0.00% 0.77% 0.77% Population Growth N/A N/A N/A N/A Asset Managemen Tier 8 Commencing 2027 - 2028 Asset Renewal Funding Ratio N/A

#### 4. LINKS TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN KEY RESPONSE AREAS:

- Governance and Leadership
- Financial Sustainability
- Infrastructure and Services

# 5. CONSULTATION

#### Internal:

- > Chief Financial Officer
  - Assets and Engineering Manager
  - Civil, Open Spaces Manager
  - Project Director
  - Deputy CEO
  - Business Development /PIEDC Manager
  - Senior Financial Accountants x 3

#### **External:**

- Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers Financial Accountability, Handbook and Tools
- Qld Treasury Financial Reporting Requirements
- Sharma Consulting Payroll and TechOne
- Queensland Audit Office (QAO) for audit alignment
- Dept Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts

<sup>\*</sup> The Council-Controlled Revenue, Population Growth, and Asset Renewal Funding Ratio measures are reported for contextual purposes only and are not audited by the QAO.

#### 6. CONCLUSION

Council's financial performance for the 2025–26 financial year is tracking close to budget, with strong revenue collection.

Emphasis needs to be placed on interdepartmental budget monitoring and co- ordination to review timely updates to cost controls in place to deliver capital budgets.

The capital forecast overspend is critical to ensuring alignment with budget and benchmark targets for sustainability ratios.

# **ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment A Operating Budget August 25
- Attachment B Capital Budget August 25
- Attachment C Profit & Loss August 25
- Attachment D Balance Sheet August 25

# Attachment A - Operating Budget August 25

PALM ISLAND A	BOI	RIGINAL SHIR	E COUNCIL - 202	5-2026 APPROV	ED BUDGET	
INCOME BY BED A DEMENT		APPROVED	APPROVED FY26	FY26 ACTUAL -	VARIATION	
INCOME BY DEPARTMENT	NOTE	FY26 BUDGET	BUDGET - JULY	JULY	VARIATION	NOTES
ADMIN, GOVERNANCE & FINANCE		19,438,036	7,359,416	7,132,238	(227,178)	
ASSETS & PROJECTS		4,036,950	579,513	1,554,875	975,363	Concrete sales for Project CC 0189 (\$1.7M) were recognised in FY26
BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE		4,102,600	341,883	20,694	(321,189)	No revenue has been recorded yet for other QBuild projects.
CIVIL, OPEN SPACES, TRAINING & ENTERPRISE		483,284	7,083	6,250	(833)	
MECHANICS AND FLEET		1,334,250	111,187	183,744	72,556	
WATER AND SEWERAGE		2,042,050	1,112,092	1,024,402	(87,690)	No commercial rates revenue recorded for July.
LAND TRUST		1,919,200	640,450	723,547	83,097	More commercial lease revenue
TOTAL - INCOME		33,356,370	10,151,624	10,645,750	494,126	
TOTAL - INCOME		33,330,370	10,131,024	10,043,730	474,120	
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EXPENDITURE BY DEPARTMENT	NOTE	FY26 BUDGET	BUDGET - JULY	JULY	VARIATION	NOTES
ADMIN, GOVERNANCE & FINANCE		13.558.313	1.481.703	1.061.542	(420.161)	
ASSETS & PROJECTS		3,709,770	309,147	359,445	50,297	
BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE		4,377,820	364,818	76,043	(288,775)	No expenses have been recorded for other QBuild projects.
CIVIL, OPEN SPACES, TRAINING & ENTERPRISE		1,850,130	154,178	123,413	(30,764)	
MECHANICS AND FLEET		1,192,680	99,390	59,270	(40,120)	
WATER AND SEWERAGE		1,724,760	143,730	104,940	(38,790)	
LAND TRUST		1,566,320	130,527	44,551	(85,976)	
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CAPITAL EXPENSE CONTRIBUTION *		3,763,627	313,636	385,541	71,905	
TOTAL - EXPENDITURE		31,743,420	2,997,129	2,214,746	782,383	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT BEFORE DEPRECIATION		1,612,950	7,154,495	8,431,004		
DEPRECIATION		10,354,595	862,883	862,883		
SURPLUS/DEFICIT		(8,741,645)	6,291,613	7,568,121	1,276,509	

Attachment B - Capital Budget August 25

On-going	Project - FY26	1.0				
Cost	CAPITAL PROJECT - GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM	APPROVED	Progress	LIFE OF PROJECT	OVERSPENT AT	
Code	CAPITAL PROJECT - GRANT PONDING PROGRAM		(%)	TOTAL COST	31/07/25	
0073	REPA PIASC.0025.2122J.REC - 2022 Monsoon Event	751,093.78	TBC	232,916.47	-	1
						Funding to be sourced
					1	(Operational Surplus at
0081	AS-CF- PI Jetty Pylon Upgrade	-	80%		-	31.07.25)
0109	Interim Remote Capital Program	2,139,036.37	95%	1,998,007.28	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	
0130	W4Q 21-24 - Airport Upgrade	500,000.00	80%	508,580.88	8,580.88	
0142	0142 - AS-CF-TIDS - Clump Point Road & Butler Bay/Thaiday Road - Construct Concrete Pavement	361,406.00	80%	-	2.0	A CONTRACTOR OF THE STATE OF
0146	LGGSP - Sewer Inlet Works	1,700,000.00	95%	1,458,049.71	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Combined with CC 0160
0160	BOR6 - STP Inlet Works	2,000,000.00	95%	2,408,303.32	141,151.39	Combined with CC 0146
0162	QRA PIASC.0026.2223F.RFI - QLD Resilience and Risk Reduction	180,000.00	TBC	99,583.00	-	1
0163	Forward Remote Housing Capital	10,012,665.45	5%	1,067,522.17	-	1
0174	Waste & Recycling Facility	3,000,000.00	5%	309,136.73	-	1
0182	174 Clump Point Road - Qbuild 84127	917,003.24	70%	787,538.17		1
0183	200 Dee Street - Qbuild 84126	856,611.87	60%	784,860.44	-	1
0185	REPA PIASC.0030.2223G.REC – General Roads	1,585,721.39	TBC	926,751.35	-	1
0189	REPA PIASC.0031.2223G.REC - Butler Bay Betterment	4,012,021.54	80%	2,889,345.67	-	1
0190	W4Q 24-27 Beachfront Cultural Precinct Installation	2,000,000.00	5%	525,638.81		
0191	W4Q, 24-27 Sports Precinct Upgrade	1,700,000.00	85%	1,848,693.50	148,693.50	
0194	W4Q 24-27 Cemetery Upgrades	1,000,000.00	85%	152,458.48	-	
0195	REPA - 2024 General Roads - PIASC.0035.2324U.REC	2,088,978.46	15%	278,033.44	-	
0196	W4Q 24-27 Council Asset Upgrades	400,000.00	80%	354,193.03	4	1
0199	GEH Sandy Boyd Site Redevelopment	1,341,000.00	5%	565,749.09	-	
0200	10x 1 Bed Housing Project (Chook City)	7,116,227.80	75%	4,248,057.91	-	]
0203	Community Jobs & Business Fund (CJBF) - Capital Budget	280,000.00	50%	85,408.68	-	1
0205	Clear Water Reservoir Upgrade	950,000.00	80%	13,873.22		
0206	Walking Trails - South-West Track	500,000.00	5%	30,072.00	2	1
0209	Manbarra Rd & Assoc. Infras Upgrade	3,000,000.00	5%	-	1	
0214	Township Stormwater (Town Centre Drainage Upgrade)	-		482,736.67	32,591.25	No Funding Yet - Operational Su
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# Attachment C – Profit & Loss August 25



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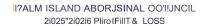
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### 4.4 Engineering and Assets Report

# PALM ISLAND

# Aboriginal Shire Council



ITEM NO	4.4
REPORT NAME:	Engineering and Assets Report
MEETING	Ordinary Council Meeting
DIRECTORATE	Engineering and Assets
AUTHOR	Steve Martin, Engineering and Assets Manager
DOC ID	20250924:4.4
APPROVER	Emma Bradbury, <i>Interim</i> CEO

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on key projects and operational matters within the Engineering and Assets Directorate. The Batch Plant is undergoing improvements following expert advice, while the Airport Upgrade Project remains on schedule. Progress continues across roads, waste management, and walking trail infrastructure. Operational risks and resource constraints are also noted for Council's awareness.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Notes the Engineering and Assets Directorate update for September 2025.
- 2. Supports the continued implementation of improvements at the Batch Plant.
- 3. Acknowledges the operational risk associated with limited plant operator availability.

# 1. BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS

The Engineering and Assets Directorate provides monthly updates to Council on the status of infrastructure projects, operational challenges, and strategic priorities. This report builds on previous updates and highlights progress and risks across key delivery areas.

#### 2. REPORT

# **Batch Plant**

A concrete industry consultant has inspected the plant and recommended:

- Switching from GP Cement to a fly-ash mix for improved strength.
- Replacing current admixers, with Sika to be consulted.
- Updating concrete mix recipes, with testing to follow.
   The consultant will return to deliver operator training, develop SOPs, and refine mixes. Reduced demand post-Butler Bay Road project allows time for these improvements.

#### **Airport**

- New garages completed; bitumen repairs pending before use.
- Terminal fit-out progressing well; RJG remains on track for November completion.
- ARO refresher training completed; two new AROs in training.
- Airport Manual uploaded to Council website.
- AVDATA control box reinstated.

#### **Waste Transfer Station**

A Supervisor has been engaged for a 3-month clean-up project at the laydown area. Additional plant operator and machinery support is required.

#### Roads

- Butler Bay Road pavement completed, kerb and driveways underway.
- Manbarra Road watermain installation to finish this week; awaiting stormwater and road designs.

#### **Other Assets**

- Ferry Jetty: PMG to mobilise in early October pending material arrival.
- Walking Trails: Designs received; TRC to begin construction in October with support from Rangers and Council labourers.
- **Stormwater Channel**: Koppens progressing; asbestos discovered and to be removed by Council. Fill Carting Ongoing

#### 3. IMPLICATIONS/RISK

#### a. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

No new budget allocations are requested. Existing projects are funded under current capital works and operational budgets.

#### **b. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Supports Council's Infrastructure and Asset Management objectives and aligns with the Local Government Act 2009.

#### 4. LINKS TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Identify strategic goals this supports. Use key response areas.

Example:

KEY RESPONSE AREAS: Infrastructure and Services, Community and Environment, Safety and Wellbeing

#### 5. CONSULTATION

Internal: Engineering and Assets Team, Airport Operations Staff, Waste Management Team

**External**: Concrete Industry Consultant, RJG (Airport Contractor), Sika (Admix Supplier), PMG (Ferry Jetty Contractor), TRC (Walking Trails Contractor)

# 6. CONCLUSION

The Engineering and Assets Directorate continues to deliver key infrastructure projects and respond to operational challenges. Council's support for ongoing improvements and awareness of resource constraints will assist in maintaining project momentum and service delivery.

# 4.5 Fleet and Workshop Report

# PALM ISLAND

Aboriginal Shire Council



ITEM NO	4.5
REPORT NAME	Fleet and Workshop Report
MEETING	Ordinary Council Meeting
DIRECTORATE	Fleet and Workshop
AUTHOR	Marc Simmons
DOC ID	20250924:4.5
APPROVER	Emma Bradbury, <i>Interim</i> CEO

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In August 2025, the Fleet and Workshop team continued to deliver essential services supporting Council operations and community infrastructure. Key activities included concrete delivery for the Butler Bay Road project, management of fuel and workshop resources, and ongoing maintenance of Council vehicles and equipment. The team also supported the development of new housing units and prepared for cyclone season.

# OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report.

# 1. BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS

The Fleet and Workshop section plays a vital role in supporting Council's infrastructure delivery and operational services. Previous reports have highlighted the team's contributions to concrete delivery, vehicle servicing, and workshop operations. This report continues that narrative and reflects ongoing support for strategic projects and seasonal preparedness.

# 2. REPORT

In August 2025, the Fleet and Workshop team:

- Delivered approximately 350m³ of concrete for Butler Bay Road, with further deliveries planned.
- Managed fuel resources:
- o Service Station: 13,300L diesel, 18,300L petrol
- o Workshop: 15,700L diesel
- Generated income:
- o Fleet Internal: \$223,940
- o Fleet External & Workshop: \$209,000
- Completed maintenance and repairs including:
- Panel repairs
- Engine servicing
- Hydraulic hose and cylinder repairs
- Minor services
- Supported delivery and installation of housing units for the 10-unit subdivision project.

# 3. IMPLICATIONS/RISK

#### Benefits:

- Supports infrastructure delivery and operational continuity.
- Enhances community safety through cyclone season preparation.

#### Risks:

- Potential delays if laydown yard preparation is not completed before cyclone season.
- Operational disruption if fuel or servicing resources are depleted.

#### a. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Fleet operations are funded through internal cost recovery and external service provision. Income generated in August 2025:

- Fleet Internal: \$223,940
- Fleet External & Workshop: \$209,000

# **b. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Supports Council's Asset Management Strategy and aligns with operational delivery goals under the Local Government Act 2009.

#### 4. LINKS TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Identify strategic goals this supports. Use key response areas.

#### Example:

**KEY RESPONSE AREAS**: Community Infrastructure & Maintenance, Community Safety and Environment, Organizational Capability

#### 5. CONSULTATION

**Internal:** Civil & Open Space Teams, Buildings & Operations Staff, Fleet Workshop, Project Delivery **External:** RJG, KOPPENS & other Butler Bay Rd Stakeholders, Palm Island Barge, Subdivision Contractors **6. CONCLUSION** 

Fleet and Workshop operations in August 2025 contributed significantly to Council's infrastructure goals and community support initiatives. Continued investment in fleet servicing and cyclone preparation will ensure operational resilience and project delivery.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

# 4.6 Civil and Open Space Report

# PALM ISLAND

# Aboriginal Shire Council



ITEM NO	4.6
REPORT NAME:	Civil and Open Space Report
MEETING	Ordinary Council Meeting
DIRECTORATE	Civil and Open Space
AUTHOR	Vaughn Charles, Civil & Open Space
DOC ID	20250924:4.6
APPROVER	Emma Bradburry, Interim CEO

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides Council with an operational update on Civil & Open Space activities for August 2025. The team delivered essential services including road and drainage maintenance, recycling operations, funeral service support, firebreak preparation, and animal control. Staff capability was strengthened through safety training. Council is asked to note progress and support continued delivery of these services.

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes report.

#### 1. BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS

The Civil & Open Space section is central to Council's commitment to maintaining a clean, safe, and functional community. Previous reports have highlighted the team's role in infrastructure maintenance, recycling, and culturally sensitive funeral service delivery. Council Resolution 2025.474 (July 2025) endorsed ongoing collaboration with Angel Paws to upgrade the Pound and Vet Clinic.

#### 2. REPORT

Key achievements in August 2025 included:

- Completion of road and drainage maintenance across priority areas.
- Expansion of recycling operations in partnership with Containers for Change, including proactive community engagement to increase participation and reduce waste.
- Acquisition of a Walker Stacker through grant funding to improve safety and efficiency for workers at Containers for Change.
- Delivery of funeral service support, including consultation with families, cultural sensitivity, and management of limited plot space.
- Ongoing firebreak preparation to mitigate bushfire risks.

- Animal control activities aligned with Council's July resolution, including planning for upgrades to the Pound and Vet Clinic.
- Staff safety training delivered to build operational capability and reduce workplace risks.

#### 3. IMPLICATIONS/RISK

#### Benefits:

- Improved community safety and environmental outcomes.
- Enhanced service delivery and operational efficiency.
- Strengthened staff capability and morale.

#### Risks:

- Increasing sensitivity around funeral plot availability requires policy review and stakeholder engagement.
- Continued reliance on external funding for equipment and service enhancements.

#### a. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Activities are currently funded through Council's operational budget, RJED, ISEP, and other grant sources. No additional Council budget is requested at this stage.

#### **b. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Supports Council's strategic objectives for community safety, sustainability, and employment. Aligns with the Local Government Act 2009 and Council's Environmental Sustainability Policy.

# 4. LINKS TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Identify strategic goals this supports. Use key response areas.

#### Example:

**KEY RESPONSE AREAS**: Community Infrastructure & Maintenance, Community Safety and Environment, Organisational Capability

#### 5. CONSULTATION

**Internal:** Civil & Open Space Teams, Buildings & Operations Staff, Fleet Workshop, Project Delivery **External:** 

RJG, KOPPENS, Palm Island Barge, Containers for Change, Rangers, Angel Paws

#### 6. CONCLUSION

August 2025 was a productive month for the Civil & Open Space team, with strong delivery across infrastructure, waste, and community services. Continued focus on firebreaks, animal control, and funeral service management will support Council's strategic goals and community wellbeing.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

# 4.7 Growth and Economic Development Report

# PALM ISLAND

# Aboriginal Shire Council



ITEM NO	4.7
REPORT NAME	Growth & Economic Development Report
MEETING	Ordinary Council Meeting
DIRECTORATE	Growth & Economic Development
AUTHOR	Andrew Jackson
DOC ID	20250924:4.7
APPROVER	Emma Bradbury, <i>Interim</i> CEO

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In August 2025, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council continued to make steady progress in advancing local economic development and employment initiatives. Building on the momentum from July, the Council collaborated with internal and external stakeholders to progress new employment opportunities, supported operational efficiency, prepared for our signature Spring Festival, and strengthened Palm Island's economic identity.

### 2. REPORT

This report provides an update on Growth and Economic Development activities undertaken in August 2025. The report is provided for Council information.

### **Section Overview**

- Collaborated with internal and external stakeholders to identify local business and employment opportunities.
- Supported operational efficiency and staff development for economic initiatives.
- Advanced efforts to strengthen Palm Island's economic identity.

### **Major Delivery Areas**

### The Foundation (RAES Application)

- ORIC Application is not proceeded with. ASIC application lodged by Preston Law.
- NIAA advised of new information. As at 16/9/25, awaiting updated from NIAA.

### **RJED Funding Applications**

- We have commenced recruitment for the new positions and are working with Rainbow Gateway to get these filled.
- Total RJED-funded positions now: 27.

### **Palm Island Spring Fair**

- Working closely with events Team to ensure a spectacular event
- Arranged for Jeremy Donovan to urgently come back to paint Service Station prior to the Event.
- 10 x Casuals (Local) employed to assist Event organisers

### **Palm Island Service Station**

- August sales were the highest on our current records \$420K. We also exceed \$100K in Week 34, which is our first time exceeding this mark.
- We have ordered bulk supplies of drinks, food & cigarettes for Spring Festival and project a record week for sales.

### 3. IMPLICATIONS/RISK

### **Budget Implications:**

Funding received through RJED, ISEP, and other sources. No additional Council budget is requested at this stage.

Service Station Cost of Goods will exceed September Budget. However, Year to Date expenditure is under budget for 25/26 Financial Year.

### **Policy Implications:**

Aligns with Council's strategic objectives around employment, economic development, and community capability-building.

### 4. LINKS TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

### **Key Response Areas:**

- Economic Development and Employment
- Community Capacity and Skills
- Organisational Capability

### 5. CONSULTATION

Internal: HR / Operations Staff / Finance Team

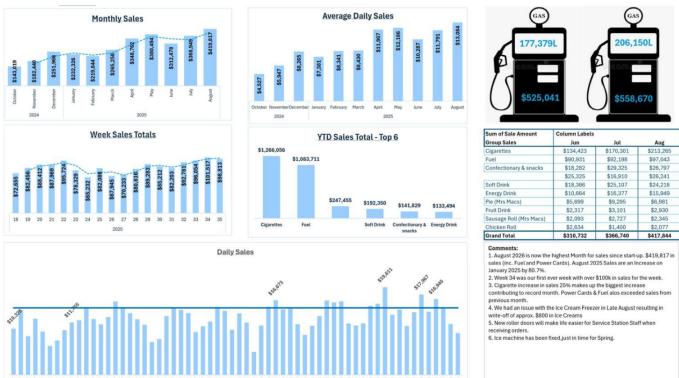
### External:

Rainbow Gateway / NIAA / Palm Island Community / Preston Law

### 6. CONCLUSION

The August 2025 Growth and Economic Development update reflects steady progress in building local employment pathways, economic capability, Council revenue, and strategic partnerships. Council's continued support of these initiatives is contributing to long-term community impact and local autonomy.

### **Attachment - Palm Island Service Station Dashboard August 2025**



### **4.8 Project Director Report**

# PALM ISLAND

# Aboriginal Shire Council



ITEM NO	4.8
REPORT NAME:	Council Executive Reporting
MEETING	Ordinary Council Meeting
DIRECTORATE	Projects Director
AUTHOR	Marcio Fialho
DOC ID	2025092:4.8
APPROVER	Emma Bradbury, interim CEO

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide a brief update to the Elected Council on the status of capital projects and actions being taken to ensure Council's strategic objectives are achieved.

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- Proceed to completion of outstanding works for Farm Road 10x1B prefab homes (Chook City) pending finalisation of current planning approvals.
- Defer application for reconfiguration of the lots (subdivision) pending a further report to council.
- Approves the relaxation of the front setback for Lot 533 (Stanley St residential project).
- Approves the relaxation of the front setback for Lot 187 (Luma Luma St residential project).
- Endorses the concept design for the project in Puttaburra St.

### **BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS**

### 10x1B Prefab Homes (Chook City)

In August 2025 Council took delivery of and placed 10x1B units onto prepared site on Farm Road. Construction on this project has progressed to 75% completion.

Following an assessment of current projects, it was identified that this project does not yet have completed planning and Development Application approvals.

Commencement of construction without DA approval constitutes a development offence under s 84 of the Building Act 1975 and s163 of the Planning Act 2016 for which infringement notices and penalties may apply, including fines that could exceed \$500,000.

A decision of Council is required to determine progress of outstanding construction works (concrete works – roads, footpaths, etc., car ports, plumbing and electrical works – stage 2, landscaping, etc.).

Following the compliance review, officers engaged RILIPO, QBuild and contractors to assess the risks and implications of progressing to completion absent the required approvals. Confirmation has been received that that the project was commenced with awareness that the DA approval would be retrospective, and that the current risk to Council is manageable.

It is recommended that consideration of subdividing the original lot into ten individual lots is considered as a separate process, following completion of the current planning requirements.

We are aiming to complete construction works before the wet season by November 2025

### Residential Projects in Stanley St., Puttaburra St. Luma Luma St,

- (Lot 33) Stanley St current design impinges on setback requirements. A decision of council is required
  to approve relaxation of setback rules, or redesign the project. Documented advice from RILIPO confirms
  authority of council to approve setback relaxation.
- (Lot 187) Luma Luma St.- current design impinges on setback requirements. A decision of council is required to approve relaxation of setback rules, or redesign the project. Documented advice from RILIPO confirms authority of council to approve setback relaxation.
- Puttaburra St.: No setback relaxation required. DA approval has been completed.

### **REPORT**

Following a collaborative workshop of Council Officers, a detailed snapshot of Council's current pipeline of capital works has been compiled. Projects are at varying stages of planning, funding, and progress to completion.

### **SUMMARY OF KEY UPDATES**

### 5x2B Plug-Ins:

This project has achieved practical completion. Delivery has been pushed to late December 2025 due to certification challenges.

### 2 New Homes in Clump Point Rd and Dee St:

Construction of Clump Point and Dee Street properties has been extensively delayed due to planning oversights, contractor, and capacity constraints.

Council officers are currently renegotiating contractor arrangements to manage costs, optimise delivery, and enhance local employment and engagement in the completion of the project.

This project is schedules to be delivered by June 2026.

### **Existing Housing Upgrades (QBuild)**

Council has committed to deliver housing upgrades, tendering on over current delivery arrangements to increase local employment participation and progress delivery of works.

Recent years have seen a decline in Council's completion rate of tendered works.

Council officers have commenced discussions with Q-Build to close out or hand back outstanding works, and to develop an innovative co-designed approach to collaborating on housing upgrades to align with council's priorities for local skills development and QBuild's commitment to housing upgrades. A detailed report will be brought to Council for consideration.

### Residential Project in Butler Bay (5 Lots), Rodeo/Paradise St (36 Lots)

Design work for the Residential Projects in Butler Bay (5 Lots) and Rodeo/Paradise St (36 Lots) is pending development application (DA) approvals and funding. Advancing design ahead of approvals carries the risk of costly retrospective changes if DA conditions require amendments, as has occurred in previous projects. Pausing design may delay project delivery and reduce Council's preparedness for funding or construction opportunities. A detailed report with recommendations will be brought to Council for further consideration in November.

### a. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There is no direct impact to budget arising from the items for decision in this report.

### **b. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

A comprehensive review of policy implications is underway, with future recommendations to strengthen governance, compliance, and risk management across the capital works program.

### c. LINKS TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Council does not currently have adopted Corporate or Operational Plans, which increases the risk that project delivery and resource allocation may not be fully aligned with long-term strategic priorities.

### 5. CONSULTATION

The following stakeholders were consulted:

### Internal:

- Engineering and Assets Manager
- Chief Executive Officer
- Chief Financial Officer

### External:

- RILIPO
- Consultants / Building Certifiers
- Contractors / Subcontractors

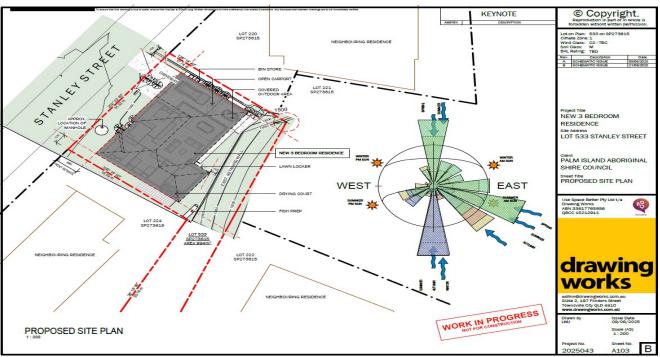
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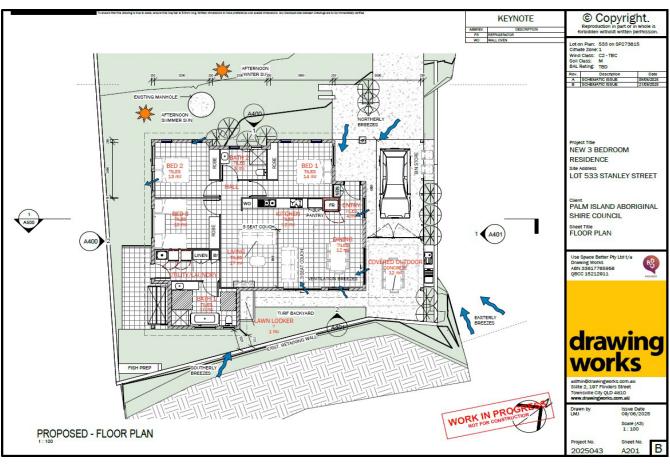
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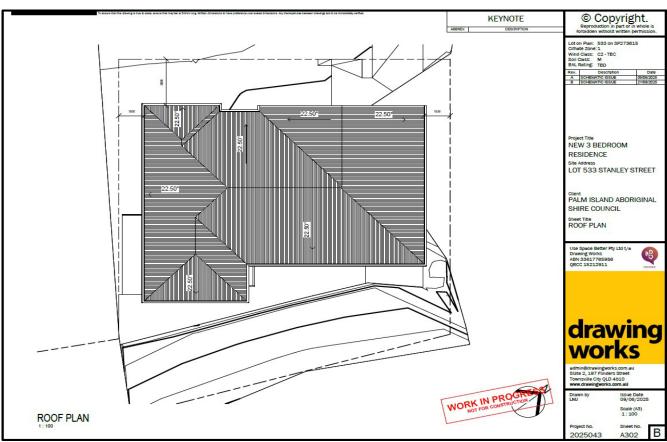
opportunities associated with the Capital Works Program with the objective of achieving Council's strategic goals in an efficient and effective manner.

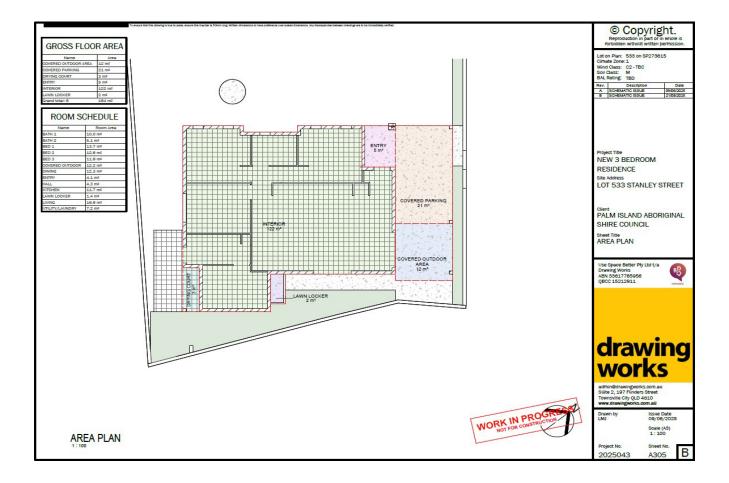
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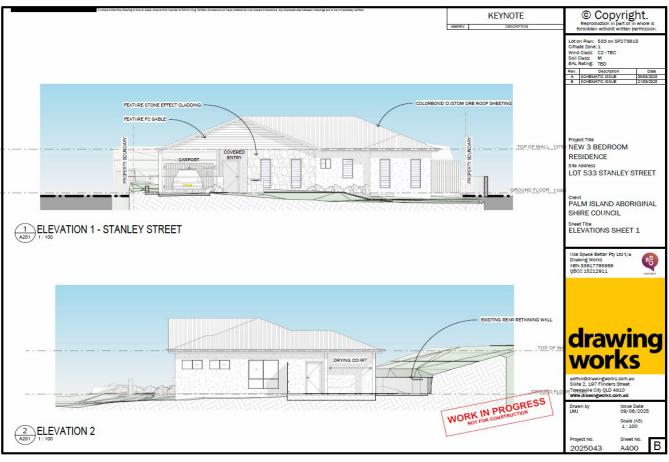


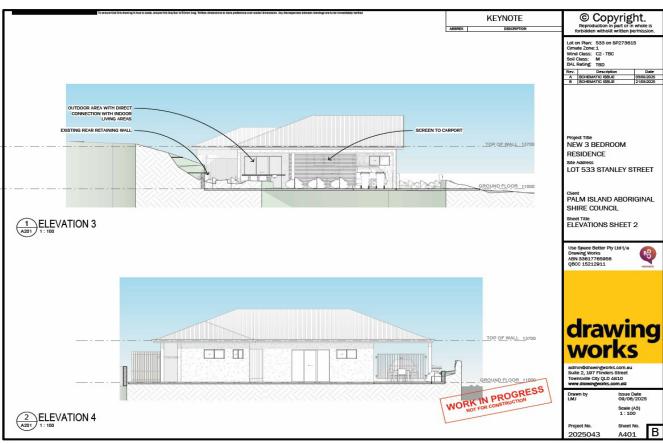














Attachment - Stanley St residential project technical note recommending setback relaxation

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### To Marcio Fialho

Subject	Retaining Wall and Setback Considerations for Lot 533 (SP273615) Stanley Street
From 3 Point Design	
3PD Refere	nce PIASC_TM002_Rev A
Date 12 September 2024	

### 1 Overview

### 1.1 Purpose

This technical memo outlines our recommendation and reasoning for Council's consideration regarding the treatment of the existing retaining wall on the eastern boundary of Lot 533 (SP273615), Stanley Street. Specifically, we present two potential approaches: retaining the existing wall in its current form, or rebuilding a

new wall. Each option is assessed against site constraints and planning considerations to inform the most practical and sustainable path forward.

Our recommendation is to proceed without disturbing the existing retaining wall while seeking an adjustment to the current DA's front setback clearance from 4.5m to 3m. This recommendation has been developed on the basis of the following considerations:

- The survey indicates an existing retaining wall with an approximate 1:2.5 batter behind it, presenting a total vertical challenge of approximately 3m in height. Rebuilding a new wall of this scale will require substantial structural engineering design and incur significant construction costs.
- Rebuilding the wall will adversely impact existing mature trees along the eastern rear fence line in the neighbouring property, with foundations potentially compromising their health and stability, and a high likelihood that they will need to be removed.
- Stormwater constraints need to be confirmed, particularly whether adjoining Lots 221 and 222 contribute stormwater flows into Lot 533. Disturbance of the wall could complicate downstream drainage solutions, as existing flows from neighbouring lots will need to factor in with any new sub-surface drainage systems installed behind the wall.
- Alternatively, by retaining the current wall and reducing the building front setback from 4.5m to 3m, the project can achieve a compliant and viable building envelope without significant construction costs or culturally sensitive tree removals.

### 1.2 Comparative Assessment of Options

1.2.1 Option 1 - Retain Existing Wall and Adjust Front Setback

Pros

- Cost-effective as it avoids major structural design and construction.
- Preserves vegetation and avoids damaging significant trees.
- Simplifies approvals and reduces lead time for delivery.

Cons

- Existing wall condition may limit future flexibility and require ongoing monitoring to ensure structural adequacy (we recommend a structural assessment to confirm).
- Requires Council agreement to relax the setback from 4.5m to 3m.

### 1.2.2 Option 2 - Construct a New Retaining Wall (Approx. 3m high)

Pros

- Provides a new engineered structure with long-term design life.
- May allow for improved drainage control depending on structural solution.

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- Very high construction cost due to wall height and site constraints.
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 Reduced footprint may be more appropriate for this size lot working with the existing retaining wall, batters and adhering to the Planning Scheme setbacks.

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- Loss of 1 x bedroom and reduced house size.
- Requires the development of a new floorplan concept.

### 1.3 Recommendation

Based on the above considerations, it is our opinion that Option 1 - Retain Existing Wall and Adjust Front Setback, represents the most practical solution, balancing site constraints, environmental protection, and project costs. We therefore recommend and request Council:

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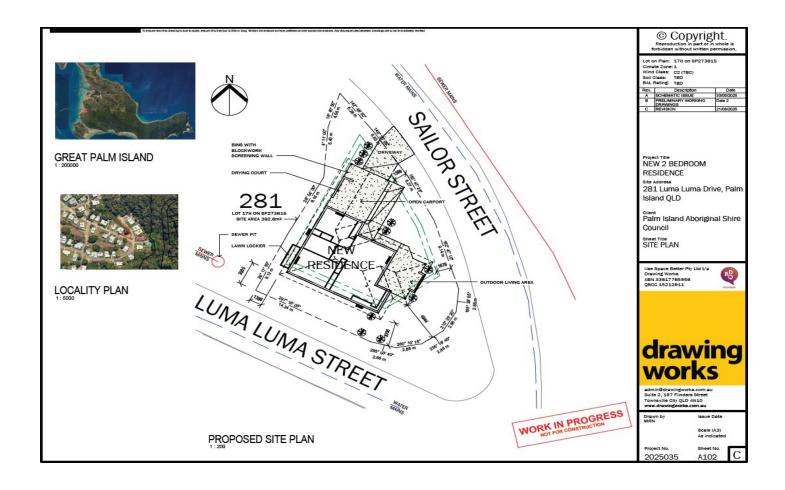
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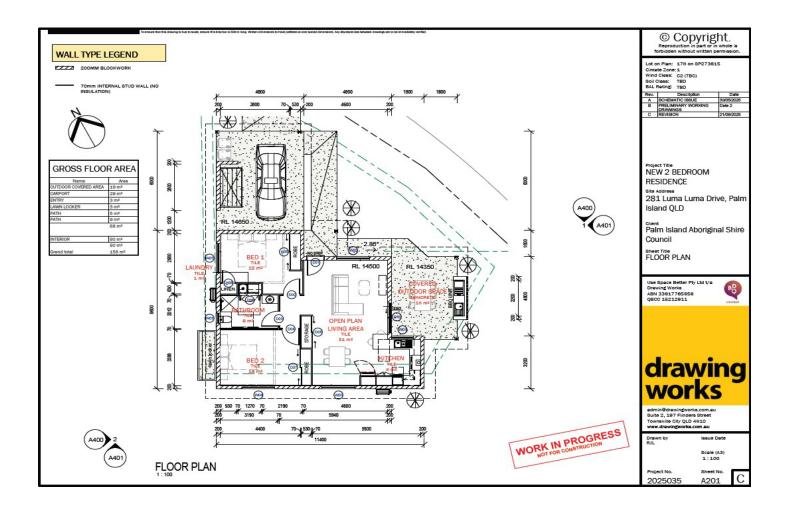
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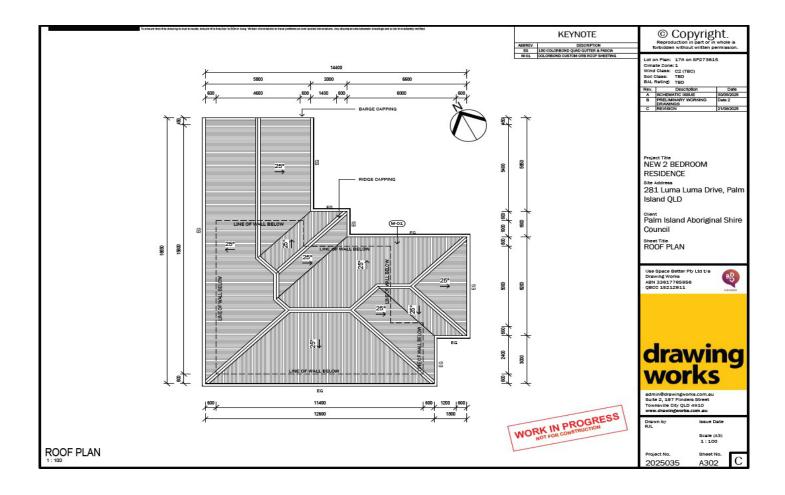
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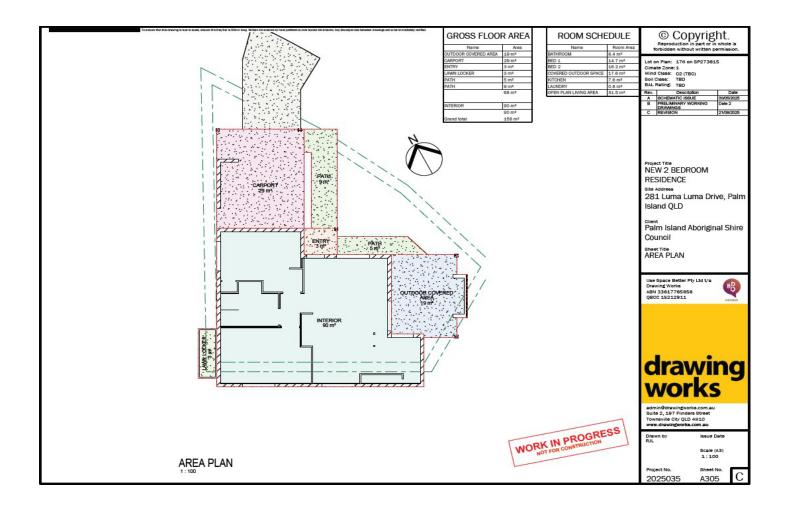
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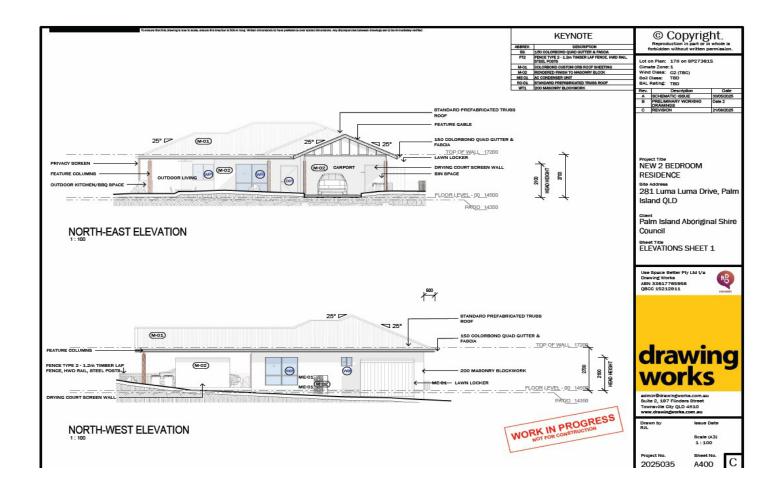


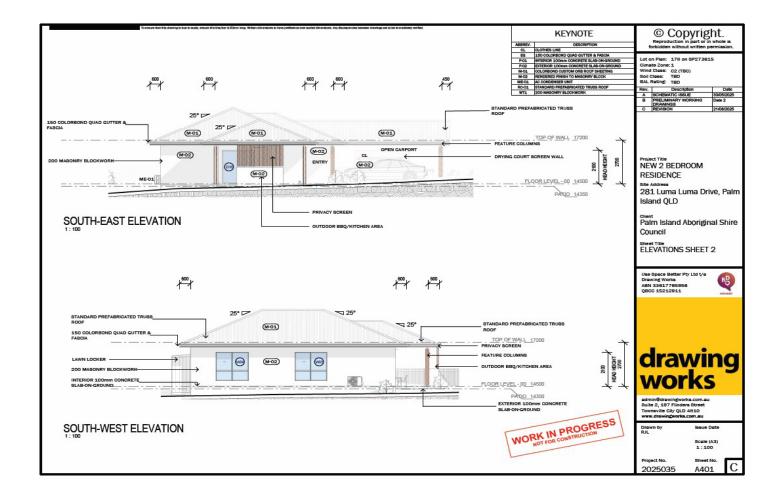


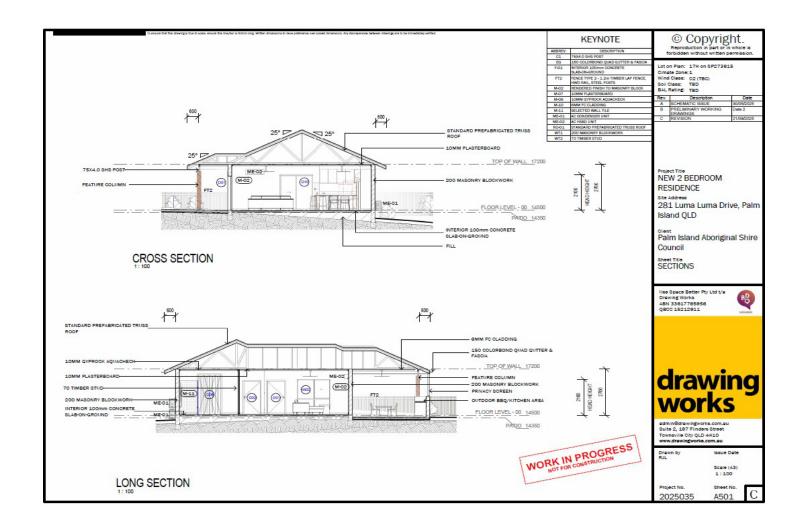












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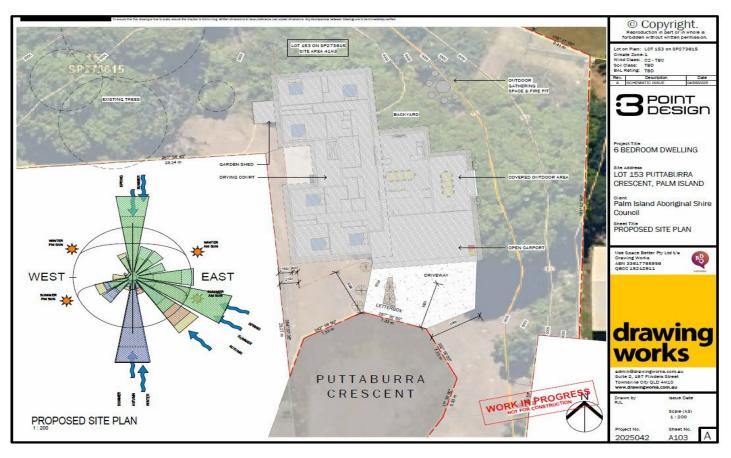
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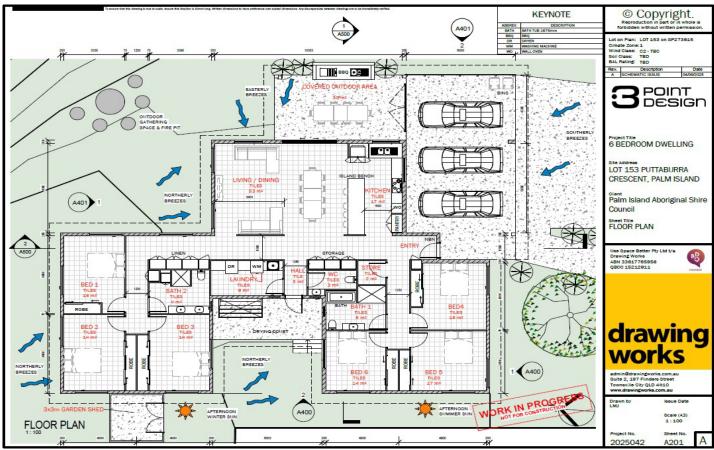
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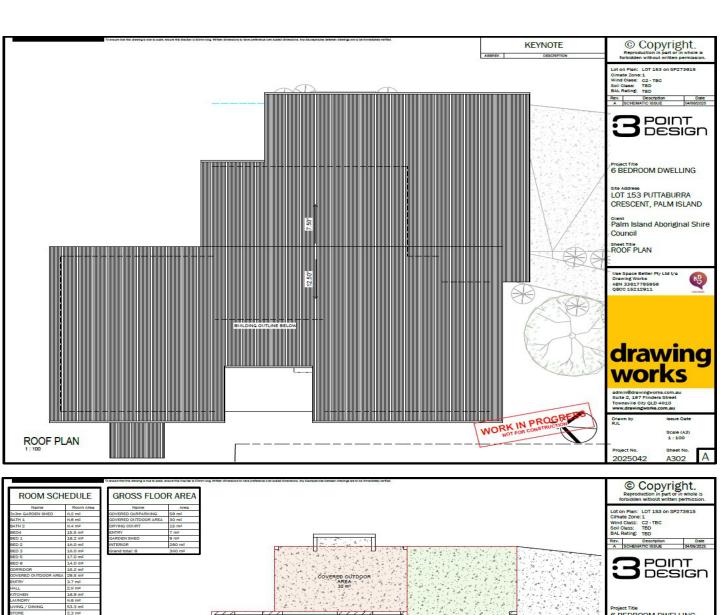
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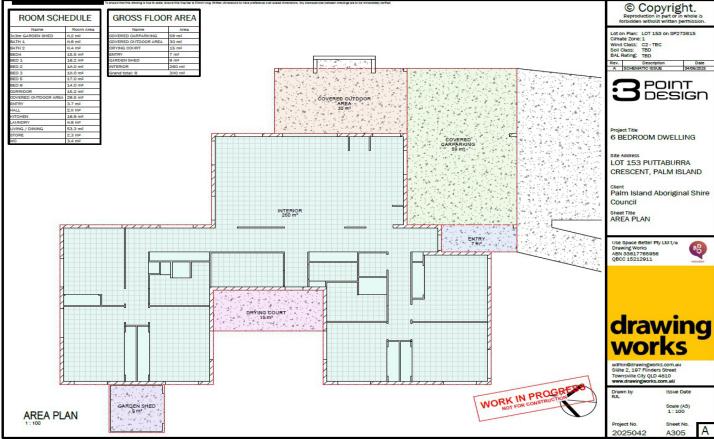
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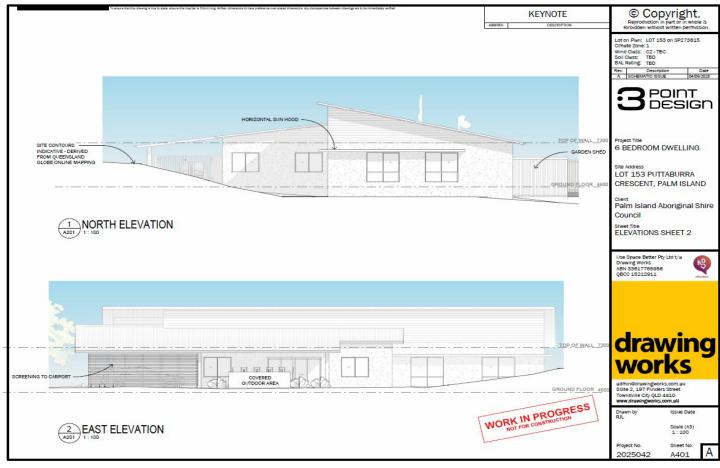


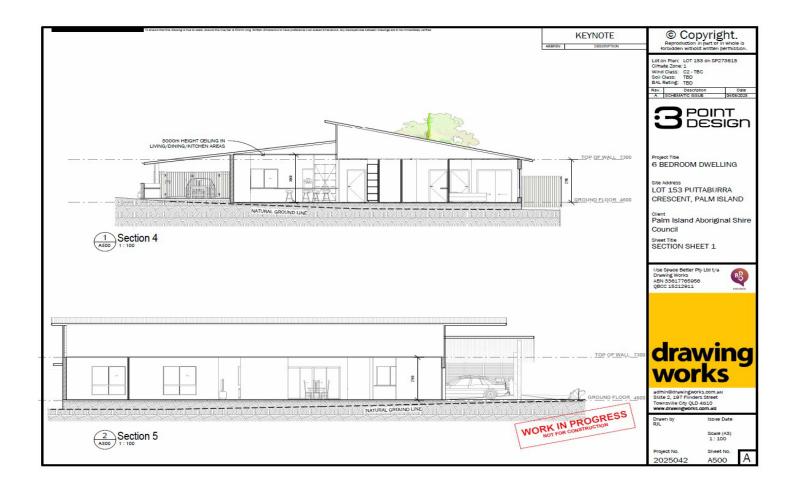












### 4.9 Water & Sewerage Report

ITEM NO:	4.9
REPORT NAME:	Water & Sewer Report
MEETING:	Ordinary Council Meeting
DIRECTORATE:	Water & Sewer
AUTHOR:	Micah Geia, Water & Sewer Manager
DOC ID:	20250924:4.9
APPROVER	Emma Bradbury, interim CEO

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides Council with an operational update on water and sewer activities for the period leading up to 18 September 2025. Key areas include sewer inlet works, water main installations and repairs, dam levels, and sewer blockages. The report also highlights recent infrastructure commissioning, operational risks, and upcoming community engagement initiatives.

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

4. Receive and note the Water & Sewer report.

### 1. Drinking Water Operations

### Raw Water Source:

Solomon Dam: 100% full (low-level algae bloom detected)

o Francis Dam: 70% full

### Treated Water Quality:

o Free chlorine residuals remain within optimal ranges:

Palm Centre: 1.7 – 2.1 mg/L
 Butler Bay: 1.8 – 2.4 mg/L
 Rodeo Grounds: 1.5 – 2.1 mg/L

### Infrastructure Commissioning:

New direct water main to main reservoir successfully commissioned.

### Operational Planning:

o Communications network mapping underway to address weather-related treatment disruptions.

### 2. Sewerage Operations

### Reticulation:

Sewer smoker machine acquired to locate pipe breaks; works pending dry weather.

### Sewer Stations:

 Six blockages recorded despite catchment baskets; community engagement program in development with QLD Health.

### Sewer Treatment Plant:

 Decanter 2 failure; installation of new flotation pump in planning phase, with logistical challenges due to limited machinery.

### 3. Projects

### Inlet Works to STP:

o Commissioning stage.

### New Solomon Reservoirs:

Completed and operational.

### IMPLICATIONS/RISK

### **Water Treatment Facility:**

We currently operate one chlorinator and one DAFF (Dissolved Air Flotation Filtration) system. To mitigate operational risks, it is essential to maintain an adequate inventory of critical spare parts. We strive to manage this sustainably; however, the storage of these critical spares has been a persistent challenge within the Water and Sewer department

### LINKS TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

All activities and initiatives outlined in this report align with Council's Corporate Plan 2020-24 and support the strategic priorities of economic development, community wellbeing, and good governance.

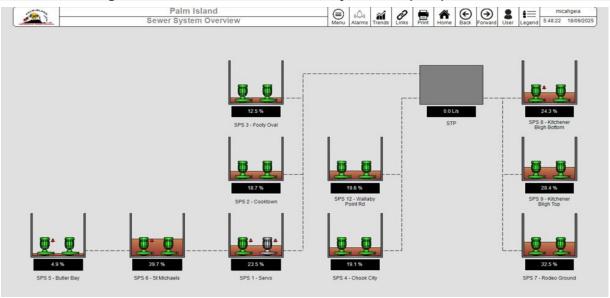
### CONCLUSION

The reporting period has seen steady progress across water and sewer operations, with key infrastructure projects advancing and operational challenges managed effectively. The dedication of the Water and Sewer team, supported by Council and partners, continues to ensure reliable service delivery and ongoing improvements for the Palm Island community. Sincere thanks are extended to all staff and stakeholders for their commitment and support.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Figure 1: SCADA overview of 10 major sewer pump stations
- Figure 2–8: Water main installation and sewer inlet infrastructure photos

### Attachment - Figure 1: SCADA overview of 10 major sewer pump stations



Attachment – Figure 2–8: Water main installation and sewer inlet infrastructure photos



Figure 1 installation of Manbarra Rd new 100mm watermain.



Figure 2 Manbarra Rd watermain marked with tape for identification.



Figure 3 concrete casing for water main repair Joinery Lane preparation.



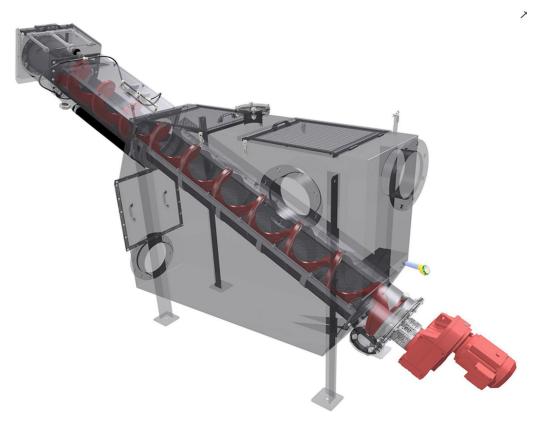
Figure 4 water main concrete casing complete.



Figure 5 aeration pumps for sewer inlet installed waiting for final concrete base.



Figure 6 brand new Spirac channel screens.



### Figure 7 schematic look inside.

### 4.10 Palm Island Great Barrier Reef Clean-Up 2025

ITEM NO	4.10
REPORT NAME	Palm Island Great Barrier Reef Clean-Up 2025
MEETING	Ordinary Council Meeting
DIRECTORATE	Office of the CEO
AUTHOR	Jessie-Mae Laczik, Governance Officer
DOC ID	20250924:4.10
APPROVER	Emma Bradbury, interim CEO

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides Council with an overview of the upcoming Palm Island Great Barrier Reef Clean-Up 2025, a community-led environmental initiative scheduled for Friday, 17 October 2025. The event is coordinated by the Minggamingga Rangers in partnership with Tangaroa Blue Foundation through the ReefClean program and supported by the Australian Government's Reef Trust.

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report on the Palm Island Great Barrier Reef Clean-Up 2025.

### **KEY INITIATIVES & HIGHLIGHTS**

- Event: Palm Island Great Barrier Reef Clean-Up 2025
- Date/Time: Friday, 17 October 2025, 8:30 AM 3:30 PM
- Location: Minggamingga Rangers, Palm Island
- Lead Partners: Minggamingga Rangers, Tangaroa Blue Foundation (ReefClean), Manbarra and Bwgcolman Traditional Owners
- Participants: Schools, Council, community organisations, job seeker networks, and the wider community

### **EVENT OBJECTIVES**

- **Protecting Country:** Remove marine debris from local beaches and sea country, contributing data to the Australian Marine Debris Initiative (AMDI) Database.
- Youth & Education: Engage local schools and young people in hands-on environmental stewardship.
- **Community Leadership:** Showcase Palm Island's commitment to environmental protection and community pride.
- **Partnerships:** Strengthen collaboration between Council, Traditional Owners, community groups, and national partners.

### **IMPLICATIONS/RISK**

- Positive community engagement and environmental outcomes.
- Opportunities for skills development and youth participation.

 Minimal operational risk: event is supported by experienced partners and aligns with Council's strategic priorities.

### LINKS TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Community Wellbeing, Environmental Stewardship, and Partnerships.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Palm Island Great Barrier Reef Clean-Up 2025 is a significant opportunity for Council and the community to demonstrate leadership in environmental protection and youth engagement. Council's support and participation are recommended.

**Attachment - Event Flyer** 



### 5. Matters for Decision

### 5.1 Back Farm Housing Development

# PALM ISLAND

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ITEM NO	5.1
REPORT NAME	Back Farm Housing Development
MEETING	Ordinary Council Meeting
DIRECTORATE	Projects Director
AUTHOR	Marcio Fialho
DOC ID	PIASC-2025-OCM-5.1
APPROVER	Emma Bradbury, <i>Interim</i> CEO

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the Back Farm residential development, located at Lot 536 and 491 Wallaby Point Road, which will contribute to Palm Island's housing supply with 98 additional lots.

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Provides comments to the concept design and/or
- 2. Requests changes to the concept design or
- 3. Approves the concept design as is

### 1. BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS

As per the latest Palm Island's Housing Capital Investment Strategy (June 2024), the need for new housing on Palm Island will be met by building 139 new homes over a ten-year, accompanied by the corresponding investment in new infrastructure.

Back Farm development application (DA2024\_012) conducted by RILIPO commenced on 02/12/2024 and is expected to be completed by 19/12/2025. The proposed design includes the requested development expansion (additional lots). As per the Housing Capital Investment Strategy, the development is scheduled to be executed in the period of 2029 to 2032.

### 2. REPORT

Council's decision on the proposed development design will inform the development application and cost estimation processes for this project.

Upon Council's decision, RILIPO will be able to

- Finalise the design and estimations
- Finalise the Development Application (DA)
- Submit the DA to council
- Undertake relevant Referrals and Public Notification processes
- Whereafter the Council Decision-Making processes will commence

### 3. IMPLICATIONS/RISK

This new residential development, Back Farm will result in the following benefits to the community:

- Meet demand by people from the mainland who would like to move to Palm Island along with existing tenants on Palm Island whose needs are not being met
- Maximise the potential contribution to the local economy through local apprentices, employment and business engagement

The development is exposed to risks associated with:

- Development application approval (e.g. referrals, public notifications, etc.)
- Securing sufficient funds not only for the residential development but also for the corresponding infrastructure required
- Housing and infrastructure execution (e.g. supply chain and logistic challenges, local manpower capacity and capabilities, ability to attract capable contractors, contractors' accommodation availability, weather conditions, etc.)
- Tenancy process (e.g. selection criteria, etc.)

### a. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Estimated cost of \$33.4 million as per the Palm Island's Housing Capital Investment Strategy. Funding is yet to be secured.

### **b. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Supports Council's Housing Capital Investment Strategy and aligns with Planning Act 2016 (Qld), Planning Regulation 2017 (Qld), Palm Island's Planning Scheme, and the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA).

### 4. LINKS TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Key Response Areas: Community and Wellbeing, Economy and Places

### 5. CONSULTATION

**Internal**: Housing and Infrastructure Team, Business Development and Growth Team, Corporate and Community Services Team, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Executive Officer

**External**: Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office (RILIPO)

### 6. CONCLUSION

Proceeding with Back Farm residential development application is a solid step towards achieving one of Council's strategic objectives which is deliver housing, complimentary amenity and infrastructure to the community.

# PRELIMINARY ISSUE | Control of the 
**Attachment - Layout Plan of Back Farm** 

### **5.2 Salary Sacrificing Arrangements for Councillors**

**Title of Report: Salary Sacrificing Arrangements for Councillors** 

Agenda Item:

Classification: For Decision

Author CEO Attachments Nil

### Recommendation:

### That Council:

- As per the Taxation Administration Act schedule 1, s446-45 approve that Councillors are subject to PAYG (Pay as You Go) withholding – deeming them employees of Council for superannuation purposes only, and therefore subject to minimum superannuation guarantee contributions being made by Council.
- 2. Approve for Council to participate in superannuation for Councillors as employees of Council.

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

Council has the option to determine whether Councillors should access, benefit from and optionally contribute to superannuation funds/schemes complying with the Commonwealth Superannuation legislation for elected members who wish to participate.

### **IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY:**

Not Applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT**

At the June Ordinary Meeting Preston Law was requested to provide advice to Council. In order to protect legal privilege, we have attached a copy of our advice dated 28 July 2025 to this report.

A summary of the advice was provided at the August Meeting. It is important to note that superannuation is a matter for individual Councils to agree on and that most Councils in Queensland have opted into this system.

S226 of the Qld Local Government Act 2009 (the Act) provides that:

- 1. Councillors can establish, amend and take part in a superannuation scheme paying superannuation contributions for Councillors, to an approved fund, which complies with the provision of the Commonwealth Superannuation Act; and
- 2. also enter into an arrangement under which:
- one or more councillor/s agrees to forgo a percentage or amount of the remuneration that the councillor is entitled to as a councillor (salary sacrifice); and
- local government agrees to contribute the percentage or amount to the superannuation scheme for the councillor.

Councillors have the option to pass a resolution per the Taxation Administration Act schedule 1, s446-45 that Councillors are subject to PAYG (Pay as You Go) withholding - making them employees of Council, for taxation purposes only and therefore subject to minimum superannuation guarantee contributions being made by Council.

From 1 July 2025 this rate is 12%.

It was advised that the August Ordinary meeting that Councillors should individually seek expert taxation advice on opting in to understand the personal implications.

### **CRITICAL DATES**

Nil

### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Nil

### LEGAL AND LEGISLATION CONSIDERATIONS

Council received advice from Preston Law on 28 July 2025.

### **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil

### CORPORATE AND OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

### FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Nil.

### **CONSULTATION**

The recommendation is consistent with Council's legal advice.

### 5.3 Funding Support for PCYC Healthy Eating and Cooking Program

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ITEM NO:	Item 5.3
REPORT NAME:	Funding Support for PCYC Healthy Eating and Cooking Program
MEETING:	Ordinary Council Meeting
DIRECTORATE:	Office of the CEO
AUTHOR:	Jessie-Mae Laczik, Governance Officer

DOC ID	PIASC-2025-OCM-5.3
APPROVER	Emma Bradbury, <i>Interim</i> CEO

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report seeks Council's formal endorsement of a financial contribution to support the Palm Island PCYC's healthy eating and cooking program for youth. The program provides daily meals, teaches food preparation and hygiene, and fosters leadership and communication skills. A proposed initial contribution of \$10,000 is recommended, with scope for review based on program outcomes and budget availability.

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Endorses a financial contribution of \$10,000 to Palm Island PCYC to support its youth healthy eating and cooking program.
- 2. Notes that the funding will be sourced from the Community Betterment Fund operational budget.
- 3. Requests a progress update from PCYC in December 2025 to inform future funding consideration

### 1. BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS

Council has previously expressed support for PCYC's youth engagement initiatives. Informal discussions between the interim CEO and Acting Sergeant Laurie Bateman highlighted the growing demand for food provision at PCYC programs, which operate daily during school terms and holidays. An initial offer of \$10,000 was made by the former CEO, pending formal Council resolution.

### 2. REPORT

PCYC Palm Island runs structured programs for children aged 5–17, with attendance averaging 70–80 participants daily. The cooking program provides nutritious meals, teaches hygiene and food preparation, and encourages leadership through peer-led service. All ingredients are sourced locally from CEQ Palm Island. Due to increased participation, PCYC's existing food budget is insufficient to sustain the program through yearend.

### 3. IMPLICATIONS/RISK

**Benefits**: Improved youth nutrition and wellbeing, Enhanced community safety and engagement, Support for local business through CEQ purchasing

**Risks**: Sustainability of funding beyond initial contribution, Reputational risk if support is withdrawn midprogram

### a. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

\$10,000 to be allocated from the Community Betterment Fund operational budget (GL code to be confirmed with Finance).

### **b. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Supports Council's Community Engagement and Youth Development objectives. Aligns with the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld) – Section 4(2)(c) "democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement."

# 4. LINKS TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN KEY RESPONSE AREAS:

- Safety and Wellbeing
- Community and Environment

Partnerships and Engagement

### 5. CONSULTATION

Internal: interim CEO Emma Bradbury, CFO Rebecca Baguley

External: A/Sergeant Laurie Bateman, Palm Island PCYC, Kalo Sue-Tin, Regional Manager, PCYC

### 6. CONCLUSION

Council's financial support will enable PCYC to continue delivering a vital youth program that promotes health, leadership, and community connection. A formal resolution will provide clarity and structure to the partnership.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

nil

### 5.4 Probity Framework and Procurement Pathways for Councillor-Supplied Goods and Services

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ITEM NO:	5.4
	Probity Framework and Procurement Pathways for Councillor-Supplied Goods and Services
MEETING:	Ordinary Council Meeting
DIRECTORATE:	Office of the CEO
AUTHOR:	Emma Bradbury, <i>interim</i> CEO
DOC ID	PIASC-2025-OCM-5.4
APPROVER	Emma Bradbury, <i>Interim</i> CEO

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report proposes a formal framework for managing instances where elected members supply goods or services to Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council (PIASC). While permissible under the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld), such arrangements require strong probity controls to manage actual and perceived conflicts of interest. The framework includes conflict management protocols, procurement integrity measures, LocalBuy registration support, and a checklist for assessing proposals.

### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the proposed probity framework for councillor-supplied goods and services.
- 2. Supports councillor-suppliers to pursue LocalBuy registration.
- 3. Requests the CEO to issue a formal advisory memo to staff and councillors outlining expectations.
- 4. Adopts the attached checklist for assessing councillor-supplier proposals.

### 1. BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS

PIASC currently engages elected members as suppliers, including catering, branded apparel, and minor contracting services. While these arrangements support local enterprise, they must be managed transparently to uphold governance integrity and community trust.

### 2. REPORT

The Local Government Act 2009 (Qld) permits councillor-suppliers but requires:

- Full disclosure of financial interests.
- Non-participation in related decisions.
- Transparent procurement processes.

The proposed framework includes:

- Written declarations and Register of Interests updates.
- Recusal from all related discussions and decisions.
- Use of open procurement or LocalBuy pathways.
- Appointment of a probity adviser for high-risk contracts.
- Adoption of a formal checklist for assessing proposals.

### 3. IMPLICATIONS/RISK

### Benefits:

- Supports local enterprise in a compliant manner.
- Enhances transparency and community confidence.
- Reduces administrative burden via LocalBuy.

### Risks:

- Perceived conflicts of interest if not properly managed.
- Reputational risk without clear protocols.

### a. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

No immediate financial impact. LocalBuy registration is free for Indigenous and small businesses.

### **b. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- Governance and Leadership
- Economic Development
- Community Confidence

### 4. LINKS TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

### **KEY RESPONSE AREAS:**

- Community and Environment
- Infrastructure and Services
- · Safety and Wellbeing

### 5. CONSULTATION

**Internal:** Governance Officer, Finance **External:** LocalBuy, Councillor-suppliers

### 6. CONCLUSION

This framework provides a clear, compliant pathway for councillor-supplied goods and services, balancing governance integrity with support for local enterprise. Council's endorsement will formalise expectations and strengthen probity.

### **Attachment - Proposed Framework & Checklist**

Proposed Framework: Framework for Managing Councillor-Supplied Goods and Services

### 1. Declaration and Conflict Management

- Councillor-suppliers must submit written declarations and update the Register of Interests.
- Councillors must recuse themselves from all discussions, decisions, and votes related to their supply.

### 2. Procurement Integrity

- All engagements must follow open, competitive processes or be conducted via LocalBuy.
- No preferential treatment is permitted.

### 3. LocalBuy Pathway

• Councillor-suppliers will be supported to become LocalBuy pre-qualified suppliers, enabling compliant procurement and reducing administrative burden.

### 4. Oversight and Transparency

- CEO to appoint a probity adviser for high-risk or sensitive contracts.
- Contract awards involving councillor-suppliers to be documented and, where appropriate, publicly communicated.

### **Checklist for Assessing Proposals**

• A formal checklist will be adopted to assess councillor-supplier proposals (see Appendix A).

### Appendix A: Checklist for Assessing Councillor-Supplier Proposals

Criteria	Requirement	Check
Declaration of Interest	Written declaration submitted and Register of Interests updated	
Conflict Management	Councillor recused from all related decisions and discussions	
Procurement Method	Open tender, quotation, or LocalBuy arrangement	
Value for Money	Proposal assessed against market rates and quality benchmarks	
Community Confidence	Engagement documented and communicated transparently	
Contract Oversight	CEO or probity adviser appointed to monitor compliance	
WHS & Insurance	Supplier meets all Council requirements	
Cultural Sensitivity	Supplier engagement aligns with community values and expectations	

### 5.5 Centre of Excellence Planning Funding

ITEM NO	5.5
REPORT NAME	Final Precinct Plan Submission – Palm Island Community Centre of Excellence
MEETING	Ordinary Council Meeting
DIRECTORATE	Office of the CEO
AUTHOR	Jessie-Mae Laczik. Governance Officer
DOC ID	PIASC-2025-OCM-5.5
APPROVER	Emma Bradbury, interim CEO

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report presents the final Precinct Plan and supporting documentation for the Palm Island Community Centre of Excellence project, developed under the Service Level Agreement (RILIPO\_PI-SA001) with the Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office (RILIPO). The plan has been prepared by Counterpoint Architecture in consultation with community stakeholders and outlines a transformative facility to support at-risk youth through integrated accommodation, education, and cultural programs.

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the final Precinct Plan and Concept Report for the Palm Island Community Centre of Excellence.
- 2. Endorse the submission of the final deliverables to RILIPO to enable the release of Payment 2 and Payment 3 under SLA RILIPO\_PI-SA001.
- 3. Authorise the CEO to raise the final invoices totaling \$80,000 in accordance with the executed grant agreement milestones.
- 4. To seek future funding opportunities to support implementation plan subject to funding availability.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Centre of Excellence Precinct Plan was developed in response to youth disengagement, homelessness, and limited access to education and support services. The proposed facility will be located within the existing sports precinct on Coconut Grove Road and will include:

- Safe, gender-separated accommodation for up to 30 youth
- A commercial kitchen and communal dining facilities
- Flexible learning spaces for education and training
- Cultural and wellness spaces
- Integration with local service providers and educational institutions (TAFE, CQU, JCU)

### **KEY DELIVERABLES**

- **Final Precinct Plan (Concept Report)**: Includes site analysis, design principles, visualizations, and architectural layouts.
- **Community Consultation**: Informed design objectives through engagement with stakeholders including Elders, youth services, PCYC, and schools.
- Business Case: Submitted separately, outlines strategic alignment, cost-benefit analysis, and implementation options.
- Executed SLA: Confirms funding milestones and deliverables required for final payment.

### IMPLICATIONS/RISK

Endorsement of the final plan enables PIASC to claim the remaining \$80,000 in funding. Delay in submission may impact financial acquittal timelines and project closure prior to 30 June 2025.

### LINKS TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

This initiative aligns with Council's strategic priorities of youth wellbeing, community safety, and economic development.

### **CONCLUSION**

The final Precinct Plan reflects a collaborative, culturally responsive design that meets the aspirations of Palm Island's youth and community. Council's endorsement will support the timely closure of the SLA and funding reimbursement.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Final Precinct Plan Concept Report
- Palm Island Centre of Excellence Business Case

Please note: Due to the size and nature of these documents, hard copies will be tabled at the Council meeting for reference.

### 6. Confidential Matters

### 6.1 Closed Session

That Council enter into a closed session pursuant to section 254J(3)(e) and (f) of the *Local Government Regulation* 2012 (Qld) to consider confidential legal advice relating to the recruitment and appointment of a Chief Executive Officer. The closed session was convened to ensure compliance with statutory obligations and to protect the confidentiality of sensitive legal and employment-related information.

### 6.2 Return to Open Session

That Council resume in open session in accordance with section 254J(6) of the *Local Government Regulation* 2012 (Qld),

### 7. Notices of Motion

- 7.1 Notices of Motion
- 7.2 Questions on Notice
- 7.3 Community Correspondence

### 7.3.1 Confirmation of Aboriginality &/or Torres Strait Islander Descent

Council notes and accepts the Aboriginality &/or Torres Strait Islander Descent Application For:

- 1. Bryan Conway
- 2. Janelle Kidner
- 3. Katai Wyles
- 4. Tyler Conway
- 5. Katara Wyles

### 7.3.2 Correspondence – Condolences to Former Mayor of Charters Towers Regional Council

### Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council

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Website: www.palmcouncil.qld.qov.au

### In Honour of Former Mayor Frank Beveridge

### To Charters Towers Regional Council,

On behalf of the Mayor and Councillors of Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, we join you in mourning the loss of a respected leader, devoted family man, and passionate advocate for community. We offer our sincere sympathy to his wife Sharon, his children, and all those who knew and worked alongside him.

Mr Beveridge's decades of dedicated service to the Charters Towers region, both as Councillor and Mayor, reflect a legacy of leadership, integrity, and community spirit. His commitment to infrastructure development, regional collaboration, and support for local businesses has left a lasting impact that continues to benefit the people of Charters Towers and North Queensland.

We also acknowledge his contributions as Deputy Chair of the North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NQROC), where he worked alongside Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council and other regional leaders to advance shared priorities in infrastructure, economic development, and community wellbeing. His support for inclusive regional planning helped strengthen relationships between councils and communities, including Palm Island.

Mr Beveridge's efforts in preserving the unique heritage of Charters Towers and promoting sustainable development have inspired many across local government. His memory will remain a guiding light for those who follow in his footsteps.

His legacy will continue to resonate across our region, reminding us of the value of strong leadership, meaningful collaboration, and unwavering commitment to community.

With respect,

Emma Bradbury

(Interim) Chief Executive Officer
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council



1 September 2025

Ms Emma Bradbury Interim Chief Executive Officer Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council 1 Main Street PALM ISLAND QLD 4816

Sent via email: reception@palmisland.qld.qov.au

Dear Ms Bradbury

Re: Thank you

On behalf of the Charters Towers Regional Council and the Beveridge family, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Mayor and Councillors of Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council for your kind words and sincere condolences.

Our Ref: 5105469 File Ref: 10/COU/03

Enquiries: Amy Russell

Your tribute to Mr Beveridge beautifully captures the essence of his life's work and the values of service, integrity, and unity. He was deeply committed to fostering strong relationships across North Queensland, and his collaboration with Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council was a source of great pride.

We are grateful for your recognition of his contributions to infrastructure, heritage preservation, and economic growth. His legacy lives on not only in the projects he championed, but in the spirit of cooperation and respect he helped cultivate among councils and communities.

Thank you for your thoughts during this time.

Yours sincerely

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Karina Ewer - MBA, MCDR, MAHRI, GAICD Chief Executive Officer





### 7.3.3 Correspondence - Residential Activation Fund



Department of
State Development,
Infrastructure and Planning

Our ref: DGBN25/399

1 SEP 2025

Ms Emma Bradbury Interim Chief Executive Officer Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council emma.bradbury@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au

Dear Ms Bradbury

Thank you for applying for funding under Round 1 of the Residential Activation Fund (the Fund).

Round 1 of the Fund was designed to invest in the critical trunk and essential infrastructure needed to accelerate and unlock the delivery of new homes.

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (the Department) received 178 applications seeking over \$1.79 billion in total funding. All applications were competitively assessed by the department. In this instance, the following application has not been successful in gaining funding:

Palm Island Housing Investment Strategy Support Infrastructure

I recognise and appreciate the significant time and effort that goes into preparing funding applications. If you would like to receive feedback, which may help inform the preparation of future funding submissions, please contact the department via email at RAFund@dsdip.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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# 8. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled for 29th October 2025

## 9. Closure