

PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL LAND TRUST

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PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

LAND TRUST MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name: Land Trust Meeting

Meeting Date: 24 September 2025

Meeting Time: 9:30am

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

Record of Attendance			
Present	Name	Title	Attendance
COUNCILLORS	Cr Alf Lacey	Mayor	<i>In-person</i>
	Cr Mersane Oui	Deputy Mayor	<i>In-person</i>
	Cr Telstan Sibley	Councillor	<i>In-person</i>
	Cr Ebanese Oui	Councillor	<i>In-person</i>
	Cr Germaine Bulsey	Councillor	<i>In-person</i>
OFFICERS	Emma Bradbury	Acting Chief Executive Officer	<i>In-person</i>
	Rani Sam-Johnson	Executive Assistant	<i>In-person</i>
	Jessie-Mae Laczik	Governance Officer	<i>Via Teams</i>
GUESTS	Martine Care	Preston Law	<i>Via Teams</i>
	Kim Driver	Local Government Association of QLD (LGAQ)	<i>Via Teams</i>
OBSERVERS	None		

1. Opening Meeting

1.1 Welcome and Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Chairperson acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land, the Manbarra and Bwgcolman Peoples, and paid respects to Elders past and present.

1.2 Attendance and Apologies

Nil

1.3 Leave of Absence Requests

Nil

1.4 Confirmation of Quorum

Quorum confirmed in accordance with section 259 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

1.5 Condolences

Council extends its sincere condolences to the families and loved ones of the following community members who have recently passed:

- Mr Anthony Pryor/Prior and family
- Ms Estelle Snyder and family

Council acknowledges the profound loss experienced by the Palm Island community and expresses its support and sympathy to all families during this time of mourning.

2. Declarations

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*.

Councillor	PCOI/DCOI	Meeting Items	<i>Action taken by Council pursuant to Chapter 5B of Local Government Act 2009</i>
Mayor Lacey			
Deputy Mayor Oui			
Cr Sibley			
Cr E Oui			
Cr Bulsey			

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Item 3.1 - Land Trust Meeting

Resolution LT.2025-123

That Council:

Confirms the minutes of the Land Trust Meeting held on 27 August 2025 as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Deputy Mayor M. Oui

Seconded: Cr. G. Bulsey

Carried

4. Reports

Nil.

5. Matters for Decision

Item 5.1 - Lease Negotiations: Deniece Geia

Council considered a lease offer for 67A Sibley Lane that was not dispatched as per Resolution LT.2025-103. To ensure procedural fairness, Council approved an extension of the response deadline and authorised the CEO to reissue the letter.

Resolution LT.2025-124

That Council:

1. Notes the letter to Deniece Geia regarding the lease at 67A Sibley Lane was not dispatched as per Resolution LT.2025-103.
2. Approves an extension of the response deadline to **20 October 2025**.
3. Authorises the CEO to reissue the letter confirming interest in the lease.

Moved: Cr. G. Bulsey

Seconded: Cr. E. Oui

Carried

6. Confidential Matters

Item 6.1 - Closed Session

Resolution LT.2025-125

That Council resolves, in accordance with section 84(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* and section 275(1)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*, to enter a closed session to consider:

1. A legal dispute involving the Trustee Council, which requires consideration of legal advice and associated risks, and where disclosure may compromise legal strategy and confidentiality; and
2. A matter deemed Cabinet-in-Confidence, involving confidential information that, if publicly disclosed could prejudice the interests of the local government or the State.

Moved: Cr. E.Oui

Seconded: Cr. G. Bulsey

Carried

Item 6.2 - Return to Open Session

Resolution LT.2025-126

That Land Trust resumed in open session in accordance with section 84(5) of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*.

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley

Seconded: Cr. E. Oui

Carried

Item 6.3 - Palm Island Rent-to-Buy Home Ownership Scheme

Resolution LT.2025-127

That the Land Trust resolved to:

- A. Note the agreed decisions detailed in the Decision Paper from the Executive Oversight Group Workshop held in Townsville on Tuesday 9 September 2025 attended by Mayor Lacey.
- B. Approve and adopt the updated Palm Island Rent-to-Buy Home Ownership Scheme Process, Framework and Policies
 - i. Approve and adopt the *Palm Island Rent-to-Buy Home Ownership Scheme Policy Framework* to administer the Palm Island Rent-to-Buy Home Ownership Scheme.
 - ii. Approve and adopt *Palm Island Rent-to-Buy Home Ownership Scheme Process* to administer the Palm Island Rent-to-Buy Home Ownership Scheme.
 - iii. Approve and adopt updated *Palm Island Rent-to-Buy Home Ownership Scheme Policies* to administer the Palm Island Rent-to-Buy Home Ownership Scheme.
 - iv. Approve and adopt the recommended policies including dispute resolution and complaints management to administer the Palm Island Rent-to-Buy Home Ownership Scheme.
- C. Instruct the CEO to request Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, in its capacity as Local Government (Council) to include administering the Palm Island Rent-to-Buy Home Ownership Scheme in the support it provides to the Land Trust.
- D. Write to Danielle McAllister, Deputy Director-General, Policy, Performance and First Nations, Department of Housing and Public Works advising them of the Land Trust decision by 26 September 2025
- E. Note that future work is required by Land Trust and Queensland government to finalise and implement the Palm Island Rent-to-Buy Home Ownership Scheme

including necessary approvals and confirmation of funding arrangements by 30 June 2026.

Moved: Cr. T. Sibley

Seconded: Cr. E. Oui

Carried

7. Notices of Motion

Nil.

8. Next Meeting

The next Land Trust Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

9. Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 11am.

Certification

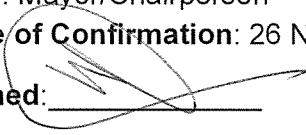
At its Land Trust Meeting held on 29 October 2025, Land Trust resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

Name: Mayor Alf Lacey

Title: Mayor/Chairperson

Date of Confirmation: 26 November 2025

Signed:



Name: Emma Bradbury

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date of Confirmation: 26 November 2025

Signed:

