



# QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

## Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council

22 January 2013 commencing at 10:20am

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom

50 Brolga Street Quilpie

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## 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10:20am.

## 2 PRESENT

Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Cr Jenny Hewson

Cr Stewart Sargent

Cr Tony Lilburne

Cr Milan Milosevic

Dave Burges (Chief Executive Officer)

Jocelyn Robinson (Executive Assistant)

## APOLOGIES

## 3 CONDOLENCES

Condolence cards have been sent to the families of the late Katrina Athorn and Marie Costello.

## 4 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 4.1 (01/13) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 9:30am

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

## **Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (01-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Hewson**

**Seconded by: Cr Sargent**

*That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.*

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## **5 MAYORAL REPORT**

The Mayor attended an Economic Development Workshop on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> of January in Quilpie, along with other Councillors. This Regional and Remote Area Economic Development Training Program provided the opportunity to assist with the development of the Council Economic Development Plan and provided some suggestions of areas for future development.

Chris Seng met to discuss the water mains situation in Adavale with the Mayor and he was reassured that Council supports future development in this township.

Six Mayors from the South West district met in Roma with LNP health Minister Lawrence Springborg and the local member Howard Hobbs. Mayor Mackenzie expressed the importance for Local Government and the LNP to work as one to overcome some of the current problems and concerns in the health portfolio throughout the district. Locum doctors' costs were also brought to the table and the stress this costs puts on the communities as a whole. The point was raised and supported by all Mayors that this area needs to be resolved in the short term.

A Multi Purpose Health Service (MPHS) meeting will be conducted on the 26<sup>th</sup> February with special guest Julia Leeds. Mayor Mackenzie ensured other Councillors that this meeting would be worthwhile and the flow on effect to the Quilpie Shire community. This meeting will be followed by a Council Workshop.

Assistant Police Commissioner Paul Wilson contacted the Mayor via phone to personally discuss the restructure of the police service and any impacts on the South West region. The Mayor expressed concerns in regards to the cut of administration funding in Quilpie and Mr Wilson pledged that there would not be any cuts to this region.

A LGAQ 'Understanding Financial Management for Councillors' workshop was conducted on the 15<sup>th</sup> January and brought together the Mayor and Councillors. This workshop assisted members to better understand and provide confidence in evaluating financial reports, which in turn will improve the management and decision making. The Mayor and Councillors supported this program and a new outlook will be taken when reviewing Financial Reports.

Australia Day Celebrations were conducted on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January at Bulloo Park with Special Guest and Australia Day Ambassador David Pugh. David is a celebrity chef from Brisbane who's down to earth and who is known for working with rare and premium products from carefully sourced suppliers. The community was thrilled to have the opportunity to mix with David who brought a breath of fresh air to the night. The Mayor was impressed by the amount of community members who joined in the celebrations and a special thank must be extended to everyone who organised the night, including CWAATSICH for providing the beautiful barbeque and salad, the Quilpie B&S Committee for providing the bar and all volunteers and staff members for setting up for the evening.

## ATTENDANCE

Robert Rennick, Anna and Duncan Watts, Janell and Joan Jarzembki and Sue McWaters entered the meeting at 10:26am

Mayor Mackenzie presented Janell Jarzembki the Australia Day Cultural Award. Janell was recognised for her contribution over and above of what is required to assist in the efficient running of the Quilpie Cultural Society.

Robert Rennick and Duncan Watts were presented with Councillor Recognition Awards. These awards acknowledge the commitment of service elected members have contributed to the community and the organisation. To be entitled to this award, members must have completed eight or more year's service with Council and have then retired.

Janell thanked the council for the assistance they have contributed to the church grounds and expressed how much work has been put in and highlighted the appreciation of the community.

Mayor Mackenzie invited special guests to stay for morning tea.

## BREAK

The meeting broke for morning tea at 10:39am and resumed at 11:09am.

## ATTENDANCE

Robert Rennick, Anna and Duncan Watts, Janell and Joan Jarzembki and Sue McWaters left the meeting at 10:09am

## 11. EXECUTIVE SERVICES

### 11.4 (01/13) – Eromanga Water Supply

## ATTENDANCE

The Works Manager, Dennis Kerr and Simon Bourne from George Bourne and Associates entered the meeting at 11:10am

Simon Bourne, a consulting engineer from George Bourne and Associates, was invited attend to outline factors, ideas and suggestions in relation to the Eromanga water supply issue.

Council engaged Consulting Engineers George Bourne and Associates to prepare a scoping paper on the long term options for the Eromanga water supply.

This report was tabled at the August 2012 Ordinary Meeting of Council. The options scoped have been summarised below.

Option	Details
1A	Retain existing bore, cool and treat by reverse osmosis a percentage of the water for human consumption. Lift cooled water to an elevated tank and reticulate. Reticulate balance of hot untreated water via a dual reticulation system.
1B	Retain the existing bore, cool and treat by reverse osmosis all water and reticulate.

1C	Replace the existing bore.
2A	A series of shallow bores manifolded and treated by reverse osmosis, lifted to an elevated tank and reticulated.
2B	A series of shallow bores manifolded and a percentage of the water treated by reverse osmosis for human consumption. All water lifted to elevated tanks and reticulated via a dual reticulation system.

George Bourne and Associates were requested to provide several additional options for treating the town water supply. These options are detailed below.

Option	Details
3	Retain the existing bore, cool and treat by a small reverse osmosis plant and store in a ground level reservoir. Pump and reticulate low volume. Dwellings would require on-site storage (tank) and reticulation pump.
4	Drill 2 additional shallow bores and develop with 2 existing Council bores. Pump to a central treatment plant, filter and chlorinate to a ground level storage for reticulation using the existing mains (artesian bore is disconnected and not used).

**Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (02-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Sargent**

**Seconded by: Cr Hewson**

*That Council undertakes a detailed design for upgrading the Eromanga water supply with George Bourne & Associates. The preferred option is to use the sub-artesian aquifer to supply water. This water would be pumped to a central treatment plant, filtered and chlorinated to a ground level storage for reticulation using the existing mains.*

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**ATTENDANCE**

Simon Bourne left the meeting at 12:13pm

**6 TENDERS AND QUOTATIONS**

**6.1 (01/13) – Quotation Q15 12-13 Supply and Delivery of one 4WD Wagon**

There has been much research and discussion regarding which vehicles are best replaced and at the same time extending the longevity of other similar vehicles in the fleet and gaining best productivity and serviceable life.

**Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (03-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Hewson**

**Seconded by: Cr Lilburne**

*That Council purchase one Toyota Prado 4WD Auto as per the Tender specification from Black Toyota of Roma and dispose of unit 2.*

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**6.2 (01/13) – Quotation Q16 12-13 Supply and Delivery of two 4WD Dual Cab Trayback Utilities**

There has been much research and discussion regarding which vehicles are best replaced and at the same time extending the longevity of other similar vehicles in the fleet and gaining best productivity and serviceable life.

Council has several Dual Cab tray back 4WD's some reach kilometre maturity much earlier than others so it seems pertinent to space the kilometres to best advantage time wise verse kilometres hence the current proposal for replacement

**Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (04-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Hewson**

**Seconded by: Cr Milosevic**

*That Council purchase two Toyota Hilux 3ltr Turbo Diesel 4x4 SR Manual Dual Cab Trayback Utilities as per the Tender specification from Thargo Motors of Thargomindah and dispose of units 14 and 15.*

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**6.3 (01/13) – Quotation Q17 12-13 Supply and Delivery of one small Double Drum Roller**

Council budgeted for a small Double Drum Roller much needed for small failure areas in bitumen pavements where it is a waste to excavate to allow large roller access.

The roller will replace the current pedestrian (walk behind) roller. The specification for the roller are quite specific in that it comes complete with trailer that can be towed behind a 4WD Utility type vehicle, to this end weight is a prime factor in the specification and assessment.

**Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (05-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Hewson**

**Seconded by: Cr Sargent**

*That Council purchase one Ammann AV16-2 Double Drum Roller with trailer and delivery as per Tender Specification from Conplant Pty Ltd of Yatala Qld for the sum of \$39,863.63 excl GST*

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#### 6.4 (01/13) – Quotation Q18 12-13 Supply and Delivery of One Ride on Mower

Quotations Q18 12-13 were called for the Supply and Delivery of One Ride on Mower.

On reviewing the submissions it has been highlighted that Specialised Power Equipment would provide machinery parts and the QCS workshop perform all services, which would guarantee the warranty would still be valid. Other quotes revealed that the Mower would have to be sent back the provider to undertake services.

##### **Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (06-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Milosevic**

**Seconded by: Cr Sargent**

*That Council purchase one Husqvarna Commercial Diesel 60 inch cut zero turn Ride-on Mower with accessories and delivery as specified in the Tender specification from Specialised Power Equipment of Beaudesert Qld for the tendered sum of being \$20,844.55 excl GST.*

*3/2 (Cr Lilburne and Cr Hewson voted against)*

The following general discussion took place with the Works Manager on the following areas:

- Road construction processes on Main Roads works
- Material Supply
- Fleet Maintenance
- Shoulder maintenance on Main Roads
- Bulloo Park User Group action points
- Status of the Ricks Jump Up project

##### **ATTENDANCE**

The Works Manager, Dennis Kerr left the meeting at 12:46pm

#### 6.5 (01/13) – Quotation to Replace Carpet Administration Building

##### **ATTENDANCE**

The Corporate Services Manager, Lisa Hamlyn entered the meeting at 12:48pm

A quotation was received from Andersons Carpets, Roma to remove the existing floor coverings in the administration building and lay new commercial grade floor coverings for \$28,825.00.

##### **Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (07-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Lilburne**

**Seconded by: Cr Hewson**

*That Council accepts the quotation received from Andersons Carpets Roma to remove the existing floor coverings in the administration building and lay new commercial grade floor coverings for \$28,825.00 and the 2012/2013 budget is amended accordingly.*

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## BREAK

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:52pm and resumed at 1:37pm

## 6.6 (01/13) – Quotation FQ-56-12 Supply of Diesel

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Milan Milosevic declared a real Conflict of Interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*), due to being related the Manager of Lowes Petroleum, Quilpie and dealt with the real conflict of interest by leaving the meeting room, taking no part in the debate or decision on the matter.

### ATTENDANCE

Cr Milan Milosevic left the meeting at 1:38pm

Quotations have been called for the supply of 24,000 litres of diesel fuel. Prior to assessing the quotations the Procurement Policy was reviewed and the assessment of these quotations was considered.

#### **Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (08-01-13)*

**Moved by:** Cr Hewson  
**Seconded by:** Cr Lilburne

*That Council resolve to assess quotations for the supply and delivery of bulk diesel fuel giving particular emphasis to the following “sound contracting principals” specified in S104(3) of the Local Government Act:*

- *Value for money; and*
- *The development of competitive local business and industry.*

*For all bulk diesel fuel purchases to a maximum value of \$50,000, a preference of 2% will be given to suppliers who provide the best value for money and who contribute to the development of competitive local business and industry.*

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#### **Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (09-01-13)*

**Moved by:** Cr Lilburne  
**Seconded by:** Cr Hewson

*That Council award Quotation FQ56-12 to Lowes Petroleum for the amount of 144.00 cents per litre incl GST.*

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## ATTENDANCE

Cr Milan Milosevic entered the meeting at 2:00pm

## ATTENDANCE

The Corporate Services Manager, Lisa Hamlyn left the meeting at 2:00pm

## 6.7 (01/13) – Tender T24 12-13 Disposal of Camp Accommodation Unit

Tenders have been called for the disposal of the old camp accommodation unit at Toompine.

Tender 24 12-13 Sale of One (1) x 12m Accommodation Donga in poor condition situated at Toompine in the Council Depot.

### **Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (10-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Sargent**

**Seconded by: Cr Hewson**

*That Council award Tender T24 12-13 to Peter Donahue for the amount of \$2,250 GST inclusive.*

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## 6.8 (01/13) – Tender T22 12-13 Old Charleville Road Drainage Works

Expressions of Interest were invited from persons or companies interested in being included in Council's "Civil Works Approved Contractor List". The Approved Contractor List was established in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 and s180 of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 with the relevant resolution passed at the April 2012 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Tender T22 12-13 works are flood damage restoration works on Old Charleville Road and include pipe replacements, drainage and drainage protection works repairs and replacement.

### **Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (11-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Sargent**

**Seconded by: Cr Milosevic**

*That Council award Tender T22 12-13 to CLR and RA Mauch for the amount of \$100,742.50 incl GST.*

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## 6.9 (01/13) – Tender T23 12-13 Old Thargomindah Road Roadwork's

Expressions of Interest were invited from persons or companies interested in being included in Council's "Civil Works Approved Contractor List". The Approved Contractor List was established in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 and s180 of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 with the relevant resolution passed at the April 2012 ordinary Meeting of Council.

Tenders have been called for various flood damage restoration works from selected companies included on the approved panel.

### **Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (12-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Sargent**

**Seconded by: Cr Hewson**

*That Council award Tender T23 12-13 to SC and KG Bowen for the amount of \$664,246 incl GST plus approved variations and Council funded works as approved by the CEO.*

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## 6.10 (01/13) – Tender T25 12-13 Quilpie Adavale Road Drainage Works

Expressions of Interest were invited from persons or companies interested in being included in Council's "Civil Works Approved Contractor List". The Approved Contractor List was established in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 and s180 of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 with the relevant resolution passed at the April 2012 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Tender T25 12-13 works are flood damage restoration works on Quilpie Adavale Road and include silt removal, drainage and drainage protection works repairs and replacement.

### **Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (13-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Hewson**

**Seconded by: Cr Lilburne**

*That Council award Tender T25 12-13 to CLR and RA Mauch for the amount of \$77,042.35 incl GST.*

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## 6.11 (01/13) – Tender T26 12-13 Cheepie Adavale Road Drainage Works

Expressions of Interest were invited from persons or companies interested in being included in Council's "Civil Works Approved Contractor List". The Approved Contractor List was established in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 and s180 of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 with the relevant resolution passed at the April 2012 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

These works are flood damage restoration works on Cheepie Adavale Road and include silt removal, drainage and drainage protection works repairs and replacement.

**Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (14-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Milosevic**

**Seconded by: Cr Lilburne**

*That Council award Tender T26 12-13 to J and J Transport Pty Ltd for the amount of \$274,750.00 incl GST.*

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## **7 ENGINEERING SERVICES**

### **7.1 (01/13) – No Report**

Nil

## **8 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **ATTENDANCE**

The Community Services Manager, Monica James, entered the meeting at 2:12pm

### **8.1 (01/13) – Automatic Cleaner for Quilpie Swimming Pool**

The pool has been without the Automatic pool cleaner for some time now and has been clean manually.

It is important that the pool maintain its high hygiene standards with the numbers attending and the harsh conditions and a suitable robotic pool cleaner is purchased to meet these needs.

**Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (15-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Milosevic**

**Seconded by: Cr Hewson**

*That Council awards quote to Hi-Tech Pacific Australasia for \$11,567 inc GST plus \$220 freight to purchase a automatic robotic cleaner for the Quilpie Swimming Pool*

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### **8.2 (01/13) – Letter Vince Challenor**

A letter has been received from Vince Challenor regarding capturing and retaining parts of our past by construction of museum building suitable and roomy enough to house photos of yesteryear along with artefacts and images of our past.

Vince does not feel that the Information Centre is a Museum and more should be done to record and display droving in town, sheep shorn in the district, tradespeople and mail truck operators etc.

With the purchase of the two touch screens in the Visitor Centre many of these areas in history will be covered and with the Librarian position currently encompassing collating a large amount of that

history this will also be available for travellers and locals to access. There is already a large amount of this history available in the Museum.

**Recommendation:**

*Noted*

A general discussion took place with the Community Services Manager on the following areas:

- Josh Arnold
- Ricks Jump Up progress
- Library updates
- Queensland Information Centres Awards
- State Librarian – Legal Deposit

**ATTENDANCE**

The Community Services Manager, Monica James, left the meeting at 2:34pm

## 9 CORPORATE SERVICES

**ATTENDANCE**

The Corporate Services Manager, Lisa Hamlyn and Finance officer, Marie Mawn entered the meeting at 2:34pm

Resolution No: (16-01-13)

**Moved by:** Cr Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Lilburne

*That Council enters into closed session under s72 of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010 at 2:34pm to discuss Council's Operating System and Kullilli ILUA.*

**Carried:** 5/0

**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Lilburne left the meeting at 2:50pm and returned at 2:53pm

Resolution No: (17-01-13)

**Moved by:** Cr Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Sargent

That Council moves out of Closed Session and resumed the Ordinary Meeting at 3:07pm

**Carried:** 5/0

## 9.1 (01/13) – Council’s Operating System

Resolution No: (18-01-13)

**Moved by:** Cr Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Milosevic

*That Council suspend the implementation of the Tech One “One Council” system until other Council clients have fully implemented the system.*

**Carried:** 5/0

## 9.2 (01/13) – Kullilli ILUA

Resolution No: (19-01-13)

**Moved by:** Cr Lilburne

**Seconded by:** Cr Hewson

*That Council resolves to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement between the Quilpie Shire Council and the Bulloo Shire Council and Mr Paola Smith, Ms Maxine Gooda, Mr Peter White, Mr Ronny Watson (also known as Ronald Watson) and Mr Eric Hood (deceased) substantially in the terms of the Indigenous Land Use Agreement circulated at the meeting with such amendments as may be required to enable the Indigenous Land Use Agreement to be registered on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements held by the National Native Title Tribunal; and*

*That Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate changes to the draft Indigenous Land Use Agreement referred to in paragraph 1 of this resolution which may be required for the purpose of entering the Indigenous Land Use Agreement on the Register of ILUAs held by the National Native Title Tribunal.*

**Carried:** 5/0

## 9.3 (01/13) – Repayment of Contingent Liability – 5 and 7 Jabiru Street, Quilpie

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Housing and Public Works regarding the repayment of contingent liability on 5 and 7 Jabiru Street Quilpie. This transaction is relevant to Units 1, 2, 16 and 17 Gyrica Gardens. The original payout figure outlined for these properties was \$242,520.00. The current repayment figure is \$254,364.00 which includes a reduction of 2% contingent liability per annum. Advice of Council’s agreement in writing to this payout figure is required by 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

At the beginning of May 2010, Council commenced negotiations with the then Department of Housing regarding the buy out of Community Housing properties in Quilpie as Council felt that the change of policy and introduction of the One Social Housing System was not advantageous to the Quilpie Shire community.

Agreement was reached and a five year buy out schedule (2010-2015) was confirmed by correspondence in May 2010, based on current market valuation and the contingent liability associated with each Community Housing property outlined in the schedule. Two stages of this schedule have been completed to date.

**Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (20-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Sargent**

**Seconded by: Cr Milosevic**

*That Council accepts the offer from the Department of Housing and Public Works to proceed with repayment of the contingent liability for 5 and 7 Jabiru Street (Units 1, 2, 16 and 17) Quilpie for \$254,364.00 and the 2012/2013 budget is amended accordingly.*

*5/0*

**9.4 (01/13) – Offer to Purchase Land at Adavale**

Correspondence was received from Anthony Holloway offering Council \$300.00 to purchase Lot 49 A2453, Adavale. Anthony currently owns the adjoining land (Lot 42) and is intending to erect a residence and reside permanently in Adavale.

Council recently engaged a Frank Jongkind & Co Solicitors to complete the legal process for the acquisition of valueless land for 13 blocks of land in Adavale that had been changed into Council's name in the rating system in 1996, however Council did not have title to the land. This was a lengthy process due to legislative timeframes that had to be met eg. Advertising, period of objection etc. Anthony Holloway had enquired regarding the purchase of this land during this process and at that time, Council agreed that whilst they did not wish to sell any further blocks of land in Adavale they would consider selling the "special" blocks once the valueless land acquisition had been completed. The Wild Dog Barrier Fence was also awaiting the completion of this process to acquire the land that the dingo hut is situated on in Adavale.

**Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (21-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Sargent**

**Seconded by: Cr Lilburne**

*That Council declines the offer from Anthony Holloway to purchase Lot 49 A2453 in Adavale and offer this block of land for sale through a tender process.*

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**9.5 (01/13) – Procurement Policy**

The Procurement Policy has been reviewed and amended to reflect relevant changes to procurement and officers' procurement and financial delegations.

The review of the Procurement Policy was necessary to reflect recent legislative changes and provide relevant delegations to additional staff members to allow Councils' procurement practices to be performed more efficiently.

**Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (22-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Hewson**

**Seconded by: Cr Lilburne**

*That Council adopts the Procurement Policy as presented and delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to procure goods and services in accordance with the policy.*

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**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Milosevic, left the meeting at 3:29pm and returned at 3:31pm

## 10 FINANCE REPORTS

### 10.1 (01/13) – Finance Report for Period Ending 31 December 2012

**ATTENDANCE**

The Finance Officer, Marie Mawn, entered the meeting at 3:29pm

Cash Management Report

Financial Management Report

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Statement of Financial Position

Statement of Cash Flows

Outstanding Debtors

Cheque Register Summary

Capital Expenditure Report

Revenue and Expenditure Report

**Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (23-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Lilburne**

**Seconded by: Cr Sargent**

*That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 31 December 2012.*

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## ATTENDANCE

The Finance Officer, Marie Mawn, left the meeting at 3:47pm

## 11 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

### 11.1 (01/13) – Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal Report 2012

Section 42 of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010 requires all Councils to adopt the remuneration schedule within 90 days of it being gazetted.

The Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal has released its 2012 report. Key aspects of the report are as follows:-

- to continue the current practice of setting remuneration levels for mayors, deputy mayors and councillors in each category of local government by calculating remuneration by reference to a rate based upon the annual salary payable to a Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly;
- an increase of 2.5 per cent in the reference rate (from \$137,149 to \$140,578) which is used to calculate the remuneration payable to mayors, deputy mayors and councillors across the 72 local governments within the Tribunal's jurisdiction; and
- to amend the remuneration rate for councillors in category 1 Councils to 16 per cent (increased from 12.5 per cent) of the reference rate, following extensive consultation with category 1 local governments and the analysis of submissions.

#### **Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (24-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Sargent**  
**Seconded by: Cr Milosevic**

*That Council adopt the following Councillor Remuneration Schedule for 2013:*

<i>Mayor</i>	<i>\$73,803</i>
<i>Deputy Mayor</i>	<i>\$31,630</i>
<i>Councillor</i>	<i>\$22,492</i>

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### 11.2 (01/13) – Operational Plan Quarterly Review

Council adopts an Operational Plan each year prior to adopting the budget. The Operational Plan should be reviewed on a quarterly basis to monitor progress.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> review for the 2012/13 Operational Plan has been undertaken and is attached for Council's information and comment.

#### **Recommendation:**

*Noted*

### 11.3 (01/13) – 2012-13 Budget Review

It is appropriate for Council to regularly review the budget to check on progress and have up-to-date data from decisions made during the year to date. To this end, a revised summary of the operating and capital budget.

The reviewed budget does not differ too significantly from the adopted budget despite some major decisions made in the interim, particularly the construction of 6 new houses. One issue that will have a significant impact on the budget is the 2011 flood damage works. Council received a pre-payment of \$2,468,925 in 2011/12 towards these restoration works. It was originally understood that payments would continue as funds were expended with the pre-payment taken up at the end of the program. QRA have now advised that no payments will be made until the expenditure exceeds the pre-payment figure. As such this will be taken up this financial year instead of next financial year.

#### ATTENDANCE

Cr Lilburne, left the meeting at 4:38pm and returned at 4:41pm

#### ATTENDANCE

The Finance Officer, Marie Mawn, entered the meeting at 4:42pm

#### **Recommendation:**

*Noted*

#### ATTENDANCE

The Finance Officer, Marie Mawn, left the meeting at 4:54pm

#### ATTENDANCE

Cr Hewson, left the meeting at 4:54pm

### 11.4 (01/13) – LGAQ Finance Summit and ROC Assembly

The LGAQ Finance Summit and ROC Assembly are being held from 8 to 10 April 2013 at the Hilton Hotel in Brisbane.

Both of these events were held in 2012 and were very informative.

The ROC Assembly is aimed at representatives of Regional Organisations of Councils, District Local Government Associations and other relevant regional groupings of councils. Members of the LGAQ Policy Executive and CEO Reference Group (which comprises the CEOs of Policy Executive member councils) will also be in attendance.

#### ATTENDANCE

Cr Hewson returned to the meeting at 4:56pm



**Recommendation:**

*This matter was deferred to the February Council Meeting*

**11.5 (01/13) – Wild Dog Control**

By letter received 17 December 2012, the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry advises he is giving consideration to directing local government to enforce compliance on the management of wild dogs however is requesting Council's views about the performance of the compliance functions of the *Land protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002* prior to giving any direction order.

The Act provides no guidance on the difficult issue of what constitutes "reasonable steps to keep the ... land free of class 1 and class 2 pests" under S77(1).

S15 of the Act does provide for the Chief Executive to prepare guidelines about managing a declared pest.

The Minister has also requested details of the following issues in relation to wild dog management for the 2011-12 financial year.

The number of advisory letters sent to landholders	Nil. Council has used the wild dog control officer position to liaise with landholders.
Details of pest survey programs	Biosecurity Qld and SWNRM have undertaken various surveys.
Number of pest control notices issued	Nil

**Recommendation:**

Resolution No: (25-01-13)

**Moved by: Cr Lilburne**

**Seconded by: Cr Hewson**

*That Council advises the Minister that the compliance functions of the Act are not sufficiently clear to enable effective and affordable enforcement and the Minister should prepare a guideline about managing wild dogs which:*

- 1. Clearly define "reasonable steps" on the part of landholders to keep the land free of class 1 and class 2 pests;*
- 2. Clearly define the roles and responsibilities of Council in determining or verifying if a landholder is or is not taking reasonable steps; and*
- 3. Provide a simple streamlined process for Councils to implement, administer and enforce compliance if necessary*

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**11.6 (01/13) – Application for Conversion of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease**

By email 18 December 2012, DNRM Charleville are requesting Council's views on an application for conversion of grazing homestead perpetual lease 10/3024 over Lot 4 on NK 66 and Lot 6 on PO 26. The proposed use of the land is for grazing purposes. A plan of the site is provided below.

**Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (26-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Hewson**

**Seconded by: Cr Sargent**

*That Council advise DNRM that it has no objections to the application for conversion of grazing homestead perpetual lease 10/3024 over Lot 4 on NK 66 and Lot 6 on PO 26 and that Council has no knowledge of any local non-indigenous cultural heritage values associated with the land.*

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### 11.7 (01/13) – Formal Street Numbering System

Periodically enquiries will be received from Telstra, Ergon Energy and the Electoral Commission regarding street numbers for new customers. Currently Adavale, Eromanga, Toompine and Cheepie do not have any street numbers. Whilst most of Quilpie has street numbering, all of the new developments do not.

Formal street numbering will provide clearer urban property identification for community and emergency services.

**Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (27-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Hewson**

**Seconded by: Cr Sargent**

*That Quilpie Shire Council prepare a formal street numbering system for the Towns of Quilpie, Eromanga, Adavale, Toompine and Cheepie in accordance with Australian Standard AS/NZS 4819:2011- Rural and Urban Addressing.*

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### 11.8 (01/13) – Application for Conversion of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease

By email 10 January 2013, DNRM Charleville are requesting Council's views on an application for conversion of grazing homestead perpetual lease 10/3290 over Lot 2 on PO 30 and Lot 3 on PO 35, the proposed use of the land is for grazing purposes.

**Recommendation:**

*Resolution No: (28-01-13)*

**Moved by: Cr Hewson**

**Seconded by: Cr Milosevic**

*That Council advise DNRM that it has no objections to the application for conversion of grazing homestead perpetual lease 10/3290 over Lot 2 on PO 30 and Lot 3 on PO 35 and that Council has no knowledge of any local non-indigenous cultural heritage values associated with the land.*

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**ATTENDANCE**

Cr Sargent left the meeting at 5:37pm and returned at 5:38pm

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**12 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS****13 GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Cr Milosevic enquired about the Tennis court at Toompine
- Concerns were raised when the power goes out phone coverage is also lost. This is a huge concern in high fire session and for residents on remote property stations (power was out for 11 hours on Christmas Eve, and some mobile phone coverage was lost). The CEO was requested to follow this matter up with Diamantine Shire.
- Proposed New Depot Design was presented for discussion
- Outcomes from the economic development workshop were discussed
- Bulloo Park User Group Meeting will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm. Mayor Mackenzie will be away and asked other Councillors to attend.

**14 MEETING DATES**

The next meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 9:30am.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6:06pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 22 January 2013.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 11 February 2013.

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Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council

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Date