



# QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

## Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council

11 December 2012 commencing at 9:35am

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom

50 Brolga Street Quilpie

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### 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:35am.

### 2 PRESENT

Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Cr Jenny Hewson

Cr Stewart Sargent

Cr Milan Milosevic

Dave Burges (Chief Executive Officer)

Jocelyn Robinson (Executive Assistant)

### 3 APOLOGIES

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

**Moved by: Cr Milosevic**

**Seconded by: Cr Sargent**

*That the apologies from Cr Tony Lilburne are received and leave of absence is granted for this meeting.*

**Carried: 4/0**

## 4 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 4.1 (12/12) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 10:07am

Resolution No: (02-12-12)

**Moved by:** Cr Hewson  
**Seconded by:** Cr Milosevic

*That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.*

**Carried:** 4/0

### 4.2 (12/12) – Special Meeting of QSC held Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 8:30am

Resolution No: (03-12-12)

**Moved by:** Cr Milosevic  
**Seconded by:** Cr Hewson

*That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.*

**Carried:** 4/0

## 5 MAYORAL REPORT

The Mayor attended an OQTA Board Meeting held in Longreach on the 17<sup>th</sup> November, where he was elected vice Chairman. The group of elected committee members are keen to develop the organisation and make use of their hands on backgrounds.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, The Western Rivers Advisory Meeting was conducted in Longreach in which the Mayor was in attendance. This meeting presented the opportunity for the Mayor to meet with the Minister for Natural Resources, Andrew Cripps. As the representative from the South West Local Government, Mayor Mackenzie appreciates the new approach to protect the western Queensland river systems and the objectives for alternatives. He noted that there is a lot of work to do to ensure the environmental importance is protected however there were some positive ideas raised that the group can develop.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, as a follow up to the sewerage concerns in Eromanga, the Mayor met with the CEO and Technical Coordinator to monitor the progress of the sewerage investigations in Eromanga and investigated site options for the new Council housing.

The Mayor attended the Bulloo Park User Group meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November and a follow up meeting on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. It was highlighted that this group is an advisory group to Council and the group could oversee development, management and ongoing issues that would benefit various users of the facility. Pierce Edwards was elected as Chairman for this committee.

Representatives from Bulloo, Paroo, Murweh, Balonne and Maranoa attended the annual Regional Road Group Meeting which was hosted by Quilpie Shire on the 29<sup>th</sup> November. As an outcome some extra funds may be available that the Quilpie Shire can make use of within the Shire. As a group an additional \$289,000 is available to be distributed over the area.

Following the Regional Road Group Meeting, there was a South West Local Government Association meeting. A resolution was moved to lobby the Government to maintain the Rural Fire Service office in Roma. The committee agreed that this service is invaluable to the South West and the need is a priority. There was also a discussion with the Transport and Main Road in regards to the Rail service. It was noted that the Rail is currently locked into a contract until 2015 and no changes can take place until the contract is renegotiated.

Funds to the value of \$100,000 are available to spend on projects within the region was derived from the recent SWRED Meeting. The group resolved to spend these funds on a project to research the Rail Industry in the region. The outcome of this project can be used to lobby relevant parties to maintain the service into Western Queensland. Areas such as facts and figures on the profitability of the service for the freight and transport service could be researched and compiled to put together a strong argument to lobby to secure this service in the long term.

Mayor Mackenzie was invited to The Extant Landscape Exhibition in Brisbane on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December and had the honour of officially opening the exhibition. Councillor Sargent also attended this function accompanied by approximately one hundred other guests. This exhibition showcased works from ten artists from Queensland who have taken part in the Artist in Residents program with the Outback Gondwana Foundation. Local Quilpie Shire artists Annabel Tully, Leah Cameron and Lyn Barnes exhibited work in this exhibition which showcased the projects achievements and developments.

On the return journey, the Mayor met with Wanita Judge from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning to discuss the Eromanga Museum projects and investment within the Shire in general. It was discussed that there may be a need for Council to prepare an Infrastructure Plan. This plan could be utilised for future funding purposes. Anita Judge mentioned that there is an avenue for the department to promote investment opportunities once this Plan is developed. The Mayor expressed his interest in developing this plan which in turn will enhance the Shire as a whole.

An Outback Queensland Tourism teleconference was held last week in which the Mayor participated. The group advised that \$15,500 of funding is available to promote events within the Quilpie, Murweh and Barcoo Shires. This funding will benefit annual events hosted within the Quilpie Shire, and is hoped that the money spend will increase numbers at these events. At present the group is yet to finalise the operational guideline for this funding.

## ATTENDANCE

The Works Manager, Dennis Kerr and Senior Technical Officer, Paul Thomas, entered the meeting at 10:25am

## 6 TENDERS & QUOTATIONS

### 6.1 (12/12) – Tender T20 12-13

Expression of Interest were invited from persons or companies interested in being included in Council's "Civil Works Approved Contractor List".

T20 12-13 Minor Works Contract – Ingeberry Road Package 1 & 2 includes flood damage restoration works involving desilting works, floodway reconstruction and protection work.

Resolution No: (04-12-12)

**Moved by:** Cr Hewson  
**Seconded by:** Cr Milosevic

*That Council award Tender T20 12-13 to J & J Transport for the amount of \$296,386.20 incl GST to construct a 6m wide floodway plus approved variations and Council funded works as approved by the CEO; and that Council approve complementary work for cross road drainage for the amount of \$35,000.*

**Carried:** 4/0

### 6.2 (12/12) – Tender T21 12-13

Expressions of Interest were invited from persons or companies interested in being included in Council's "Civil Works Approved Contractor List".

T21 12-13 Minor Works Contract – Trinidad Road Package 2 includes flood damage restoration works involving desilting works, heavy formation grading, gravel resheeting and gravel cartage.

Resolution No: (05-12-12)

**Moved by:** Cr Hewson  
**Seconded by:** Cr Milosevic

*That Council award Tender T21 12-13 to J & J Transport for the amount of \$372,026.60 plus approved variations and Council funded works as approved by the CEO.*

**Carried:** 4/0

## 7 ENGINEERING SERVICES

### 7.1 (12/12) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Set Traffic Signal Lights

Council Works teams are currently working on a widening project for Pinkilla 255/93B/2 a 5.8 kilometre road widening of the 3.6 metre bitumen seal to an 8 metre bitumen seal on the Diamantina Development Road.

Council's Works Crews regularly require 2 sets of Traffic Signals for RMPC and other associated TMR & Local Roads activities.

*Resolution No: (06-12-12)*

**Moved by: Cr Sargent**

**Seconded by: Cr Hewson**

*That Council purchase an additional set of portable traffic signal lights for \$25,000*

**Carried: 4/0**

### 7.2 (12/12) – Approved Contractors List - CLR & RA Mauch Concreting Contractors

Council has an urgent need to ramp up the concrete works on the Quilpie - Windorah road. To do this the Works Manager has been able to source additional assistance from a concreting business CLR & RA Mauch currently working in Cunnamulla and would be available to continue to Quilpie to assist in installing the culverts and extensive margin works on the above project.

Council's own crews are delivering well on the project however the enormity of the project will extend construction well beyond the available window to completion. With this additional crew the project could be wound back to the scheduled program.

*Resolution No: (07-12-12)*

**Moved by: Cr Milosevic**

**Seconded by: Cr Hewson**

*That CLR & RA Mauch Concreting Contractors are included in the Prequalified Plant Hire List and the Civil Works Panel of Contractors.*

**Carried: 4/0**

### 7.3 (12/12) – Approved Contractors List - Busby Group

Martin Ryan General Manager of Busby Group has shown an expression of interest to be included on Council's Civil Works Approved Contractor List.

With a significant amount of concrete floodway damaged in recent events, another company with experience in concrete floodway's will be an advantage to council.

Resolution No: (08-12-12)

**Moved by:** Cr Sargent

**Seconded by:** Cr Milosevic

*That Busby Group is included in Council's Civil Works Approved Contractor List.*

**Carried:** 4/0

Councillors raised the following items with the Works Manager and Senior Technical Officer:

- Kerb and Channel works in Gyrica Street
- Eromanga Hall works
- Shire Roads issues

#### **ATTENDANCE**

The Works Manager, Dennis Kerr and Senior Technical Officer, Paul Thomas, left the meeting at 10:55am

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:55am and resumed at 11:03am

#### **ATTENDANCE**

The Community Services Manager, Monica James, entered the meeting at 11:03am

## **8 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **8.1 (12/12) – Permanent Memorial Site**

#### **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 to one of the applicants 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 Milosevic left the meeting at 11:03am

A letter was received seeking Council's assistance in establishing a permanent memorial site in the Quilpie Shire to honour Lance Corporal Rick Milosevic.

The site identified is the "Cheepie" jump up approximately 50km east of Quilpie. The area is known as the "Jump Up" and the request for Council to erect signage to commemorate Rick's life and to also explain the significance of the Jump Up country. It is also proposed that the site be named "Rick's Jump Up."

Resolution No: (09-12-12)

**Moved by: Cr Hewson**

**Seconded by: Cr Sargent**

*That Council installs signage and a Memorial as part of a rest area at the Cheepie Jump Up, identifying the area as Rick's Jump Up, as a 'rest area' or 'memorial' where tourists and community members can stop.*

**Carried: 3/0**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Cr Milosevic returned to the meeting at 11:09am

#### **8.2 (12/12) – RADF Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting and General Meeting of the RADF Committee was held on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Mrs Sophie Smith was elected Chair of the RADF Committee with committee members being Cr Jenny Hewson, Jan Nowland, Janelle Cassol, Chantelle Stephensen, Koss Siwers, Louise Hall, Valerie Heinemann and Kylie Rutledge.

Sue McWaters will be the RADF Liaison Officer and Monica James the RADF Committee Advisor.

Round 2 applications were tabled for Councils endorsement

Resolution No: (10-12-12)

**Moved by: Cr Milosevic**

**Seconded by: Cr Sargent**

*That Council ratify the decisions of the RADF Committee for round 2 funding applications:*

- 1. Quick Response Application for Leah Cameron for \$450.00 for travelling expenses to attend the Exhibition for Outback Gondwana Foundation where Leah was exhibiting a painting.*
- 2. Quilpie Shire Council for \$3,000 to assist with the Queensland Music Festival Tour.*

**Carried: 4/0**

Councillors raised the following items with the Community Services Manager:

- Bulloo Park Users Group Meeting
- Economic Development Plan
- Employment and staff issues

## ATTENDANCE

The Community Services Manager, Monica James, left the meeting at 11:43am

## ATTENDANCE

The Corporate Services Manager, Lisa Hamlyn, entered the meeting at 11:44am

## 9 CORPORATE SERVICES

### 9.1 (12/12) – Digital Television Upgrade

The Corporate Service Manager, Lisa Hamlyn has been in contact with N-Com Pty Ltd and the Digital Switchover Taskforce regarding the scheduling of Quilpie and Eromanga television site upgrades to a digital service. It is envisaged that the upgrade will take place in February / March 2013.

The quotes included the EPG re-multiplexer as well as the MPEG-4 to MPEG-2 transcoder, which will enable the on-air programs to be in the **MPEG-2** format with **Parental Control**. They are the additional license requirements imposed by the ACMA. The inclusion of the re-multiplexer and the transcoder has increased the price.

*Resolution No: (11-12-12)*

**Moved by: Cr Sargent**

**Seconded by: Cr Hewson**

*That Council accepts the revised quotations received from N-Com to upgrade the existing television sites and equipment in Quilpie and Eromanga to transmit digital television services for a total of \$181,569.00 (ex GST), excluding travel and accommodation.*

**Carried: 4/0**

Councillors raised the following items with the Corporate Services Manager:

- Tech One
- MPHS Meeting

## ATTENDANCE

The Corporate Services Manager, Lisa Hamlyn, left the meeting at 12:44am



## 10 FINANCE REPORTS

### 10.1 (12/12) – Finance Report for Period Ending 30 November 2012

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

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

**Moved by:** Cr Milosevic  
**Seconded by:** Cr Hewson

*That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 30 November 2012.*

**Carried:** 4/0

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:14pm and resumed at 2:15pm

## 11 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

### 11.1 (12/12) – Compulsory Acquisition of Native Title Rights – OGF Site at Eromanga

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Stuart Mackenzie declared a real Conflict of Interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*), due to his position as Chairman of the Outback Gondwana Foundation 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 Mackenzie left the meeting at 2:15pm

Cr Hewson, Deputy Mayor took the chairpersons position and continued the Meeting.

This Compulsory Acquisition Report of Native Title Rights on the Outback Gondwana Foundation (OGF) land described as Lot 14 on unregistered plan 253475 being part of Lot 12 on SP227788 and Lot 30 on CP825944 ("the Land") in Eromanga was presented for Councils recommendation.

Resolution No: (14-12-12)

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

*That Council resolves to compulsorily acquire any and all native title rights and interests over land described as Lot 14 on unregistered plan 253475 being part of Lot 12 on SP227788 and Lot 30 on CP825944 (the Land) for museum purposes; and*

*Council serve a Notice of Intention to Compulsorily Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests and a Background Information Statement on the registered claimants for the Boonthamurra People claim QUD435/06 as the native title party and on Queensland South Native Title Services Limited as the Representative Aboriginal body for the Land to commence the compulsory acquisition process.*

*Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to attend, on Council's behalf, any objection meeting to be held in relation to the proposed compulsory acquisition of native title over the Land.*

**Carried: 3/0**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Cr Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 2:20pm

Mayor Mackenzie took the chairpersons position and continued the Meeting.

#### **11.2 (12/12) – Various Native Title Agreements – MacDonnells Law**

An email received on 23 November 2012, from MacDonnells Law seeking Council's decision on whether to proceed with various native title agreement.

Resolution No: (15-12-12)

**Moved by: Cr Hewson**  
**Seconded by: Cr Milosevic**

*That Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to decide on the progression of current native title claims after consultation with other affected Councils.*

**Carried: 4/0**

### 11.3 (12/12) – Request to Waive Rates

A letter dated 26 November was received requesting Councils approval to waive rates for a residential allotment in “Curlew Estate”.

Resolution No: (16-12-12)

**Moved by:** Cr Hewson  
**Seconded by:** Cr Milosevic

*That Council not agree to waive rates on land for sale in “Curlew Estate”.*

**Carried:** 4/0

### 11.4 (12/12) – Southwest Regional Waste Management Plan

Staff from the Quilpie, Balonne, Maranoa, Paroo, Bulloo and Murweh Shires have met regularly over the past 6 months to compile the Southwest Regional Waste Management Plan to meet statutory compliance. This plan is presented for Council to adopt.

Resolution No: (17-12-12)

**Moved by:** Cr Milosevic  
**Seconded by:** Cr Hewson

*That Council adopt the Southwest Regional Waste Management Plan as attached in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011.*

**Carried:** 4/0

Councillors raised the following items with the Chief Executive Officer:

- Various Eromanga works items

## 12 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

### 12.1 (12/12) – Late Report - Rates Request for Discount

#### CORPORATE SERVICES

Correspondence was received on 5<sup>th</sup> December regarding outstanding rates on Assessment No 00174-52000-000. They advised that they did not receive a Rates Notice, and have requested Council's consideration in granting discount as they have always paid on time to receive the discount.

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

**Moved by:** Cr Sargent

**Seconded by:** Cr Milosevic

*That Council does not agree to allow discount on Assessment No 00174-52000-000*

**Carried:** 4/0

### 12.2 (12/12) – Late Report – Quotes for Various Works at the Eromanga Hall

#### EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Council has requested staff investigate various issues in Eromanga and quotations were called for work associated with the town hall.

#### **Quote Q08 12-13 Supply and installation of floor coverings Eromanga Hall**

This quote is for commercial grade vinyl floor coverings to the kitchen, bar, supper room and hallway.

#### **Quote Q09 12-13 Painting of Eromanga Hall**

This quote is for painting:

- a. all internal surfaces of the kitchen, bar, supper room, male and female toilets and hallway
- b. all internal surfaces of the kitchen, bar, supper room, male and female toilets, hall, stage and storage area.

#### **Quote Q10 12-13 Supply and installation of air conditioning at the Eromanga Hall**

This quote is to supply and install evaporative air conditioning capable of cooling the kitchen, bar and supper room. The unit will be installed on the southern side of the building at a height that will allow servicing from ground level. The existing ducting will be utilised and the two existing roof mounted units will be removed and the roof repaired.

Resolution No: (18-12-12)

**Moved by: Cr Hewson**

**Seconded by: Cr Sargent**

*That Council accepted the following quotes for works at the Eromanga Hall:*

*Q08 12-13 Supply and installation of floor coverings - Andersons Carpets Roma*

*Q10 12-13 Supply and installation of air conditioning – Potters Electrical*

**Carried: 4/0**

### **13 GENERAL BUSINESS**

- The Mayor drew the winner of the Community Survey with the winner being Stephen Tully
- Upcoming meeting / workshops were highlighted
- Waste Management progress

### **14 MEETING DATES**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2013 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 9:30am.

### **15 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3:59pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013.

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Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council

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Date