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# Ordinary Meeting of Council

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## MINUTES

Friday 13 January 2017

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom  
50 Brolga Street, Quilpie Qld 4480





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### 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.58am in the absence of Cr Jenny Hewson.

### 2 PRESENT

Cr Stuart Mackenzie (Mayor)

Cr Jenny Hewson (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Bruce Paulsen

Cr Bob Hall

Cr Roger Volz

Mr Dave Burges (Chief Executive Officer)

In attendance: Mrs Nina Burges (Minutes Secretary)

### 3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

### 4 CONDOLENCES

Council noted the recent passing of Mr Richard (Dick) Rutledge and expressed their condolences to the family.

### 5 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 5.1 (01/17) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Thursday 22 December 2016

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Broлга Street Quilpie on Thursday, 22 December 2016.

Resolution No: (01-01-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Bob Hall

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Thursday, 22 December 2016 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.*

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## ATTENDANCE

Cr Hewson attended the meeting at 10.00am.

## 6 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 6.1 Item 9.1 (12/16) - Quilpie Cultural Society Air Conditioning

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 December 2016 a decision on accepting any quotation for the upgrade of the air conditioning system was deferred, pending the receipt on further information in relation to the scope of the works required.

Clarification on the information contained within the quotations has now been received. The advice indicated no additional works would be required.

Resolution No: (02-01-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council accept the quotation received from Channel Country Refrigeration for the supply and installation of split system air conditioning at the Quilpie Cultural Society for \$8,900.00 excluding GST.*

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### 6.2 Item 11.1 (12/16) – Local Government Finance Summit

The Local Government Association of Queensland has invited expressions of interest for the 2017 Finance Summit to be held in March 2017. At the December Ordinary Meeting of Council, it was agreed that proposed attendance will be considered at the January 2017 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Resolution No: (03-01-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council authorise Councillors Mackenzie and Hall to attend the Local Government Association of Queensland Finance Summit to be held in Cairns on 29 and 30 March 2017.*

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### **6.3 Item 11.6 (12/16) Building Better Regions Fund**

#### **CHANGE OF ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

Item 6.3 – Building Better Regions Fund. This matter was deferred for consideration until later in the meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.30am and resumed at 10.47am.

## **7 MAYORAL REPORT**

Mayor Stuart Mackenzie advised that in addition to the workshop held on 06 January 2017, he has held numerous discussions with various parties in relation to potential regional projects.

## **8 STATUS REPORTS**

### **8.1 (01/17) – Engineering Services Status Reports**

No reports.

### **8.2 (01/17) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports**

No reports.

### **8.3 (01/17) – Financial Services Status Report**

No reports.

### **8.4 (01/17) – Governance Status Reports**

No reports.

## **9 ENGINEERING SERVICES**

No reports.

## **10 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

No reports.

## 11 FINANCE

### 11.1 (01/17) – Finance Report Ending 31 December 2016

The Finance report was presented to Council for the period ending 31 December 2016.

*Resolution No: (04-01-17)*

*Moved by: Cr Roger Volz*

*Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen*

*That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 31 December 2016.*

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## 12 GOVERNANCE

### 12.1 (01/17) – Murray Darling Association Membership

The Murray Darling Association (MDA) represents over 100 member councils across all four (4) states of the Murray-Darling Basin. Council has received an invitation to become a member of this organisation.

*Resolution No: (05-01-17)*

*Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson*

*Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz*

*That Council decline the offer of membership to the Murray Darling Association.*

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### 12.2 (01/17) – Geothermal Power Generation in Quilpie

Further to a presentation made to Council at the November 2016 Ordinary Meeting of Council, a proposal has been received to undertake a pre-feasibility review of geothermal power in Quilpie. The study would provide an initial, high level indication as to the potential financial and technical viability of using a geothermal power plant for electrical power generation at Quilpie, and whether proceeding with a concept design would be justified.

*Resolution No: (06-01-17)*

*Moved by: Cr Bob Hall*

*Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz*

*That Council not proceed at this time with the Local Government Infrastructure Services proposal to undertake a pre-feasibility review of geothermal power in Quilpie.*

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### 12.3 (01/17) – Community Drought Support Package 2016-2017

The Queensland Government has been providing the Community Drought Support Package to drought declared communities for the past three (3) years. The purpose of the package is to provide support initiatives to strengthen the resilience of drought-affected Queensland by revitalising existing community support mechanisms. The \$100,000 package also includes a financial hardship support component.

Resolution No: (07-01-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council allocate funding under the 2016/17 Community Drought Support Package as follows:*

*\$25,000 – Financial Hardship Component;*

*\$5,000 – Eromanga District Rodeo Association;*

*\$5,000 – Toompine Progress Association;*

*\$5,000 – Adavale Sport and Recreation Association;*

*\$38,000 – Quilpie Centenary Celebrations; and*

*\$22,000 – Outback Fringe Festival.*

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#### ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Engineering Services, Mr Casey de Peirera and Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn attended the meeting at 11.50am.

### 12.4 (01/17) – 2016/2017 Operational Plan 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Review

Council's Operational Plan is the detailed business and organisational planning document and forms the basis of Council's annual budget. Section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the chief executive officer to present a written assessment of the local government's progress towards implementing the annual operational plan at meetings of the local government held at regular intervals of not more than three (3) months.

Resolution No: (08-01-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That the 2016-2017 Operational Plan be noted.*

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### 12.5 (01/17) – Request for Assistance – Quilpie Diggers Race Club

By letter of 19 December 2016, the Quilpie Diggers Race Club are requesting Council undertake various remedial works to the race course prior to the May 2017 race meeting.

Resolution No: (09-01-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Bob Hall

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council agree to undertake the requested works (other than regular watering) on the basis that the club source and deliver all materials required to the site.*

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### 13 CONFIDENTIAL

Resolution No: (10-01-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Roger Volz

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 2.03pm to discuss a 'Notice of Intention to Resume Land'.*

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Resolution No: (11-01-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Roger Volz

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council moves out of Closed Session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 2.15pm.*

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### 13.1 (01/17) – Notice of Intention to Resume

By letter of 20 December 2016, the Department of Transport and Main Roads have issued a 'Notice of Intention to Resume'. The notice is for approximately 1.1 Ha of land contained on Lot 8 on Plan G0810194. The intended use of the land is for the construction of a truck rest area.

*Resolution No: (12-01-17)*

**Moved by:** Cr Bob Hall

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That the Department of Transport and Main Roads be advised that Council does not believe the proposed location for the truck rest area is a suitable selection and that prior to consideration of a Notice of Intention to Resume for land, Council strongly requests that consideration be given to the relocation of the proposed works to the Kyabra Road / Diamantina Developmental Road intersection at Thylungra.*

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## 14 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

## 15 LATE ITEMS

### 15.1 (01/17) – Request for Assistance – Quilpie Senior Rugby League

By letter of 07 January 2017, the Quilpie Senior Rugby League Club are requesting Council waive the standard refundable deposit attached to hiring John Waugh Park for hosting senior rugby league games.

*Resolution No: (13-01-17)*

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council allow the Quilpie Senior Rugby League to make one (1) only refundable deposit of \$225 to allow confirmation of venue bookings for the 2016-2017 rugby league season with the deposit amount maintained at \$225 throughout the bookings period.*

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### 15.2 (01/17) – Tourism and Marketing Review

Council resolved to undertake a review of their tourism, marketing and business development functions at the July 2016 meeting of Council.

Quotations were called for the project and Council resolved to engage House of Communication Pty Ltd at the September 2016 meeting of Council. The final report was presented to Council for their consideration.

**Resolution No: (14-01-17)**

**Moved by: Cr Bob Hall**

**Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz**

*That Council receive the "Quilpie Shire Council Tourism and Marketing Implementation Plan" from House of Communication Pty Ltd.*

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## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3.02pm and resumed at 3.32pm.

## 16 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 16.1 (01/17) – Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour

The CEO has contacted Quilpie Diggers Race Club to gauge their interest in engaging the Emirates Melbourne Cup trophy visit Quilpie in 2017. The VRC is currently taking early Expressions of Interest for the 2017 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour.

*Noted.*

### 16.2 (01/17) Corporate Plan

The draft 2017-2022 Corporate Plan was presented for Council's consideration. The *Local Government Regulation 2009* requires that Council adopt its 5-year corporate plan in sufficient time to allow a budget and annual operational plan, consistent with the corporate plan, to be adopted for the first financial year that is covered by the plan.

**Resolution No: (16-01-17)**

**Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson**

**Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen**

*That Council receive the draft 2017-2022 draft Corporate Plan and invites public submissions on its content prior to final adoption.*

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### 16.3 (01/17) Community Advisory Groups Upcoming Meetings

It was noted that meetings of the Tourism Business Development Group and the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee should be held in the near future for those groups to discuss the Tourism and Marketing Strategy and the Quilpie Shire Streetscape Concept Design respectively.

*It was agreed that the following meeting dates and times are:*

- Business Development Advisory Group – Tuesday 14 February 2017 at 5.30pm
- Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee – Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 5.30pm

### CHANGE OF ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Item 6.3 was re-tabled for discussion

### MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Mackenzie declared a Material Personal Interest in the following item (*as defined in section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009*), due to his position as Chairman of the Outback Gondwana Foundation. Cr Mackenzie dealt with this Material Personal Interest by leaving the meeting room, taking no part in the debate or discussion on the matter.

### ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie left the meeting at 4.14pm.

### CHAIRING OF MEETING

Cr Hewson assumed the Chair at 4.14pm.

### 6.3 Item 11.6 (12/16) Building Better Regions Fund

The \$297.7 Million Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) will open for applications on 18 January 2017. The program will fund projects in regional Australia outside the major capital cities of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Canberra. At the December Ordinary Meeting of Council, it was agreed that a decision on any application to be made will be determined at the January 2017 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

*Noted.*

### ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 4.25pm and resumed the position of Chair.

## ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn attended the meeting at 4.30pm.

## 16.4 (01/17) Parthenium Weed

Cr Jenny Hewson raised concerns in relation to Parthenium encroaching into the northern area of the shire. Mrs Hamlyn advised inspections were to be undertaken and a report on the situation compiled.

## 17 MEETING DATES

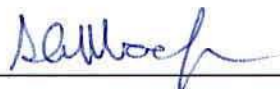
The next Ordinary meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday, 10 February 2017 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 9.30am.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.45pm.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Tuesday, 8 November 2016.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Friday, 10 February 2017.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie



Date

**Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council**