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# Ordinary Meeting of Council

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## MINUTES

Friday 12 May 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 9.30am.

### 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 Gary Daley, and expressed their condolences to the family.

### 5 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 5.1 (04/17) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Friday 21 April 2017

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday, 21 April 2017.



Resolution No: (01-05-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Bob Hall

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 21 April 2017 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.*

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## **5.2 (04/17) – Special Meeting of QSC held Thursday 27 April 2017**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Thursday, 27 April 2017.

Resolution No: (02-05-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Thursday, 27 April 2017 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.*

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## **6 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

### **6.1 Road Maintenance**

Discussions in relation to the sourcing of appropriate materials for the maintenance works required on Pinkinetta Road were held. This matter is continuing to be assessed by the Chief Executive Officer and Manager Engineering Services. Options for the sourcing of water for ongoing works on the Adavale Red Road was also discussed.

## **7 MAYORAL REPORT**

Mayor Mackenzie provided a verbal update on activities he has participated in since the March 2017 Ordinary meeting of Council.

Cr Mackenzie noted that Anzac Day and the activities associated with the Centenary celebrations were all well received and extended his congratulations to all who contributed to the events.

Cr Mackenzie also attended a meeting with National Australia Bank executives, attended a Special Meeting of Council for the assessment of tenders for the construction of the new airport terminal and also participated in a two day Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) course in Charleville. Tailored for local government, this intensive program was also attended by Cr Hewson, Cr Volz and a number of other representatives from neighbouring Councils.

Cr Mackenzie advised that there are a number of upcoming activities in relation to the South West Regional Economic Development Board (SWRED) tourism development projects including training



for Visitor Information Centre staff from across the region to be held in Quilpie. University of Southern Queensland (USQ) representatives will be holding consultation sessions for interested tourism business operators in Quilpie on Tuesday 23 May. In addition, Mr Matt Bron, Destination Director – Outback with Tourism and Events Queensland will attending the next SWRED meeting to discuss the upcoming series of Paleo workshops.

## **8 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS**

Councillors provided a brief overview of activities they have undertaken since the April Ordinary Meeting of Council.

**Cr Jenny Hewson** attended the AICD course in Charleville. She advised she has been consulting with community members to obtain feedback in relation to upcoming budget deliberations. Cr Hewson also noted that she will be attending a Community Advisory Network (CAN) meeting and requested Councillors contact her if they have any issues they would like raised.

**Cr Bruce Paulsen** has continued his work in the Sport and Recreation area. At this point in time he anticipates four (4) teams will be involved in the social touch football competition he has coordinated. Cr Paulsen noted that there is a high level of community interest in the John Waugh Park redevelopment project and also noted that participation in the Junior Rugby League is high.

**Cr Bob Hall** congratulated the coordinators of the Pukka Camp Oven Dinner he attended during the Centenary celebrations. Cr Hall advised one of his key focus areas is in identifying options for stimulating local business trade and he will continue to investigate this matter. Cr Hall also advised that while in attendance at the Quilpie Race meeting he assessed the use of the new facility and requested Council consider some minor modifications to the dedicated betting area of the complex to improve congestion issues.

**Cr Roger Volz** also attended the two day AICD course in Charleville. During the Centenary celebrations Cr Volz attended the Cultural Society morning and opened the Rail Museum. Cr Volz has held discussions with community members on a number of arts and cultural matters. He also escorted President of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), Cr Mark Jamieson to the Eromanga Natural History Museum on his recent visit to Quilpie.

## **9 STATUS REPORTS**

### **9.1 (05/17) – Engineering Services Status Reports**

Noted.

### **9.2 (05/17) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports**

Noted.

### **9.3 (05/17) – Financial Services Status Report**

Noted.

### **9.4 (05/17) – Governance Status Reports**

Noted.

## 10 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Nil.

## 11 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Nil.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.30am and resumed at 10.40am.

## 12 FINANCE

### ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Financial Services, Mr David Charlton, attended the meeting at 10.40am.

### 12.1 (05/17) – Finance Report Ending 30 April 2017

The Finance report was presented to Council for the period ending 30 April 2017.

Resolution No: (03-05-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Roger Volz

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 30 April 2017.*

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### 12.2 (05/17) – Rates Discount Request

A request has been received for the allowance of the rates discount. The ratepayer advises that the rate notice was incorrectly delivered by Australia Post. Payment of the net amount was receipted on 31 March 2017.

Resolution No: (04-05-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council allow discount on assessment 00569-10000-000 to the sum of \$266.65.*

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### ATTENDANCE

Mr Charlton left the meeting at 11.02am



## DEPUTATION

President of the Mulga Mates, Ms Alisha Moody attended the meeting at 11.02am to provide an update on activities of the Mulga Mates Committee. As there has still been no interest in the vacant Director position, Mulga Mates is requesting Council give consideration to providing financial support in order to allow an increase in the current wage level offered for the position.

Ms Moody left the meeting at 11.29am.

## DEPUTATION

Mr Edward L Lunney attended the meeting at 11.29 am to address Council. Mr Lunney raised a number of matters for council consideration.

Mr Lunney left the meeting at 12.09pm.

## 13 GOVERNANCE

### 13.1 (05/17) – Policy G.05 Councillor Expenses Reimbursement Policy

In accordance with sections 250 and 251 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government must have a Councillor Expenses Reimbursement Policy. Following recent elected member training with the Department of Local Government and Planning, a slight revision to the current policy was prepared for council consideration.

Resolution No: (05-05-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Roger Volz

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council adopt policy G.05 Councillor Expenses Reimbursement Policy as presented.*

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## 14 CONFIDENTIAL

Resolution No: (06-05-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Bob Hall

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 12.16pm to discuss the following matters:*

- *contracts proposed to be made by it; and*
- *a lease renewal.*

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#### **MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED**

Cr Mackenzie declared a Material Personal Interest in the matter of the Eromanga Natural History Museum lease agreement (*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 12.16pm

#### **CHAIRING OF MEETING**

Cr Hewson assumed the Chair at 12.16pm.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Cr Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 12.30pm and resumed the position of Chair.

#### **Resolution No: (07-05-17)**

**Moved by:** Cr Roger Volz

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council moves out of Closed Session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 2.40pm.*

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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 2.40pm.

#### **CHAIRING OF MEETING**

Cr Hewson assumed the Chair at 2.40pm.



#### 14.1 (05/17) – Outback Gondwana Foundation – Lease of Eromanga Natural History Museum

Council is the constructing authority and owner of the Eromanga Natural History Museum. Discussions going back some years with the Outback Gondwana Foundation (OGF) have always indicated Council will lease the facility to OGF for a nominal amount and take no responsibility for ongoing operations and maintenance unless funded through a grant such as a Council Community Grant or specific budget allocation.

Based on the above position Council approved a lease agreement with OGF in September 2014. The lease agreement came into effect on 1 January 2015. With recent additions to the facility, this lease agreement now needs to be reviewed.

*Resolution No: (08-05-17)*

**Moved by:** Cr Bob Hall

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council renew the lease agreement with the Outback Gondwana Foundation for the Eromanga Natural History Museum with the following amendments:*

*That Council will not recover rates and taxes (ie fire levy) at this point in time with a review of cost recovery arrangements to be undertaken once every four (4) years.*

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#### ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 2.43pm and resumed the position of Chair.

### 15 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

#### 15.1 Conversion of Special Lease 10/49307

By correspondence dated 11 May 2017, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines are requesting Council's views or requirements, including any local non-indigenous cultural heritage values, that the department should consider when assessing an application for the conversion of Special Lease 10/49307 over Lot 4 on SP204518.

*Resolution No: (09-05-17)*

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council has no requirements in relation to the proposed renewal of Special Lease 10/49307 over Lot 4 on SP204518 and that Council is not aware of any non-indigenous cultural heritage issues associated with the land.*

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## 16 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

## 17 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 17.1 (05/17) – Rex Request for Support

REX Airlines have requested support from a number of Councils in the form of a written letter to the office of the Prime Minister and our Federal Member regarding the recent changes to the professional work visa (457).

*Resolution No: (10-05-17)*

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council provide their support regarding the recent changes to the professional work visa (457).*

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### 17.2 (05/17) – Parliamentary Inquiry – Local Government Financial Sustainability

By correspondence dated 03 May 2017 the Queensland Parliament Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee is advising that it is conducting an inquiry into the long-term financial sustainability of local governments.

Submissions close on Friday 26 May 2017.

*Resolution No: (11-05-17)*

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Bob Hall

*That Council make a submission into the Parliamentary Inquiry into Local Government Financial Sustainability.*

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### 17.3 (05/17) – Water Main Extension

The proposed water main extension to connect properties north and north east of Brolga street was discussed. The Chief Executive Officer will undertake further investigation with the Engineering Department and present Council with a firm proposal at the June Ordinary Meeting of Council.

### 17.4 (05/17) – Buy Local Campaign

Council have previously agreed to running further 'Buy Local' campaigns in July and December 2017. The Chief Executive Officer presented an overview of a proposed program for Council consideration.



### **17.5 (05/17) –John Waugh Park**

General discussions were held on the John Waugh Park Canteen. A John Waugh Park User Group will be convened to discuss refurbishment priorities with that group.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.30pm and resumed at 2.35pm.

### **17.6 (05/17) – Councillor Requests**

Councillors were invited to raise any matters of interest or concern.

- Cr Hewson advised that following discussions with community members, feedback has been received that Council needs to ensure adequate width in median strip crossings for wheelchair accessibility;
- Cr Hewson requested it be noted in the minutes that Council congratulates all staff for their hard work and dedication in the lead up to and throughout the centenary celebrations week and Anzac Day. This was strongly supported by all in attendance;
- Cr Hewson requested investigation be undertaken to identify options for ensuring patrons using the new Chulungra Street carpark at Bulloo Park are entering a function via the main entrance point to ensure admission requirements are met;
- Cr Hewson has received a request for installation of solar lighting at locations such as RSL Park and the new rail museum;
- Cr Hewson requested action be taken to rectify the grid immediately east of the town boundary;
- Cr Paulsen raised concern at the current condition of loose refuse at the Quilpie Landfill facility. Neighbouring property owners have also expressed their concern, particularly in relation to plastic bags.
- Cr Paulsen noted the appearance of the median strip grass around town is in decline. In response, Cr Hall requested that information be obtained on the work undertaken in the town of Mitchell;
- Cr Paulsen requested that in addition to the relocation of the Baldy Top access road, signage advising a reduction in speed be installed for north heading traffic approaching the crest at this location;
- Cr Paulsen enquired about the Boran /Wareo where signage may be required. The Chief Executive Officer confirmed he will continue to try and contact the concerned resident to discuss.
- Cr Hall requested remedial action be undertaken on Grid 8 on the Thargomindah Road which is located on top of the hill near the old Coparella turnoff. It was noted that there is a very sharp edge on the western side of this grid which has previously resulted in damage to vehicles;
- Cr Hall requested an update on the status of the opening of the Toompine Cemetery Reserve;
- Cr Hall requested consideration be given to removing the current fencing / garden area between the bar and betting area at the Bulloo Park complex to allow better access for patrons. Cr Hall also noted a concern in relation to the slight step marked in yellow being a trip hazard;
- Cr Volz requested that the condition of Boondoon Road be assessed;



- Cr Mackenzie advised that he has received feedback that additional 'Natural Sciences Loop' information signage is needed. This will be referred to SWRED for consideration.

#### 17.7 (05/17) – Mulga Mates Inc

Mulga Mates Inc. have requested financial support from Council in order to allow an increased wage level for the vacant Director position.

*Resolution No: (12-05-17)*

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council provide a one off contribution of \$5,000 towards the wage for the position of Director at the Mulga Mates Centre.*

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## 18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday, 9 June 2017 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 9.30am.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.18pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Friday, 12 May 2017.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Friday, 9 June 2017.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

9/6/17  
Date

**Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council**