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# Ordinary Meeting of Council

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## MINUTES

Friday 8 September 2017

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom  
50 Brolga Street, Quilpie Qld 4480





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## MINUTES

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### 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.14am.

### 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 Barry Brockhurst, and expressed their condolences to his family.

### 5 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 5.1 (08/17) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Friday 18 August 2017

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday, 18 August 2017.



Resolution No: (01-09-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Bob Hall

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 18 August 2017 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.*

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## 6 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 6.1 (09/17) – End of Financial Year Transactions

Cr Hall requested that an assessment of the end of year financial transactions be undertaken prior to the finalisation of the annual financial statements.

Noted.

## 7 MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Mackenzie provided a verbal update on activities he has undertaken since the August 2017 Ordinary meeting of Council.

Mayor Mackenzie participated in the development of the Quilpie Shire tourism video being undertaken by Mr Pete Murray, meeting with him in Eromanga.

A teleconference with the South West Regional Economic Development Board (SWRED) tourism group was held. The group discussed the need for councils to better communicate with each other in terms of advising if activities / tours etc. are being undertaken with a view to providing opportunities for tourism officers of other council areas to attend.

Cr Mackenzie dialed into a meeting of the Eromanga Development Community Association (EDCA).

A meeting of the Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) was held in Blackall on 29 August. Cr Mackenzie thanked Cr Hewson for representing him at the Seniors Lunch held on the same day in Quilpie.

Along with Councillors Hall and Paulsen, Cr Mackenzie participated in the second meeting of the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement negotiations.

All Councillors (with the exception of Cr Volz) met with a number of Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) staff members, including Chief Executive Officer, Mr Greg Hallam. The contingent visited a number of Councils during their tour.

A meeting of the Darling Downs and South West Regional Development Association (DDSWRDA) was held in Toowoomba and attended by Cr Mackenzie via teleconference. Cr Mackenzie advised the format of the RDA groups are being reviewed and that all Chief Executives and Board members will be required to reapply for positions.

Cr Mackenzie attended the Challenge Cup in Quilpie and extended his congratulations to staff for their efforts.



## DEPUTATION

Organisers of the Outback Fringe Festival, Ms Jess Gilby and Ms Hollie McCarthy attended the meeting at 9.40am, providing Council with an update on outcomes of the 2017 event and the planning underway for the 2018 event.

Ms Gilby and Ms McCarthy left the meeting at 10.13am.

## 8 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

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

**Cr Jenny Hewson** attended the Challenge Cup, Kangaranga Do and the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) meeting. Cr Hewson also hosted the Mayor's Luncheon for Seniors Week in the absence of Cr Mackenzie. Cr Hewson attended the Women's Health Breakfast and congratulated Michelle Donohue on organising the event and on her performance in her role. Cr Hewson has also been speaking with a number of visitors and residents and has received mixed reviews on the Baldy Top works in progress.

**Cr Bruce Paulsen** advised he also attended the Challenge Cup and reported a successful Annual Golf Day. Cr Paulsen also participated on the Enterprise Bargaining Committee and met with the LGAQ contingent.

**Cr Bob Hall** continued his discussions with local transport operators and again received positive feedback in relation to the Morven rail hub. Cr Hall attended a Wild Dog Barrier Fence Committee meeting in Roma. The organisation has a budget this year of \$2.3 million and twenty (20) staff. Cr Hall advised the next meeting will be held in Quilpie early next year.

**Cr Roger Volz** extended his congratulations to staff on their efforts in coordinating the Challenge Cup. He has met with Pool Lessee, Alina Graham, and discussed the activities being undertaken at the Quilpie Pool this season. Cr Volz also travelled to Toompine and took the opportunity to return along the Tobermory Road. He also accompanied the Manager Engineering Services on an inspection of the Baldy Top access road and other sites. Cr Volz attended the RADF meeting, Kangaranga Do and assisted with the relocation of gymnasium equipment to the all-sports facility.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.34am and resumed at 10.56am.

## 9 STATUS REPORTS

### 9.1 (09/17) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

### 9.2 (09/17) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.



### 9.3 (09/17) – Financial Services Status Report

Noted.

### 9.4 (09/17) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

## 10 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Nil.

## 11 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

### 11.1 (09/17) – Application for Agistment - Dillon's Well Reserve

Council has received a depasturage application from the owners of Yambutta Station to agist cattle on Dillon's Well Reserve. An assessment of the condition of the reserve has been undertaken.

*Resolution No: (02-09-17)*

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Bob Hall

*That Council approve the agistment by M and H Hughes of 50 breeding stock for a three (3) month period on Dillon's Well Reserve.*

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### ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Finance, Mr David Charlton, attended the meeting at 11.13am.

## 12 FINANCE

### 12.1 (09/17) – Finance Report Ending 31 August 2017

The Finance report was presented to Council for the period ending 31 August 2017.

*Resolution No: (03-09-17)*

**Moved by:** Cr Bob Hall

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 31 August 2017.*

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## ATTENDANCE

Mr Charlton left the meeting at 11.30am.

## ATTENDANCE

The 2017 Quilpie Rural Management Team addressed Council at 11.30am. Mrs Maree Radnedge, Mrs Rebecca Thompson, Mr Jamie Wensley and Mrs Nina Burges provided an overview of preparations underway by the team for the Challenge, which will be held in Quilpie on 05 October 2017.

Mrs Radnedge, Mrs Thompson and Mr Wensley left the meeting at 11.53am.

## 13 GOVERNANCE

### 13.1 (09/17) – Community Consultation – Old Depot Site Redevelopment

Following the relocation of the Council Depot to its new location in 2016, Council advised at the August 2017 Ordinary Meeting of Council that it wishes to commence planning for the future redevelopment of the original site. Due to the geographical size and location of the former facility, there are a wide range of potential development options.

*Resolution No: (04-09-17)*

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council commence implementation of the community engagement plan for the future redevelopment of the old Quilpie depot site as presented.*

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### 13.2 (09/17) – Request for Assistance - Eromanga State School P&C

By letter of 15 August 2017, the Eromanga State School P&C have requested financial assistance to provide weekly swimming lessons for students. The committee have not had opportunities to raise funds this year due to lack of events.

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

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Bob Hall

*That Council approve the request from Eromanga State School P&C for financial assistance to provide weekly swimming lessons for students.*

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## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for at 12.29pm and resumed at 12.47pm.

## 14 CONFIDENTIAL

Resolution No: (06-09-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Bob Hall

*That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 12.47pm to discuss the following matters:*

- the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees; and
- contracts proposed to be made by Council.

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Resolution No: (07-09-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council moves out of Closed Session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 1.20pm.*

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## 15 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### 15.1 (09/17) – NDRRA Works

A Request for Price (RFP) has been issued to seven (7) contractors for the provision of concrete works for NDDRA Flood Damage repair and Council Concrete works. At the close of the submission period three (3) RFPs were received.

Resolution No: (08-09-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Bob Hall

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council award RFQ – Q06 17-18 - for NDDRA Flood Damage and Council Concrete work to the lowest tender Cunnamulla Concrete Pty Ltd (Cameron Maunch) for \$213,307 including GST to undertake items 1-9 of the works listed in the tender covering NDDRA Flood Damage repair and Council's floodway repairs, and funded as follows:*

1. Road Maintenance budget (\$25,608) for Ingeberry Road
2. NDDRA Flood Damage \$102,300 for Ingeberry Road, Old Charleville Road, Cheepie Adavale



- Road, Ray Road and Congie Road; and  
3. R2R funding for Kyabra Road (\$85,399) flood way repair; and

*That Council approve a 10% contingency to be funded from Road Maintenance and R2R funding should the need arise to undertake additional repair works.*

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## 16 LATE ITEMS

### 16.1 (09/17) – Request for Assistance – Channel Country Ladies Day

By letter of 30 August 2017, Channel Country Ladies Day have requested financial assistance with their 2017 event.

Channel Country Ladies Day strives to create connection and inspiration for the socially isolated women of the Channel Country, providing the opportunity for them to participate and interact whilst experiencing rarely accessible female comradery.

Council has supported this event in past years to the value of \$1,000.

Resolution No: (09-09-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council participate as a silver sponsor (\$1,000) for the Channel Country Ladies Day 2017.*

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## ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Engineering Services, Mr Casey de Pereira, attended the meeting at 1.44pm.

### 16.2 (09/17) – Eromanga Community Development Funds 2017-2018

By email dated 05 September 2017, President of the Eromanga District Community Association (EDCA), Mr Corey Richards, has provided a summary of the preferred projects to be prioritised for delivery under the 2017-2018 Eromanga Community Development Fund allocation.

Resolution No: (10-09-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council liaise with the Eromanga District Community Association to finalise projects for the 2017-2018 Eromanga Community Development Fund budget allocation, with a view to works being concentrated generally in line with EDCA's recommendations.*

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### 16.3 (09/17) – RADF Round 1

The Queensland Government, through Arts Queensland, provides Regional Arts Development Funds (RADF) to councils. Councils also provide financial and in-kind support to RADF delivery as local projects, initiatives and grants programs.

Round 1 has been advertised and closed on Friday 18 August 2017. The RADF Committee met on Monday 4 September and reviewed the applications.

*Resolution No: (11-09-17)*

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council approve the following applications for Round 1, 2017-2018:*

Organisation	Project	Amount
Quilpie Cultural Society	Various Workshops	\$2,395.25 inc GST
Quilpie Cultural Society	Various Workshops	\$11,468.93 ex GST
ICPA	Quilpie ICPA Holiday Camp	\$9,448.00ex GST

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### 16.4 (09/17) – Request for Assistance – Mulga Mates

Mulga Mates Centre Inc have submitted an application for community assistance to purchase resources and to create an ideal learning environment for delivery of their programs.

Specifically they are planning to provide:

- Outdoor tables and chairs;
- Baby cots and safety barriers;
- Outdoor landscaping
- Outdoor kindergarten resources (Kinder Gym and experimenting tables);
- Indoor kindergarten resources; and
- Technology resources.

*Resolution No: (12-09-17)*

**Moved by:** Cr Bob Hall

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council approve the request from the Mulga Mates Centre Inc for funding to the value of \$5,000 for resources for the Centre subject to them being successful with other funding applications.*

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## 17 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 17.1 (09/17) John Waugh Park Works 2017-2018

Council has allocated \$80,000 in the 2017-2018 budget for further improvements to John Waugh Park.

*Resolution No: (13-09-17)*

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council prioritise the works at John Waugh Park as follows:*

- Car park adjacent to the all-sports centre;
- Car park adjacent to the bowls club;
- Concreting at the kiosk;
- Pathway from the all-sports centre to the park; and
- Landscaping as required.

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### 17.2 (08/17) Resheet Program 2017-2018

Council confirmed previous discussions in relation to the 2017-2018 gravel resheet program as per the annual budget.

*Resolution No: (14-09-17)*

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*Resheeting works for 2017-18 to be confirmed as follows:*

- Pinkinetta Road \$100,000;
- Old Charleville Road \$70,000; and
- Baldy Top Access Road \$50,000

*with the expenditure of the balance (\$30,000) to be determined at a later date.*

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### 17.3 (09/17) Councillor Requests

Councillors were invited to raise any matters for the attention of the Manager Engineering Services.

- Cr Hewson requested an update on the final items to be completed at Bulloo Park;
- Cr Paulsen advised that the grid at the airport entrance requires inspection / maintenance due to the rough drop;
- Cr Volz requested an update on the status of the school zone signs upgrades;
- Cr Volz advised that a sharp bend on the Adavale (Black) Road between Milroy and Sharps Creek requires signage to warn travelers on the road of the curve;



- It was noted that a number of grids need attention including the north side of Gunnadorah Bridge, the grid located approximately 4km from the Alaric / Canaway turnoff and the North Comongin grid; and
- Cr Volz advised that the rail crossing on the Adavale (Red) Road is very rough.

#### ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Engineering Services, Mr Casey de Pereira, left the meeting at 2.48pm.

#### MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Mackenzie declared a Material Personal Interest in the following matter *(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 2.50pm

#### CHAIRING OF MEETING

Cr Hewson assumed the Chair at 2.50pm.

#### 17.4 (09/17) Request for Assistance – Eromanga Natural History Museum

By email dated 30 August 2017, the Eromanga Natural History Museum has written to Council providing information on priority projects they wish to undertake.

Resolution No: (15-09-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council amend the scope of the design works to include a covered pergola at Cooper's Lodge in the tender documentation (as a separable portion) for the camp kitchen / laundry project at the Eromanga Natural History Museum as part of the Works for Queensland Program.*

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#### ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 3.15pm and resumed the position of Chair.



## ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn attended the meeting at 3.15pm and left at 3.37pm. Discussions included:

- The 2017 Council Christmas party;
- Potential funding for a World War 1 commemorative book; and
- Fencing on the Eromanga Town Common.

## ATTENDANCE

Council's Executive Assistant, Ms Hollie McCarthy attended the meeting at 3:40pm to receive feedback from Councillors on the draft tourism video being developed.

Ms McCarthy left the meeting at 3:56pm.

## 17.5 (08/17) Councillor Requests

Councillors were invited to raise any other items for discussion or consideration.

- Cr Hewson requested an update on the directional signage for Hell Hole Gorge;
- Cr Paulsen requested maintenance be undertaken on the pot hole in Brolga Street near the bakery;
- Cr Hall advised he has inspected the Warrabin Lane tank and that the eastern wing bank requires maintenance;
- Cr Hall also advised of a water main leak on the south west corner of Duckamurra and Pegler Streets;
- Cr Volz requested that the public rubbish bin located near the old entrance to the pool be relocated to the new entrance;
- Cr Volz also advised that he has received feedback that power points are required at the new undercover area at John Waugh Park and that some lighting may also be required; and
- Cr Mackenzie advised he has spoken with Santos representatives in relation to their concerns with the potential reintroduction of wild rivers legislation.

## 17.6 (09/17) Wild Rivers Legislation

Resolution No: (16-09-17)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council confirms its support for the resources sector, opposing any negative impact potential wild rivers (or similar) legislation may have on that industry, and that Council opposes reintroduction of such legislation.*

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## 18 MEETING DATES

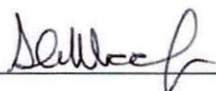
The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday, 13 October 2017 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.28pm.

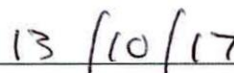
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Friday, 8 September 2017.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Friday, 13 October 2017.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie



Date

**Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council**