

## **Ordinary Meeting of Council**

## **MINUTES**

Thursday 16 August 2018

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom 50 Brolga Street, Quilpie Qld 4480



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### **MINUTES**

#### 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.22am.

#### 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 Mrs Jan Borthwick, Mr Tim Borthwick and Ms Cassandra Crowe and expressed their condolences to their families.

#### 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Division 5A of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act) requires Councillors to declare a Material Personal Interest or a Conflict of Interest should either apply regarding a matter that is before a Council meeting (refer Sections 175C and 175E of the Act). The Declaration should be made at the commencement of the meeting and prior to the matter being considered and voted upon by Council.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Stuart Mackenzie and Cr Bob Hall declared they have a potential Conflict of Interest in item 17.2 (Stock Route Management Plan) as follows:

Both Cr Mackenzie and Cr Hall own properties the stock route network traverses through. Cr Mackenzie and Cr Hall advised that they will propose to stay in the meeting when the item is raised for discussion.

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

Cr Mackenzie declared he has a material personal interest in items listed for General Business involving potential tourism funding opportunities as follows:

Cr Mackenzie is Chair of the Outback Gondwana Foundation which operates the Eromanga Natural History Museum and Cr Mackenzie's wife is the Collections Manager of the Eromanga Natural History Museum. Cr Mackenzie advised he will leave the meeting while the matters are discussed and voted on.

#### 6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 6.1 (08/18) - Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Friday 20 July 2018

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday, 20 July 2018.

Resolution No: (01-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 20 July 2018 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

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#### 7 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#### 7.1 14.1 (07/18) - Call For Motions - LGAQ Annual Conference

At the July 2018 Ordinary Meeting of Council, it was resolved to make a submission to the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Annual Conference calling for a motion requesting the State Government to provide regular and substantial funding towards the Western Roads Upgrade Program.

It was noted that this matter would be further considered at the August 2018 Ordinary Meeting to allow further consideration on any other motions Council may wish to put to the conference.

Resolution No: (02-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall
Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council write to the Department of Transport and Main Roads reiterating previous concerns in relation to the safety issues at the South Comongin Bridge and requesting further signage and delineation measures to assist in making travellers further aware of the hazard as they approach the bridge. Further, Council will continue to lobby for a major bridge upgrade at the location.

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#### 7.2 14.6 (07/18) - Rainfall and River Gauge Stations - July Ordinary Meeting of Council

Murweh Shire Council has coordinated a regional funding application under the Natural Disaster Resilience Program. QRA & the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) have been in contact with Murweh Shire Council seeking to undertake a combined procurement process with Paroo, Bulloo and Quilpie (on behalf of the four western shires) with discussions to be held on Monday 23 July before the Wild Dog forum in St George.

This matter was deferred until such discussions had been held. Cr Bob Hall attended the meeting in St George with the Chief Executive Officer participating via teleconference. Council now needs to take a position on this matter.

Resolution No: (03-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen
Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council proceed with the installation of three (3) rainfall and river gauges and seven (7) repeaters as recommended under the application to the Natural Disaster Resilience Program.

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#### 7.3 18.5 (07/18) – Motion to Repeal Resolution – Cultural Tourism

In accordance with section 262 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a notice of motion to repeal the following resolution was emailed to all elected members on 09 August 2018:

Resolution No: (27-07-18)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council commission Mr Barry Riddiford to undertake preliminary aboriginal cultural heritage studies within the shire.

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Resolution No: (04-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council repeal resolution 27-07-18 (July 2018 Ordinary Meeting), "That Council commission Mr Barry Riddiford to undertake preliminary aboriginal cultural heritage studies within the shire".

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#### 8 MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Mackenzie provided a verbal update on activities he has undertaken since the July 2018 Ordinary meeting of Council.

Cr Mackenzie met with National Australia Bank executives when they were in Quilpie. Cr Mackenzie took the opportunity to emphasise the critical importance of maintaining a bank presence in the town and also noted that when Council undertakes our next Buy Local campaign it also needs to promote the importance of supporting local services such as the bank, in addition to the local business operators.

A meeting of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Resource Communities Advisory Group was held by teleconference. The purpose of the meeting was to progress the LGAQ submission to the 'Fly in fly out' State Government inquiry.

Cr Mackenzie also participated in an Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) teleconference where discussions focussed on the recently announced Growing Infrastructure Tourism Fund and the Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

The South West Regional Economic Development Group (SWRED) is currently recruiting for a Project Officer and Cr Mackenzie attended interviews as a member of the selection panel.

Ergon Energy / Energy Queensland representatives visited Quilpie and met with both Cr Mackenzie and Cr Hall, providing an update on the structure and operations of the organisation.

Participating in a meeting of the Regional Development Australia (Darling Downs and South West) Committee by video conference, Cr Mackenzie advised that a presentation was made by Mr Robert Prestipino (*Vital Places*) on the development of a 'business centre' for Highfields. Mr Prestipino is currently working with Quilpie Shire Council on planning for the old depot site redevelopment.

Finally, Cr Mackenzie attended a meeting of the Community Advisory Network in Quilpie, where it was noted that one of the two (2) doctors previously acting on a fly in fly out arrangement was no longer available and that subsequently there is not a regularly attending doctor in Quilpie at this point in time.

Resolution No: (05-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council write to the South West Hospital and Health Service advising the success of having two locum doctors working 'back to back' on a permanent basis and the importance of maintaining this practice for the continuity of service for patients.

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#### 9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

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

Cr Jenny Hewson attended a meeting in Eromanga and took that opportunity to inspect the Eromanga landfill (where a complaint in relation to the maintenance of the facility had previously been received). Cr Hewson advised she had been away for two (2) weeks and as such unable to attend a number of other meetings.

Cr Bruce Paulsen advised he had been on leave for three (3) weeks out of the last four, however had managed to meet with the organisers of the newly formed Youth Group who advised they were happy with participation levels to date.

In addition to the Ergon Energy / Energy Queensland meeting, Cr Hall held discussions with community members in relation to the proposed Cultural Heritage Study.

Cr Bob Hall travelled to St George where he attended a meeting in relation to the upgrades to the river and rainfall gauge network (refer item 7.2) and a comprehensive forum in relation to wild dog exclusion fencing. Opened by Senator the Hon James McGrath attendees and speakers included the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Hall Chadwick Solicitors, Agforce, Queensland Treasury Corporation and the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority.

Cr Hall advised he had assisted with preparations for the 2018 Rural Management Challenge Team by presenting them with a scenario to be completed with information to be researched and outlined to him. Cr Hall wished to note that he offers the team congratulations on their efforts and dedication on participating in the program.

Cr Roger Volz has held discussions with representatives from Mulga Mates in relation to operational matters of the committee.

Cr Volz attended the local photography gallery exhibition opening and passed on his congratulations to the Visitor Information Centre staff for the well organised event. He also commended the Parks and Gardens Crew on the appearance of the town and the concrete crew on the recent footpath works undertaken outside the Quilpie State College.

In addition to attending the Building Asset Services contractor information centre hosted by the Department of State Development in Quilpie, Cr Volz held general discussions with a number of residents on a variety of matters.

#### **10 STATUS REPORTS**

10.1 (08/18) - Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.2 (08/18) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

10.3 (08/18) - Financial Services Status Report

Noted.

10.4 (08/18) - Governance Status Reports

Noted.

#### 11 ENGINEERING SERVICES

No reports.

#### 12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### 12.1 (08/18) - Dental Truck Service, Community Assistance Request

A Community Assistance request has been received from Jalal Khan for \$300 per day to assist with the associated costs of providing a dental service to the Quilpie Shire community. As there are significant logistical costs associated with providing a mobile clinic service, Jalal Khan advises that any assistance that Council could provide would be a great support for the future of this service and its viability.

Resolution No: (06-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council does not approve the request for financial assistance from Jalal Khan for \$300 per day whilst the Dental Truck is operating in Quilpie to assist with the associated costs of providing this service to the community.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.43 am and resumed at 10.57am.

#### 13 FINANCE

#### 13.1 (08/18) - Finance Report for the period ending 31 July 2018

The Finance report for the period ending 31 July 2018 was presented to Council for consideration.

Resolution No: (07-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 13 July 2018.

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#### 14 GOVERNANCE

#### 14.1 (08/18) - Attendance at the Outback Queensland Tourism Awards

The Outback Queensland Tourism Awards are an annual event held to celebrate and acknowledge tourism excellence, promoting and rewarding tourism businesses that demonstrate outstanding achievement and success throughout the year.

The 2018 awards will be hosted in Roma by Maranoa Regional Council from Thursday 01 to Sunday 04 November 2018.

Resolution No: (08-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council approve Cr Stuart Mackenzie and Cr Roger Volz to attend the 2018 Outback Queensland Tourism Awards.

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#### 14.2 (08/18) – Attendance at LGAQ Annual Conference

Held annually in October, the Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference provides an important opportunity for councils to not only network and learn but also to debate and vote on new policy. The event doubles as the Association's AGM.

The LGAQ Annual Conference is being held from Monday 29 October to Wednesday 31 October 2018 at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Resolution No: (09-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson.

That Council approve Cr Stuart Mackenzie, Cr Bruce Paulsen and Cr Roger Volz to attend the 2018 LGAQ Annual Conference with Cr Stuart Mackenzie and Cr Bruce Paulsen as the official delegates.

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#### 14.3 (08/17) - 2018 Christmas Shutdown

Traditionally, the Council Administration Office (including Library and VIC) closes down for a period between Christmas and New Year and the staff utilise banked RDO's or annual leave during this period.

The Works Department generally close down for a period from a week prior to Christmas to the second week in January. Some staff continue to work over this period to ensure essential services are maintained.

Resolution No: (10-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council's Executive, Corporate and Community Services close for the Christmas period on Friday 21 December 2018 and resume on Monday 07 January 2019 and Engineering Services close for the Christmas period from Friday 21 December 2018 and resume on Monday 07 or 14 January 2019 (varying between crews).

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#### 14.4 (08/18) - Expressions of Interest - Exclusion Fencing

Expressions of Interest (EOI) have been called from rural property owners in relation to a possible exclusion fence program. EOIs closed on Friday 27 July and 38 were received.

It was noted that as a result of the high level of interest received, this matter will now be further investigated.

#### 14.5 (08/18) – Request for Town Exclusion Fence

A letter signed by eleven residents and a further letter signed by two residents have been received, requesting Council construct an exclusion fence around the Quilpie township.

Council has considered this matter in the past and decided against proceeding with the proposal.

Council has funded the construction of an exclusion fence around the perimeter of Bulloo Park and this work has now commenced.

Resolution No: (11-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen
Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council not agree to the request for the construction of an exclusion fence around the town of Quilpie.

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#### 14.6 (08/18) - Tender T01 1819 2 x 2 Bedroom (Dual Occupancy) Houses

Tenders have been called for the construction of two x two bedroom (dual occupancy) houses in Boobook Place, Quilpie. Tenders closed at 2:00pm on Friday 03 August 2018. Tender documentation was forwarded to sixteen companies and at the close of the tender period two (2) tenders were received. An additional two (2) late tenders were also received. All four (4) tenders were considered in the evaluation process.

Resolution No: (12-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council accept the tender under T01 1819 from Holling Constructions for the amount of \$554,764 excluding GST.

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#### 14.7 (08/18) - Subordinate Local Law No.2 (Animal Management) 2012

Following public feedback in relation to the number of animals (particularly sheep) that can be kept in the designated town areas, Council resolved at the June 2018 Ordinary Meeting of Council to commence the process for amending Subordinate Local Law No.2 (Animal Management) 2012.

Following the July 2018 Ordinary Meeting of Council, the proposed amending Local Law was advertised and submissions on the proposed change invited. At the close of the submission period on Monday 06 August 2018, no feedback had been received.

Resolution No: (13-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen
Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council:

1. Proceed with the making of, and make, Amending Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Animal Management) 2018 as advertised (and presented in item 13.7 of the accompanying agenda); and

2. Pursuant to section 32 of the Local Government Act 2009, adopt a consolidated version of Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2012, as presented in item 13.7 of the accompanying agenda.

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#### 15 CONFIDENTIAL

Resolution No: (14-08-18)

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 12.41pm to discuss the following matters:

Other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of Council or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

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Resolution No: (15-08-18)

Moved by:

Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 12.44pm.

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#### 15.1 (08/18) - Conversion of GHPL 10/2972

By email of 19 July 2018, SLAM 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 GHPL 10/2972 over Lot 1 on PO9 and Lot 3 on PO25.

Resolution No: (16-08-18)

Moved by:

Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by:

Cr Roger Volz

That Council has no requirements or objection in relation to the proposed conversion of GHPL 10/2972 over Lot 1 on PO9 and Lot 3 on PO25 subject to the payment of all outstanding rates. Further, that Council is not aware of any non-indigenous cultural heritage issues associated with the land.

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#### 16 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

#### 17 LATE ITEMS

#### 17.1 (08/18) - Eromanga Landfill

Further to the October 2017 and November 2017 Council meetings, staff have progressed the issue of regularising the Eromanga landfill site.

Redleaf Environmental are in the process of preparing an application for an amendment to Council's Environmental Authority to the Department of Environment and Science.

An offer has now been received by Council from DNRM for the purchase of the surveyed site.

Resolution No: (17-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council purchase the land for the Eromanga landfill site for the price of \$22,729.55 inclusive of GST, fees and stamp duty.

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#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED**

Cr Stuart Mackenzie declared he had a potential Conflict of Interest (as defined by section 175D of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in the following matter as follows:

Cr Mackenzie owns a property the stock route network traverses through.

Cr Mackenzie determined that the personal interest was not of sufficient significance that it would lead him to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest, noting he would best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of Council's area by participating in the discussion on the matter.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Bob Hall declared he had a potential Conflict of Interest (as defined by section 175D of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in the following matter as follows:

Cr Hall owns a property the stock route network traverses through.

Cr Hall determined that the personal interest was not of sufficient significance that it would lead him to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest, noting he would best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of Council's area by participating in the discussion on the matter.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

In accordance with section 175E of the Local government Act 2009, Cr Mackenzie and Cr Hall left the meeting at 12.50pm in order that the remaining Councillors could determine whether Cr Mackenzie and Cr Hall had a real conflict of interest in the matter or a perceived conflict of interest in the matter and whether they must leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, or whether they may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter.

Cr Hewson assumed the position of Chair.

Resolution No: (18-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Roger Volz
Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Cr Mackenzie has a potential conflict of interest in the matter and, not withstanding the conflict, Cr Mackenzie may participate in the matter, discuss and vote upon it; and

That Cr Hall has a potential conflict of interest in the matter and, not withstanding the conflict, Cr Hall may participate in the matter, discuss and vote upon it.

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#### **ATTENDANCE**

Cr Mackenzie and Cr Hall returned to the meeting at 12.52pm.

Cr Mackenzie resumed the position of Chair.

#### 17.2 (08/18) - Quilpie Shire Council Stock Route Management Plan 2018-2022

The Stock Route Management Act 2002 ('the act)' requires Local Governments to develop and implement SRN Management Plans, accordingly the Quilpie Shire Council SRN Management Plan ("the Plan") has been developed as a requirement of the Act.

Resolution No: (19-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen
Seconded by: Cr Roger Volz

That Council adopts the Quilpie Shire Council Stock Route Management Plan 2018 – 2022 as presented in item 16.2 of the accompanying (late) agenda with the contents of Appendix A to be reviewed.

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Cr Mackenzie and Cr Hall voted in favour of the motion.

#### 17.3 (08/18) - Request to Purchase Land

Council has received correspondence from Mr Koss Siwers, requesting to purchase one or both parcels of freehold land west of the Adavale township and known as Lots 4 and 5 / B4891<2190/144>: Par Bulgroo.

Resolution No: (20-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council advise Mr Koss Siwers that Council does not wish to sell land identified as Lots 4 and 5 on Plan B4891, Parish of Bulgroo.

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#### 17.4 (08/18) - Tender T05 18-19 Quilpie Shire Hall Roof Replacement

Tenders closing Friday 10 August 2018 were called for the replacement of asbestos cement roofing, gutters and downpipes for the Quilpie Shire Hall. At the close of the tender period five (5) submissions were received.

Resolution No: (21-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Bob Hall

That Council accept the tender from BR Building Group for Option B (reduced scope to retain ceiling in main hall area) of Tender T05 18-19 (replacement of Quilpie Shire Hall Roof) for \$178,382.63 including GST.

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#### **18 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Council's Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn, attended the meeting at 1.20pm.

#### 18.1 (08/18) Business Christmas Street Party

Discussions were held in relation to the Business Christmas Street Party, the 'Buy Local' campaign and the Christmas Lights Competition.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Mrs Hamlyn left the meeting at 1.42pm.

#### MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Mackenzie declared he has a material personal interest (as defined by section 175B of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in the following three (3) items as follows:

Cr Mackenzie is Chair of the Outback Gondwana Foundation which operates the Eromanga Natural History Museum and Cr Mackenzie's wife is the Collections Manager of the Eromanga Natural History Museum. Mrs Mackenzie stands to gain a financial benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter.

Cr Mackenzie advised he will leave the meeting while the matters are discussed and voted on.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Cr Mackenzie left the meeting at 1.46pm and Cr Hewson assumed the role of Chair.

#### 18.2 (08/18) Growing Infrastructure Tourism Fund

On 27 July 2018, the Palaszczuk Government's \$36 million Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund was announced. The program is designed to increase the state's share of the international tourism market.

Funds are available for delivery of large scale significant infrastructure projects which are a catalyst for future economic development across the state, boosting Queensland's profile in key markets and facilitating tourism growth.

It was noted that Council will not make an application under this round of the Growing Infrastructure Tourism Fund.

#### 18.3 (08/18) Stronger Communities Programme – Round Four

Expressions of Interest for Round 4 of the *Stronger Communities Programme* are now open from August 6 – August 21. The Maranoa electorate will receive \$150,000 in Federal Government funding under the Programme to fund small capital projects. Up to 20 projects can be funded, across Maranoa, ranging from \$2500 to \$20,000. By email dated 13 August 2018, Quilpie State College is requesting Council consider applying for funding under the programme to conduct after school youth activities.

Cr Volz advised the meeting that Mrs Robyn Mackenzie, Collections Manager at the Eromanga Natural History Museum is making an application under this programmed and is seeking a financial contribution from Council to support the application.

It was noted that Council will not make an application under this programme and will not provide financial assistance in relation to the Eromanga Natural History Museum application.

#### 18.4 (08/18) Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund

The Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund is a \$10 million commitment to support significant new tourism infrastructure projects that will increase visitation and tourism expenditure in Outback Queensland.

Funds are available for delivery of tourism infrastructure projects that will deliver engaging and memorable visitor experiences which in turn will stimulate economic development and increase overnight visitor numbers and expenditure in Outback Queensland.

Funding will be provided on a minimum 3:1 co-funding contribution basis for eligible capital works.

Resolution No: (22-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council make application under the Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund for funding for the life size model of the Dinosaur at the Eromanga Natural History Museum

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#### **ATTENDANCE**

Cr Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 2.26pm and resumed the position of Chair.

#### 18.5 (08/18) Ambathala

Following correspondence with the property owner of 'Ambathala' it was drawn to Council's attention that Council correspondence with the property in question is incorrectly spelt. A subsequent check of the roads register lists Road 23 as 'Ambathella' Road. Council may wish to consider amending the spelling of the road name to align with the official property name.

Resolution No: (23-08-18)

Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded by: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council amend the road register to identify road number 23 as 'Ambathala' Road.

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#### 18.6 (08/18) Red Cross Drought Relief

By email received 14 August 2018, the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) advises that Red Cross Australia met with the LGAQ CEO Greg Hallam to discuss the current drought situation in Queensland. It was clear in that meeting that the intent of Red Cross is to work closely with councils to ensure that any assistance they can offer is focused where it will add the greatest value to individuals who are affected by the drought.

Noted.

#### 18.7 (08/18) Request to Utilise Council Land

By letter dated 15 August 2018, Geoff and Philippa Ware are requesting permission to fence an area of Council land for the purpose of being able to feed horses.

Resolution No: (24-08-18)

Moved by:

Cr Bob Hall

Seconded by:

Cr Roger Volz

That Council not approve the request to fence an area of Council land for the purpose of being able to feed horses.

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#### 18.8 (08/18) Councillor Requests

Councillors were invited to raise any other matters for consideration.

Cr Volz recommended to the meeting that due to the ongoing drought conditions, Council extend the discount period for rural property owners for the rating period 01 July to 31 December 2018.

Resolution No: (25-08-18)

Moved by:

Cr Roger Volz

Seconded by:

Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council provide an extension to the due date for rural property rates (categories 6, 8, 9 and 10) for an additional 90 days for the period 01 July to 31 December 2018.

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Cr Hall advised that the flood gauge at Gumbardo Creek is missing on the Adavale-Cheepie Road, also noting that on the Napoleon-Toompine Road there is a dip in the road requiring signage and that on that road the 100km distance marker is incorrectly placed.

A discussion was held on whether Council may wish to consider sealing the 'hill' located just out of Cheepie on the Adavale-Cheepie Road as a result of the ongoing road condition at that location and along the road.

Cr Hall also advised he has received concerns from local contractors in relation to the distribution and amount of contractor work available.

Cr Paulsen requested that a new sign be arranged for the Quilpie Swimming Pool.

#### 19 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday, 21 September 2018 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.15pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Thursday, 16 August 2018.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Friday, 21 September 2018.

Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Date

**Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council**