



QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council

11 February 2014 commencing at 9:27am

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom

50 Brolga Street Quilpie

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:27am

2 PRESENT

Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Cr Jenny Hewson

Cr Stewart Sargent

Cr Tony Lilburne

Cr Milan Milosevic

Dave Burges (Chief Executive Officer)

Jocelyn Hall (Executive Assistant)

3 APOLOGIES

4 CONDOLENCES

Condolence cards have been sent to the families of the late Frances Bowler), Marie Boylan and Jim Richardson.

5 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 (02/14) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Tuesday 14 January 2014 at 9:27am

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Tuesday 14 January 2014.

Resolution No: (01-02-14)

Moved by: Cr Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Hewson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Tuesday 14 January 2014 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

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6 MAYORAL REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the meetings attended since the last Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Mayor Mackenzie advised that he attended an Eromanga Development Committee Meeting on the 18 January, at which the committee discussed the progress of the Eromanga walkway and the Living History Museum upgrade.

As a part of the Australia Day celebrations held in Quilpie on Friday 24 January, Mayor Mackenzie, along with fellow Councillors, welcomed the Australia Day Ambassador Dr Sally Butler to the community. Dr Sally Butler inspired residents with her passion and interest in the areas of contemporary and indigenous art. This year Cr Mackenzie welcomed Australia's newest, Thomas Mathew who became an Australian citizen. Dr Butler and Mayor Stuart Mackenzie presented the Quilpie Shire Australia Day Awards that recognised citizens and groups who have made our region such an amazing place to live. It was pleasant to see the community spirit, and special thanks must go to Janet Foley and Toni Willmott in particular for the effort in organising such a successful event.

An Outback Queensland Tourism Association meeting was held in Brisbane in early February which Cr Mackenzie attended. This meeting was an opportunity to meet the new CEO of Tourism and Events Queensland, Leanne Coddington. Tourism Queensland is progressing with a tourism route from Brisbane to Birdsville and Mayor Mackenzie stated that this project would tie in with the South West Regional Road Group ambition to upgrade the Diamantina Development Road. Both of these projects are only in concept stages, but Quilpie Shire would benefit if these projects are completed

A regional drought relief forum will be held in Charleville with representation from the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, Hon Bruce Scott MP, Hon Dr John McVeigh MP and Howard Hobbs MP. This meeting will be well represented by regional Mayors including Mayor Mackenzie. The Mayor highlighted the importance to assist in this field and invited fellow Councillors to attend this forum.

From January 2014 all Council Rates Notices will include a new State Government emergency management, fire and rescue levy. This levy has to be collected by Council on behalf of the State Government. The Mayor is working with the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) in relation to some possible changes to the scheme.

7 TENDERS & QUOTATIONS

7.1 No Report

8 ENGINEERING SERVICES

8.1 (02/14) - Replacement of Plant Unit 151

Council's plant number 151, a Suzuki DRZ250 motorbike, requires substantial repairs and Council should consider whether it is more cost effective to dispose of the vehicle as is and purchase a new one or repair the unit.

Resolution No: (02-02-14)

Moved by: Cr Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

That Council not replace Unit 151 Suzuki DRZ250 motorbike.

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9 COMMUNITY SERVICES

9.1 (02/14) – RADF

A RADF application has been received from Vast Arts for the third round to print an updated edition of the Arts & Cultural Tour Guide 'Kunmurri Art Trail' (fourth edition), as per the following details:

Vast Arts

The grant is to assist with the costs of collating, editing and printing the 2014 edition of the Kunmurri Art Trail as well as developing a website of the Trail. \$1,000 requested

Resolution No: (03-02-14)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Sargent

That Council endorses the recommendations of the RADF Committee to fund the Vast Arts third round application to assist with the costs of collating, editing and printing the 2014 edition of the Kunmurri Art Trail as well as developing a website of the Trail, to the value of \$1,000.00.

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9.2 (02/14) – Student Bursary

The applications for the 2013-2014 Quilpie Shire Council Bursary Program closed on 30 January, 2014.

The Bursary program is an initiative of the Quilpie Shire Council. It provides an opportunity for residents aged under 25 years residing within the Quilpie Shire to undertake training or study which may have previously seemed unattainable. The program is about enhancing opportunities for young people and ultimately improving the quality of life for all in South West Queensland.

Two applications have been received for the Bursary.

1. Hannah Tully – Southbank Institute of Technology/Queensland University of Technology – Diploma of Business/Bachelor of Business
2. Nicholas Paulsen – University of Queensland – Bachelor of Management / Journalism

Resolution No: (04-02-14)

Moved by: Cr Lilburne

Seconded by: Cr Hewson

That Council jointly awards the Quilpie Shire Council Bursary for 2013-2014 to Hannah Tully and Nicholas Paulsen, with \$1,250 being paid each semester per student for a maximum of two years pending receipt of progress and successful outcomes of study for each student.

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10 CORPORATE SERVICES

10.1 No Reports

11 FINANCE REPORTS

ATTENDANCE

The Finance Manager, Barry Bonthuys entered the meeting at 9:22am

11.1 (02/14) – Finance Report for Period Ending 31 January 2014

The Finance report was presented to council for the period ending 30 November 2013.

Resolution No: (05-02-14)

Moved by: Cr Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Sargent

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 31 January 2014.

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ATTENDANCE

Sally Challenor entered the meeting at 10:43am

Mayor Mackenzie welcomed Mrs Challenor to the meeting and presented the Australia Day Certificate of Appreciation for her tireless work and dedication to the Quilpie Magpies throughout the year ensuring all games both home and away ran smoothly.

ATTENDANCE

Sally Challenor left the meeting at 10:48am

BREAK

The meeting broke for morning tea at 11:02am and resumed at 11:21am

11.2 (02/14) – Amendments - Budget 2013-2014

The Council adopted its budget for the 2013-2014 financial year at a meeting held on 1 July 2013 and reviewed the budget at a meeting held on 15 October 2013.

In accordance with section 170(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a Council may amend its budget for a financial year at any time before the end of the financial year.

Resolution No: (06-02-14)

Moved by: Cr Lilburne

Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council adopts the:

- 1. Revenue Policy for the 2013-2014 financial year as presented.*
- 2. Revenue Statement for the 2013-2014 financial year as presented.*
- 3. amendments to the Budget for the 2013-2014 financial year as presented*

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11.3 (02/14) – Overdue Rates and Charges

Letters demanding payment within 30 days have been sent to property owners who are in arrears with their rates and charges for three years or more.

If no responses are received from owners of the following properties, it is suggested that Council in accordance with section 140 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, start proceedings for the sale of land to recover the overdue rates and charges:

- Lot 210/E3051:PAR EROUNGHoola
- L15/Q68022:PAR WOORBIL

There are a couple of vacant properties where the overdue rates and charges exceed the value of the land as registered in the records of Council. These properties are:

- Lot41/A2456:PAR ADAVALE
- L601,610 A2451:PAR ADAVALE
- L205/A2451:PAR ADAVALE
- L40/A2453:PAR ADAVALE

In view of the fact that if the above properties are sold, it is unlikely that the proceeds of the sale would be more than the overdue rates and charges. It is therefore suggested that Council, in accordance with section 149 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, start proceedings to acquire the land to recover the overdue rates and charges.

The owners of Lot 905 on Plan A2451, Adavale and Lot 31 on Plan A2453, Adavale agreed in writing to surrender the land to Council for the overdue rates and charges. It is suggested that Council immediately proceed to acquire the land under section 149 of the Local Government Regulation 2012,

There are also a number of rates and charges notices outstanding for properties with registered mining leases. As Council cannot sell or acquire the land in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012 to recover the overdue rates and charges, it is suggested that rates assessments that have been outstanding for one or more years, be handed over to a debt collection firm.

Resolution No: (07-02-14)

Moved by: Cr Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

1. *If no responses are received on the letters of demand from owners of the following properties, Council proceeds with the sale of land in accordance with section 140 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to recover the overdue rates and charges:*
 - *Lot 210/E3051:PAR EROUNGHoola*
 - *L15/Q68022:PAR WOORBIL*
2. *If no responses are received on the letters of demand from owners of the following properties, Council initiate actions to acquire the land in accordance with section 149 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to recover the overdue rates and charges:*
 - *Lot41/A2456:PAR EROUNGHoola*
 - *LOT601,610 A2451:PAR ADAVALE*
 - *L205/A2451:PAR ADAVALE*
 - *L40/A2453:PAR ADAVALE*
3. *That Council initiate actions immediately to acquire Lot 905 on Plan A2451, Adavale and Lot 31 on Plan A2453, Adavale in accordance with section 149 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to recover the overdue rates and charges.*
4. *That Council hand-over properties with registered mining leases that have been outstanding for one or more years to a debt collection firm for the recovery of overdue rates and charges if no responses are received on the letters of demand.*

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ATTENDANCE

The Finance Manager, Barry Bonthuys left the meeting at 12:50pm

BREAK

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:50pm and resumed at 1:56pm

12 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

12.1 (02/14) – Child Care Centres

By email of 6 January and 13 January 2014, Sue Sandeman is requesting Queensland Councils support a petition to include child care centres in the legislation relating to mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse / neglect.

Noted

12.2 (02/14) – Renewal of Special Lease

By letter of 29 January 2014, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines is requesting Council's views on the renewal of Special Lease 10/48187 being Lot 4 on Plan BG29, Parrish of Terrachie. The lease is currently held by Mark Durack Tully.

The purpose of the lease is "residential" and the current term is for 30 years.

Resolution No: (08-02-14)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Sargent

That Council offers no objection to the renewal of Special Lease 10/48187 on Lot 4 Plan BG29, Parish of Terrachie.

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12.3 (02/14) – Sealing of IOR Entry, Eromanga

In discussions with the Mayor, IOR representatives raised the issue of the sealing of the entry and exit to the refinery, particularly around the bowser area.

Resolution No: (09-02-14)

Moved by: Cr Sargent

Seconded by: Cr Hewson

That staff investigate the Sealing of the IOR entry in Eromanga further and compile a detailed report for Council.

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12.4 (02/14) – Community Grants Program

Round 2 of the Community Grants Program was considered at the November 2013 Ordinary Meeting of Council and the available funds for the financial year were allocated. Based on this invitations for round 3 were not called.

An application for a community grant has been received from the Quilpie Opal Miners Association. Relevant details are:

Purpose:	Purchase computer, printer and software
Applicant funding:	\$1,000
Other funding:	\$500
Requested funding:	\$5,000

Resolution No: (10-02-14)

Moved by: Cr Sargent

Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council offers the Quilpie Opal Miners Association an ex-Council computer and printer and suitable software to the total estimated value of \$1500.

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13 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Hell Hole Gorge access road options
2. Quilpie Pool lease
3. Planning scheme training session update
4. Eromanga Motel Hot Water options
5. Fire Levy
6. Gallery Exhibitions
7. Community Project Funding & ANZAC Centenary Program
8. Rural Economic Development Conference in Harvey Bay August 2014

(02/14) – General Business - Council Remuneration

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has handed down its decision on remuneration for mayors, deputy mayors and councillors. The new remuneration levels will apply from 1 July 2014.

The tribunal has determined that a general increase of 4.5% to existing remuneration levels is warranted. Of significance to Council is the decision of the Tribunal to re-categorise all Special Category, Category 1 and Category 2 Councils as Category 3 Councils for the purposes of remuneration. The prescribed remuneration for Quilpie Shire Councillors is:

- Mayor \$95,488
- Deputy Mayor \$55,089
- Councillor \$47,744

In line with recent changes to the Local Government Regulation 2012, the levels determined to be appropriate by the Tribunal represent the maximum remuneration that may be paid to elected representatives. Council may set a lesser amount by resolution, provided the resolution is passed within 90 days of the Tribunal's determination being gazetted.

Council does not need to pass a resolution to adopt the levels prescribed by the Tribunal as they will apply automatically in the absence of a resolution adopting a lesser amount.

The Tribunal has decided that all Category 3 councillors (that is, not including mayors and deputy mayors) will be paid a base rate of 50% of the determination amount and be eligible for a pro-rata meeting fee for each of the 12 Council meetings to be held monthly as mandated in section 257(1) of the Regulation. From 1 July 2014, a Councillor in a Category 3 Council will be paid a base rate of \$23,872 and a meeting fee of \$1,989 for each monthly meeting with local certification of attendance required from the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer of the Council before payment of each meeting fee.

Resolution No: (11-02-14)

Moved by: Cr Sargent

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

That Council adopt the following elected member remuneration, effective from 1 July 2014:

Mayor \$84,838

Deputy Mayor \$36,358

Councillors \$12,928 plus a meeting fee of \$1,077 per monthly meeting.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Hewson left the meeting at 4:15pm and returned at 4:17pm

14.1 (02/14) – Recruitment of Works Manager

Resolution No: (12-02-14)

Moved by: Cr Sargent

Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council enters into Closed Session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 4:17pm to discuss the Recruitment of a Works Manager.

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Resolution No: (13-02-14)

Moved by: Cr Sargent

Seconded by: Cr Hewson

That Council moves out of Closed Session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 4:48pm

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9. Quilpie 100 years celebrations (2017)
10. Generation unit for functions
11. Eromanga Walkway preparation
12. Shire town signage identifying town amenities (fuel, accommodation etc)
13. Next SWRED meeting talking about Economic Development projects for the region.
14. Avgas options

15 MEETING DATES

The next meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on 11 March 2014 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 9:30am.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5:37pm

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 11 February 2014.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 11 March 2014.

Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council

Date