



QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council

11 March 2014 commencing at 9:43am

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom

50 Brolga Street Quilpie

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:43am

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

Condolences have been sent to the families of the late Arthur John Penshorn (Peter) and Peter Alan Robinson (Robbo).

5 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 (03/14) – Ordinary Meeting of QSC held Tuesday 11 February 2014 at 9:27am

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Tuesday, 11 February 2014.

Resolution No: (01-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Tuesday 11 February 2014 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

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6 MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Mackenzie provided a verbal report on matters address by him since the last meeting. In recent weeks spirits in the Quilpie Shire have been brightened not only from the wide spread rain, but also from the generous donations of biscuits, cakes, fruit and vegetables. These donated goods have been well received and the community as a whole is greatly appreciative.

While the rain has been appreciated, it has meant that Mayor Mackenzie was unable to physically attend the Community Advisory Network Meeting, but was able to connect via phone as this meeting as it was the last meeting for long standing member Helen Hall. Helen has been with the committee since the very first meeting. The group wished Helen and family all the best in their next chapter.

As the roads dried up, the Mayor was able to meet for the Elected Members Update hosted by Quilpie on the 12 February, Wild Dog Advisory Meeting on 21 February and the Quilpie State College Leaders Induction on the 24 February.

The wet weather returned which meant that the South West Regional Economic Development (SWRED) meeting could not be attended by the Mayor in person, but he was able to connect via the phone. It was noted that the Brisbane to Birdsville tourist route that Tourism Queensland is developing is progressing.

A committee meeting was conducted with the Mayor in attendance with Brandi Projects and the Eromanga District Community Association to review the interpretive displays for the Eromanga Living History Museum and the Visitors Walk project.

On Tuesday 4 March, Quilpie hosted the ABC Queensland Country Hour as a part of the South West tour. This was an opportunity to voice the current conditions from a hands on perspective as Mayor Mackenzie stressed that the recent rain was definitely a relief for some land owners, but not enough to consider drought breaking. Other local residents were interviewed as a part of this live program that not only focused on the current drought conditions but on resilient property management techniques.

The Mayor also commented on the 4VL “shop local” campaign and advised that the OQTA General Manager Lloyd Mills has resigned to become the CEO of the Hall of Fame.

7 TENDERS & QUOTATIONS

7.1 No Reports

8 ENGINEERING SERVICES

8.1 No Reports

ATTENDANCE

The Community Services manager entered the meeting at 10:00am

9 COMMUNITY SERVICES

9.1 (03/14) – John Waugh Park Shed

Quotes have been received from the QSC preferred supplier list for the supply and assembly of the shed at John Waugh Park for the use of clubs for storage as well as use as a training area. The football club have a number of tradespeople who have offered their services in relation to work on the shed.

Three different shed sizes have been quoted for:

1. Supply and Erect shed 17.95 x 7.6m x 3m gold Star Shed
*This does not include building application fees and insulation or electrical work.
This shed can be lined if required at a later time.*
2. Supply and Erect 12.2m x 9.12m x 3m Portal Frame
This does not include building application fees and insulation or electrical work.
3. Supply and Erect 18.3 x 9.12 x 3m Shed
This does not include building application fees and insulation or electrical work.

In speaking with the football club their first preference would be the 17.95 x 7.6 x 3m shed which can be lined at a later date if required. The shed will also provide storage room for equipment for other clubs.

Resolution No: (02-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

That Council approves the purchase from preferred supplier Peter Donohue for the Supply and Assembly of one 17.985m x 7.6m x 3m gold Star Shed for \$40,860.60 (inc GST) to be erected at John Waugh Park for John Waugh Park User group storage and training.

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9.2 (03/14) – Toompine Development Funding

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Milosevic declared a Material Personal Interest in this matter (*as defined in section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to being the Treasure of the Toompine Progress Association. Cr Milosevic dealt with this Material Personal Interest by leaving the meeting room and taking no part in the debate or discussion on the matter.

Cr Milosevic left the meeting at 10:13am

At a previous Council Meeting it was advised that the \$9,700 Toompine Development Funding be allocated for the purchase of an insulated shipping container. Since the Meeting information has been received to advise that a container has been donated and so it was no longer required.

It has since been identified that a further building 4.8m x 3.2m plus a covered area is required. Cost of this is \$21,600 + GST + freight \$1,810 + GST. Further items such as air-conditioning, security screens, security bars and a stainless steel sink are also required totalling a further \$2,100 plus GST. It has been suggested that Toompine Progress Association could meet some costs towards the set up.

Whilst the group are aware the budgeted amount that can be spent is \$9,700 they have asked if their allocation for the coming 2014-2015 year could be used to upgrade the facility now.

Resolution No: (03-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Sargent

That Council brings forward the Toompine Development Funding for 2014-2015 to enable the addition of a lock up bar area at the Clay Target Shoot area at Toompine. This brought forward funding together with balance of 2013-14 funding of \$9,700 will be used to purchase the portable building as per quote received from A1 Portables for \$21,600 (exc GST) plus \$1,810 (exc GST) for freight.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Milosevic returned to the meeting at 10:17am

9.3 (03/14) – Use of Shire Hall

A community member is keen to start up indoor soccer. He has looked at the Bulloo Park Pavilion and at the Shire Hall. The Pavilion is too small for a field however the Shire Hall, with an area of 28m x 15m, would be ideal as the field requires 25m x 12m. Soccer games would be carried out over a 10/12 week period. The ball being used is a softball which doesn't bounce so it is not envisaged that windows would be broken. The type of shoes required to be worn would be monitored with the majority of footwear now not leaving black marks. The group would become affiliated with a major club and with club memberships and game fees it is expected that Public Liability insurance costs could be met. The person coordinating these games has been doing so successfully in another regional town and advises that the Council Hall was used there and in 4 years there were no breakages.

A kiosk would be run with organisations being given the opportunity to tender to run the kiosk and other groups such as the Flying Doctor Service receiving donations through fund raising. Organiser would be prepared to pay a small hire fee for use to cover costs of air-conditioning and power. Goal posts would be required to be stored at the Hall and the group would have padding put on the steel uprights on the sides for safety on game night. Masking tape would mark the field and can be taken up when required.

Resolution No: (04-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Lilburne
Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council agrees to allow indoor soccer to be played in the Quilpie Shire Hall.

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General Discussion – Community Department

The Community Services Managers, Monica James provided a brief summary on the following items:

- ANZAC Centenary State Government Grant–preferred option would be the Horse and Rider sculpture
- ANZAC Memorial Signage project
- A RSL and Quilpie Show meeting were attended
- Grant application lodged for the accessible facilities at the Quilpie Pool
- Tina Johnston will be relieving at the Quilpie Pool from 23-27 March
- RADF guidelines will be streamlined commencing 2014/15
- Pool Leases Expressions of Interested closed on 7 March
- Drought relief food drop has been received and distributed throughout the Shire.

ATTENDANCE

The Community Services Manager, Monica James left the meeting at 10:27am

BREAK

The meeting broke for morning tea at 11:14am and resumed at 11:35am

10 CORPORATE SERVICES

ATTENDANCE

The Corporate Services manager entered the meeting at 11:35am

10.1 (03/14) - Quilpie Shire Wild Dog Advisory Committee Minutes

A meeting of the Quilpie Shire Wild Dog Advisory Committee took place on Friday 21 February, 2014.

Resolution No: (05-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Lilburne
Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council adopts the Minutes of the Quilpie Shire Wild Dog Advisory Committee Meeting held on Friday 21 February 2014.

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10.2 (03/14) - Letter of Complaint re Reduction of Wild Dog Bonus Payment

Correspondence has been received from Dan McDonald – “Wyrapa”, John Barnett – “Ambaville” and Doug Kelly - “Bronte” voicing their dissatisfaction regarding the reduction in the Wild Dog Bounty, the lack of communication from Council to the landholders informing them of the reduction and the timeframe involved in the reduction of bonus payment from \$100 to \$50.

Resolution No: (06-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Sargent
Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council does not agree to pay the landholders of Wyrapa, Ambaville and Bronte \$100 per wild dog scalp.

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General Discussion – Corporate Department

The Corporate Services Managers, Lisa Hamlyn provided a brief summary of the following items:

- 65-67 Galah Street, Quilpie - Qld Health lease expires in October 2014
- Apprentice Diesel Mechanic has been advertised
- South West Hospital & Health Service meeting was held on 24 February
- Digital Television update

ATTENDANCE

The Corporate Services Manager, Lisa Hamlyn left the meeting at 12:09pm

11 FINANCE REPORTS

ATTENDANCE

The Finance Manager, Barry Bonthuys entered the meeting at 12:09pm

11.1 (03/14) – Finance Report for Period Ending 28 February 2014

The Finance report was presented to council for the period ending 28 February 2014.

Resolution No: (07-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Sargent

Seconded by: Cr Hewson

That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 28 February 2014.

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ATTENDANCE

The Finance Manager, Barry Bonthuys left the meeting at 12:32pm

12 EXECUTIVE SERVICES

12.1 (03/14) – Request for Works “Sherwood Park”

By letter of 14 February 2014, Wayne Heinemann from “Sherwood Park” is requesting Council install a grid to replace a gate and undertake some gravel sheeting / resheeting works.

Resolution No: (08-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Lilburne

Seconded by: Cr Hewson

That Council agree to the installation of a grid on Sherwood Park / Bardo boundary in accordance with Council’s Grid Policy and consider approximate 2km of gravel sheeting on Sherwood Park Road in the 2014/15 budget deliberations.

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12.2 (03/14) – Fencing on Town Commons

The matter of the fencing on the various town commons has been discussed by Council on several occasions. At the December 2013 Ordinary Meeting of Council it was resolved that “*staff investigate the legally binding options to recover the cost of fencing the town commons where required and prepare a report on the cost of re-fencing the town commons where required.*”

Quotations have been called for undertaking the necessary fencing / re-fencing / repairs to the Quilpie town common fences.

Resolution No: (09-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

That Council replaces approximately 20kms of fencing on the Quilpie town common adjoining “Tebin” on a 50% cost recovery basis.

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Resolution No: (10-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Hewson
Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council accepts the quote from Greg Dax T/A Bedstamor Farms for the supply and installation of approximately 20km of stock fence on the Quilpie Common for the value of \$77,429 (inc GST) plus other expenses.

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BREAK

The meeting broke for lunch at 1:07pm and returned at 2:02pm

12.3 (03/14) – Manager Engineering Services

Resolution No: (11-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Hewson
Seconded by: Cr Sargent

That Council enters into Closed Session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 2:03pm to discuss the Manager of Engineering position.

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Resolution No: (12-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Milosevic
Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

That Council moves out of Closed Session and resumed the Ordinary Meeting at 2:20pm

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Resolution No: (13-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Lilburne
Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council confirms the appointment of Sam Wooden to the position of Manager of Engineering Services.

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12.4 (03/14) – Aircraft Refueling Operations

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED

Cr Milosevic declared a Material Personal Interest in this matter (*as defined in section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to being the Manager of Lowes Petroleum. Cr Milosevic dealt with this Material Personal Interest by leaving the meeting room and taking no part in the debate or discussion on the matter.

Cr Milosevic left the meeting at 2:21pm

At the February 2014 Ordinary Meeting of Council the issue of Council's aircraft refuelling operations was discussed with staff tasked to bring back a report on this issue. The indication of Council at the time was that they wished to provide a minimum level of service that was not subsidised.

Council currently purchases avgas from South West Air Services P/L based at the Charleville Airport by driving a truck mounted with a 1500 litre tank to Charleville and back as required. Filling at Charleville is undertaken when the tank gets to about 400 litres. Fuel testing is undertaken before and after the tank is filled. If the fuel density is inadequate the fuel in the tank is dumped. The truck remains in the depot yard until required to attend to a plane refuelling at the airport. Staff undertake testing every day and are called out on an as needs basis. A roster is in place with staff sharing the duties for 2 weeks at a time for out of hours events.

Resolution No: (14-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

That Council discontinues the aircraft refuelling service.

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ATTENDANCE

Cr Milosevic returned to the meeting at 2:28pm

12.5 (03/14) – Boundary of Relaxation Setback to 57 Boonkai Street, Quilpie

An application for a boundary relaxation has been received by the owners of 57 Boonkai Street, Quilpie to construct a verandah at the front of the existing dwelling.

Resolution No: (15-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

That Council approve the boundary setback relaxation at 57 Boonkai Street Quilpie from 6 metres to 3.9 metres subject to no future approval being granted to fully enclose the proposed verandah.

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12.6 (03/14) – Purchase of Traffic Counters

At the recent South West Regional Road & Transport Group Tech Committee meeting, Maranoa Regional Council included an agenda item on a discount for the bulk purchase of traffic counters. Relevant details are as follows:

Unit: MetroCount 5600 or 5700

Price: Reduced from \$3695 to \$2745, which is an approximate discount of 25.7%.

Order: MRC would order units for all Councils to obtain the bulk price and have units delivered to each Council

These units are recognised as one of the leading traffic counter products available. The units provide a break-down of traffic into vehicle classification and speed with many reports capable of being generated.

Council has never invested in traffic counters and has practically no substantiated data on traffic and traffic movements.

Resolution No: (16-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Lilburne

Seconded by: Cr Hewson

That Council purchase three MetroCount traffic counters for \$2,745 (exc GST) each through Maranoa Regional Council.

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12.7 (03/14) – Eromanga Mobile Phone Project

The state government has just announced that the Royalties for the Regions round 2 business case for the Eromanga mobile phone project has been successful.

The Department of State Development Infrastructure & Planning requires confirmation of funding contributions prior to finalising the funding agreement and releasing funds.

Resolution No: (17-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Lilburne

Seconded by: Cr Milosevic

That Council proceed with the Eromanga mobile phone project based on the confirmed funding contributions from external stakeholders and Council funding the balance.

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12.8 (03/14) – LGAQ Finance Summit and Civic Leaders Summit

The LGAQ Finance Summit and Civic Leaders Summit are being held from 7 to 9 May 2014 at Twin Waters Resort. Both of these events were held in 2013 and were very informative.

LGAQ have advised the following guest speakers will present at the Civic Leaders Summit:

- Roger Corbett, Chairman, Fairfax Ltd to speak about 'In Pursuit of Productivity – transformational leadership – setting the direction and the tone';
- Rick Anderson, Business Development Manager for Apple who will give advice on 'Bringing Productivity to your Council through the use of Apps'; and
- Professor Gary Banks AO, Chief Executive Officer, ANZSOG and former Chairman of the Productivity Commission to speak on 'Australia's Challenge to lift Productivity'.

Resolution No: (18-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Hewson

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

That Council authorise Mayor Mackenzie and Cr Sargent to attend the 2014 LGAQ Finance Summit and Civic Leaders Summit to be held from 7 to 9 May 2014.

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12.9 (03/14) – Quilpie Common Muster

ATTENDANCE

Building, Planning and Environment Officer, Angie Hennessy entered the meeting at 3:14pm

The Rural Lands Officer would like to conduct a common muster.

Resolution No: (19-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Hewson

That Council approve the common muster commencing on Friday 2 May 2014 and ending with branding on Saturday 3 May 2014 with the assistance of an aerial mustering contractor.

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12.10 (03/13) – Depasturage Policy

Council amended the Depasturage Policy at the December Meeting to include the following:

"All stock owners are encouraged to assist with musters and or branding. Stock owners not actively participating will be charged a mustering fee which will be set by Council each year in Council's fees and charges schedule. The Rural Lands Officer shall keep a record of owners participating in musters and/or branding. Fees owing will be charged as required. Failure to pay the fee where charged shall

result in all stock being removed from the common and sold and the depasturage permit being cancelled.”

However there was no fee set.

Resolution No: (20-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Milosevic

Seconded by: Cr Lilburne

That Council informs all permit holders that:

- *if they do not attend, register and participate in the muster to be held on 2 / 3 May 2014 all their stock will be sold at the subsequent muster sale; and*
- *All costs incurred using an aerial mustering contractor will be divided equally between the all permit holders.*

And that the Depasturage Policy will be reviewed after this muster.

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ATTENDANCE

Building, Planning and Environment Officer, Angie Hennessy left the meeting at 3:59am

13 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

14.1 Quilpie Adavale (Black) Road – Damage in wet weather

Council will enforce the closure of the Quilpie – Adavale (Black) Road and other Shire roads as required during and after wet weather events.

14.2 Library Wi-Fi

An OPAL Grant Technology Trendsetters is available to assist with obtaining Wi-Fi in the Quilpie library. No action will be taken.

14.3 Commonwealth Grants Commission

The Commonwealth Grants Commission is conducting a review to identify tangible measures for improving the impact of the Local Government Financial Assistance Grants.

Resolution No: (21-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Sargent

Seconded by: Cr Hewson

That Council supports the submission made by the North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Council for the minimum grant to be removed and write to the Commonwealth Treasurer.

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14.4 Tie Up the Black Dog

Tie up the Black Dog is seeking council's support for an event to be held in Quilpie on 28 April 2014.

Resolution No: (22-03-14)

Moved by: Cr Sargent

Seconded by: Cr Hewson

That Council donates \$1000.00 from the Quilpie Shire Community Drought Support Fund towards the Tie Up the Black Dog event to be held in Quilpie on 28 April.

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14.5 Local Government Boundary Anomalies

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines have identified a number of anomalies between local government boundaries and suburb/locality boundaries. A detailed report will be submitted to the April Council meeting.

14.6 Emergency Fire Levy

Opal Mine classifications for the Emergency Fire Levy have been reclassified as rural vacant land (Level Group 1).

14.7 Queensland Rail Meeting

A meeting will be in Toowoomba on 28 March and the Mayor is seeking Councillors and Community feedback.

14.8 Proposed Tourist Route Brisbane to Birdsville

The Brisbane to Birdsville tourist route is being developed and Tourism Queensland is seeking feedback on the name of the proposed route.

14.9 Buy a Bale Campaign

The Buy a Bale Campaign will be delivered hay to Quilpie on Tuesday 18 March.

15 MEETING DATES

The next meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday, 8 April 2014 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 9:30am.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5:10pm

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

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Tuesday, 8 April 2014.

Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council

Date