



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Quilpie Shire Council
Held in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom on
Tuesday 8th March, 2011
Commencing at 8.30am.**

**PRESENT:**

Cr PD Edwards (Mayor), Cr DP Murray (Deputy Mayor), Cr JC Hewson, Cr RJ Nowland, Cr C Paulsen ,
Carl Ninine (Chief Executive Officer)
Lisa Hamlyn (Deputy Chief Executive Officer)
Monica James (Community Services Manager)
Ted Hennessy (Works Manager)

CLOSED SESSION MATTERS:**Moved Into Closed Session****Resolution No: (01-03-11)**

Cr Murray moved and Cr Paulsen seconded that Council enters closed session under s72 of the *Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010* at 8.30am.

CARRIED**Resolution No: (02-03-11)**

Cr Hewson moved and Cr Nowland seconded that Council moved out of Closed Session and resumed the Ordinary Meeting at 9.10am.

CARRIED**ATTENDANCE:**

Lisa Hamlyn (Deputy Chief Executive Officer), Ted Hennessy (Works Manager), Monica James (Community Services Manager) and Peter Sheehan, Trinidad Station entered the Meeting at 9.10am.

OBITUARIES:**Resolution No: (03-03-11)**

Council resolved to forward its condolences to the relatives of the late Sonja Brown (Mt. Margaret).

Cr Edwards welcomed Peter Sheehan to the Meeting and invited him to explain his issues of concern to Council.

Peter advised Council that he has concerns with the condition of roads in the Shire and grids. Peter advised that he had spoken to local contractors who had advised him that they wanted to work over the Christmas period and were told by Council that there was no work. He cannot understand if there is work required on roads and there are contractors not working why it is not being done.

Discussion took place regarding the weather conditions, size of the shire road network and limited resources.

Cr Edwards explained that Council did not receive official authorisation from Main Roads to commence Flood Damage works until 10th December 2010. The only works that Main Roads authorised Council to do was “patch up” work only to make roads safe. The Works Manager advised that he had contacted all local contractors that were registered on Council’s Standing Offer Arrangement and asked them if they wanted to work over the Christmas closedown period. The only contractor that indicated that he wanted to start early was S. Bowen. The Chief Executive Officer also explained that Council’s maintenance budget for the entire shire road networks was \$225,000.00.

Peter Sheehan advised that he understood the constraints on Council’s budget and that it was a wet year. He cannot understand why contractors are saying that they have no work when it is obvious so many roads require attention.

Peter also advised Council that when he did request a grader to repair the Trinidad Road, a dual cab was sent out and got bogged. He also has contacted Council several times over the last three years and requested that grids are cleaned out. This request was not carried out. Council requested that staff maintain communication with persons who are making requests or complaints. Peter advised that a grader had been on the Trinidad Road approximately 4 times in the last 12 months, the Works Manager agreed with this statement.

Discussion took place regarding the process to become part of Council’s Standing Offer Arrangement and the restrictions and regulations that must be met.

Peter advised that he would like to see improved communication between contractors, Council and road users / landholders. For example, if Council has a grader in an area, the landholder is contacted and asked if they require any work to be carried out and the hourly rate quoted.

Peter currently attends to washouts north of the Trinidad house (15km from house to northern boundary) This section of road requires more than 2 grades per year.

Cr Edwards advised that if the road in question is not highly trafficable, but requires work the grazier should be contacted and requested to complete the grading.

Peter has offered his shearing quarters accommodation to council anytime they are working in the area as long as he is not shearing etc.

Council agreed that the Works Manager negotiates with landholders to achieve maximum results for landholder and council regarding works to be carried out.

Cr Edwards apologised to Peter Sheehan for the lack of communication and advised that the communication lines with the Chief Executive Officer and Councillors are open.

Peter reiterated that something has to be done to the Trinidad road as it is their only access and enquired how often a full maintenance grade is performed. Cr Edwards advised that Council endeavours to perform a full maintenance grade on major thoroughfares once per year, subject to the availability of resources.

Cr Edwards also informed Peter that correspondence from the six Shires in the South West Local Government Association has been forwarded to the Premier – Anna Bligh, Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, Minister for Local Government and Special Minister of State – Paul Lucas MP and Mark Strong – Regional Director, Department of Transport and Main Roads South West Region Paul Lucas Dave Stewart and Mark Strong requesting a twelve month extension to complete the works.

ATTENDANCE:

Peter Sheehan remained in attendance in the Public Gallery.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Resolution No: (04-03-11)

Cr Murray moved and Cr Hewson seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 8th February 2011 are taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Cr Murray enquired if the streets in Eromanga (King / Berella and Burt Streets) have been graded as per request in the January Council Minutes.
- Cr Murray enquired if a letter of reply had been sent to Rob Rennick regarding the Adavale – Cheepie Road.
The Chief Executive Officer advised that a letter of response had been completed.
- Cr Nowland advised that community members have been asking what was happening with Digital Television in Quilpie and Council should include some information in the Shire Newsletter.
The Chief Executive Officer advised that as per the February Council Meeting, Council had made a commitment to retransmit digital television to the Quilpie community and a solution was being investigated for smaller towns within the Shire.
- Cr Murray enquired about the cost of the Eromanga refuse pit.
- Cr Hewson enquired regarding the parking signage for trucks in Chipu Street that was discussed at the February Meeting.

Resolution No: (05-03-11)

Cr Hewson moved and Cr Nowland seconded that the Works Manager organises signage to be erected between Brolga and Quarrior Streets along Chipu Street, adjoining John Waugh Park to allow trucks to park in this area as per Local Law 19 – Regulated Parking.

CARRIED

- Cr Murray enquired if signage could be erected outside the Cafe (opposite side of road) in Eromanga. The Works Manager will discuss with Mark Strong – District Manager, Main Roads South West District.

- Cr Hewson voiced concerns regarding Resolution No: (06-02-11) regarding new arrangements for contractors wishing to undertake flood damage contract works for Council. Cr Edwards advised that contractors will be attending the meeting today. The majority of Councillors were satisfied with the resolution as recorded.
- The Works Manager suggested that Council reviews the Standing Offer Arrangement Tender document for 2011/2012 before it is advertised and distributed.

Cr Edwards suggested that discussion was deferred until the contractors have attended the Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.35am and resumed at 11.05am.
Grant Wren (Flood Damage Foreman) attended Morning Tea to meet the Councillors.

ATTENDANCE:

Grant Wren remained in attendance at the Council Meeting.

Ralph Walker and Debbie and Ben Hall entered the Meeting at 11.05am.

Cr Edwards explained that the Chief Executive Officer received a request from Vin Richardson and Stuart Bowen to attend the Council meeting and discuss the decision made to tender for Flood Damage / NDRRA works within the Shire. Council invited all local contractors to attend the meeting and have the opportunity to discuss the issue.

Cr Edwards enquired if the contractors present had all received paperwork regarding the Tender from the Works Manager. Ben Hall advised that he sees that the tender process could be potentially dangerous if you don't know the "ins and outs" and do not have the staff / machinery required. It is also of concern that if contractor is awarded the tender, it could be sub contracted to an outsider and the money could go outside the shire or you could easily cut yourself short and lose out. Ben Hall also enquired how you cover yourself in for unforeseen circumstances eg. No water available etc.

Cr Edwards explained Council made the decision to try to provide equity to local contractors. Cr Edwards explained that the flood damage funding is available for the next two years and also advised that Quilpie Shire along with 5 other Shires in the South West Local Government Association has applied for extension for 12 months to complete the works.

Discussion took place regarding the specifications for quoting on the road jobs. Council advised that they are aware that some contractors do not have full teams and Ben Hall suggested it is a big investment / cost to buy extra machinery to enable a contractor to have a chance to be awarded a full road. Ben Hall advised that he is happy with work he is getting currently. Ralph Walker advised that he is happy with the quotation process. Ben Hall expressed concern regarding under quoting work until he gets used to the tender process, as he has not had the experience with graders / rollers.

Cr Edwards suggested that contractors continue working in the status-quo until such time as Council has the opportunity to meet with all contractors to discuss the issue. The Works Manager was requested to organise a meeting with the other contractors as soon as possible.

ATTENDANCE:

Vin Richardson and Stuart Bowen entered the Meeting at 11.20am.

Vin and Stuart apologised for their lateness due to flooding.

Cr Edwards reiterated that the reason Council made the decision to tender the Flood Damage works was to try and provide equity within local contractors within the Shire. Council is aware that some contractors do not have full teams of staff. Council advised that contractors may choose to only quote within their local areas. The tender process is formalising a quotation for works contractors with to perform as Council has to be accountable and transparent in all areas.

Vin Richardson and Stewart Bowen advised that they had requested a meeting with Council and still wished to meet with Council. Cr Edwards advised that anyone can sit in a Council Meeting unless Council was in Closed Session. A closed session was requested by Vin Richardson.

Cr Edwards advised that following the closes session, all contractors would be invited to return to the Meeting.

Cr Edwards also advised that if anything is said during Closed Session that would affect the other Contractors, he would stop the Closed session and resume the Ordinary Meeting.

Moved Into Closed Session

Resolution No: (06-03-11)

Cr Hewson moved and Cr Paulsen seconded that Council enters closed session under s72 of the *Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010* at 11.28am.

The motion on being put to the vote was:

CARRIED 3-2

Crs Murray and Nowland voted against the Motion.

ATTENDANCE:

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Community Services Manager, Works Manager, Flood Damage Foreman, Ben and Debbie Hall, Ralph Walker and Peter Sheehan left the Meeting at 11.28am.

Resolution No: (07-03-11)

Cr Hewson moved and Cr Murray seconded that Council moved out of Closed Session and resumed the Ordinary Meeting at 12.36pm.

ATTENDANCE:

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Community Services Manager, Works Manager, Flood Damage Foreman, Ben and Debbie Hall, Ralph Walker and Peter Sheehan returned to the Meeting at 12.36pm.

Cr Edwards advised that the main focus for the future is to ensure that Council does not lose local input and tries to award all local contractors as much flood damage work as possible. Cr Edwards also explained that from this point on, any claims with day labour costs have to be paid by Council. This is not the case for contractors. If Council employs contractors to perform the works, Council

receives the full claim. There are 15 roads requiring flood damage works. Council will discuss how to handle roads that are not quoted for, if any. Council will attempt to make the process as fair as possible for local contractors within the Shire.

Stewart Bowen enquired if the flood damage would be addressed on a priority basis, due to the amount of damage on the road. The Works Manager replied that the worst sections of roads would be completed first, in an effort to get all roads open and trafficable. Vin Richardson enquired if there would be opportunity to extend the contract if wet weather or other unforeseen circumstances occur.

Cr Edwards read correspondence from the six Shires in the South West Local Government Association has been forwarded to the Premier – Anna Bligh, Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, Minister for Local Government and Special Minister of State – Paul Lucas MP and Mark Strong – Regional Director, Department of Transport and Main Roads South West Region Mark Strong requesting a twelve month extension to complete the works.

Council confirmed that until quote documents have been received and decisions awarded, works are to continue in the status-quo. The remaining 45 roads are also to continue being treated in the same manner.

Discussion took place regarding requirements for additional material or if work is getting behind due to lack of available material. Cr Edwards advised that should anything like this occur on a job, the contractor is to contact the Works Manager or Flood Damage Foreman to discuss with them.

ATTENDANCE:

Ben and Debbie Hall, Ralph Walker, Stuart Bowen, Vin Richardson and Flood Damage Foreman, Grant Wren left the meeting at 12.48pm.

Contractors – (continued):

Cr Hewson advised Council that following the discussion with the contractors, she is satisfied for Resolution No: 06-02-11 to remain unchanged.

Cr Edwards advised that Steve Bonsey had been informed that the Meeting was being held and if he wishes to discuss any matters related to contractors, he can discuss with the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.

MAYORAL NOTES:

Meetings / Events Attended:

10 th February	Quilpie Shire Wild Dog Advisory Committee
17 th February	Civic View Presentation
22 nd February	Wild Rivers Meeting
	Transport and Main Roads Meeting – Mark Strong, Tony Allen
24 th February	ANZAC Day Meeting
25 th February	RADF Meeting
28 th February	Interviews at Quilpie State College
4 th March	Community Flood Service

Issues Discussed:

- Cr Edwards read and tabled the letter written to David Stewart – Director General of Transport and Main Roads from South West Queensland Local Government Association applying for a twelve month extension for NDRRA funding.
- Cr Edwards advised Council that he had received a phone call from John Barnett, Amberville regarding Bundoon Road and removal of gravel. Also discussed signage and grids.
- Cr Edwards received a phone call from Greg Field (DERM) regarding the special lease on Eromanga common. As the purpose of the use would be completely different from the original lease application, there is a requirement for an application for change of use and DERM enquired if Council would consider being granted a special lease for community purposes and sub-lease the land to the Outback Gondwana Foundation. The matter is still progressing and Council agreed that it would be happy to accept this proposal for the special lease.
- Discussion took place regarding a telephone call received from Bill Pegler relating to problems still occurring in Eromanga that were also reported to the Chief Executive Officer.
- Stuart MacKenzie contacted Cr Edwards regarding landowner membership on the Wild Rivers Advisory Panel. Cr Edwards advised that it was a Ministerial Panel and not a Council decision. Cr Edwards emailed David Arnold, RAPAD regarding this matter as Minister for Sustainability and Climate Change will be visiting Longreach and having discussions with RAPAD. Emails of support were also received from John and Clare Steele and Jo Pegler.
- A letter was received from Rosie Tully and phone calls from Ross Tully and Cr Murray regarding the condition of the Congie Road. Following a request last Friday, the road was closed as it was impassable. The Works Manager in consultation with the land owner closed the road at the turnoff. It was then reported that Terricks drove over the road closed signage and did considerable damage to the road (approximately 44km from bitumen to Ivan's Gate)The Chief Executive Officer spoke to representatives from Terricks (who confirmed that they are acting on behalf of Bridgeport Energy) and advised that their behavior was irresponsible. Cr Edwards read an email from the Chief Executive officer providing a report on the matter and conversation.
- Cr Edwards tabled a letter received from Nick Slater regarding the Reconstruction Authority.
- Cr Edwards tabled a letter of thanks received from David Stewart- Director General, Main Roads for the invitation for himself and Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Craig Wallace to meet with Council last December. Also confirming that under the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme, TIDS may be utilized for storm water structure where they form part of the road or transport infrastructure.
- A request was received from the Australian Local Government Association for a letter of support regarding recognition in Constitution of Local Government.
- Cr Edwards received a complaint from a member of the community regarding the condition of the Quilpie refuse site. The Works Manager advised that the contractor would commence regular cleaning of the refuse site this weekend.

- Complaints have been received regarding horses in the middle of Bulloo Park. The appropriate owner be requested to move the horses.
- Cr Edwards read and tabled a letter received from Mrs Michelle Murray – Chair, RADF (Regional Arts Development Fund) regarding the Quick Response Program funding.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting adjourned for Lunch at 1.15pm and resumed at 2.20pm

The Chief Executive Officer advised Council that he had contacted Bridgeport during the adjournment and they are planning to bring their own plant and machinery to undertake the required repair works to Congie Road in accordance with Council specifications.

WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT:**Roadworks:**

Work is in progress on the culvert widening at 3.80km on the Quilpie-Windorah Road. Works on the floodway widening at 2.20km on this road will follow.

RSDP Widenings (flood damage and annual) are continuing on the Quilpie-Windorah Road. Flood damage Repairs were completed at the bottom of the jump up on the Quilpie-Charleville Road. Other emergent works are being carried on Main Roads are continuing as required.

Flood damage repairs have been started on Milo, Old Thargomindah, Wareo, Pinkilla, Wallyah, Ray, and Adavale Black Roads.

A quote document has been distributed for flood damage restoration works on 15 shire roads. Quotes close on Friday 18th March 2011.

While the current flood damage claim is the largest the shire has ever had, it only covers repairs to sections of the road network that were actually damaged by the natural disaster event. It varies from road to road as to what length of road was eligible for flood damage restoration.

While crews are doing Flood damage repairs on each road would be the ideal time to include maintenance works on sections not covered by NDRRA funding.

I request council consider increasing the current Shire Road maintenance budget for the remainder of this year by \$500,000 so that the maintenance works can be completed while plant is on site.

The new pit and access road at Eromanga refuse site and general clean up should be completed before the meeting. The new refuse pit at Adavale should also be completed before the meeting.

Shire Road maintenance budget allocation is 70% expended to date. Council agreed that \$250,000 is added into the Shire Roads maintenance budget to allow the works staff to complete required works on roads in conjunction with flood damage works. To be amended in the budget document.

WORKS – GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Cr Nowland reported to the Works Manager that large rocks were coming up through the road surface on the red hill at Milroy.
- The Works Manager advised Council that John Barnett had given Vin Richardson verbal permission to remove gravel previously.
- Cr Paulsen enquired regarding the purpose of the traffic counter in Brolga Street.
- Cr Murray reported that the depth indications of the culvert approximately 70km Eromanga side of Quilpie requires review. One side of the culvert is reporting depth of .6 and the other side of the culvert is only .3.
The Works Manager advised that this was due to the tight curves and construction of the road.
- Cr Murray enquired if the Oleander tree near the guest house will pruned or removed and replaced with another plant.
- Cr Hewson enquired who approved the financial counselling service signage recently erected on the approaches to Quilpie. The Works Manager advised that as it is a main road, Main Roads would have approved the signage application.
- Cr Paulsen enquired of the timeframe for the bitumen works to be completed at the Quilpie Airport.
The Works Manager advised it would be completed in conjunction with scheduled Council Works.
- Cr Paulsen enquired if repairs to Kyabra Road were included in Flood Damage. The Works Manager confirmed that Kyabra Road was included in the Flood Damage claim.
- Cr Paulsen enquired if any further feedback had been received regarding hydrosmart system in Eromanga. Cr Edwards advised that all feedback received has been positive. Due to extensive rainfall over the past months there had been no recent feedback.

PLANT REPORT:**TABLED****PLUMBERS REPORT:****TABLED****RECEPTION OF TENDERS & QUOTATIONS:**

Quotes for the Mechanics truck will be presented to April Council Meeting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**Sublease of the Old Dairy**

At the December Council gave me direction to proceed discussions with Mr Alf McKellar on the future of the lease of the Old Dairy. Email correspondence from DERM has been received which states that if Council grants anyone use of the land with any form of tenure then this has to be in a sublease.

I have forwarded the terms of the proposed lease of the Old Dairy to Mr McKellar including the mandatory requirements of a sublease. One of the terms is insurance cover to the amount of \$20,000,000.

An option to a sublease maybe an agistment permit, same as we might have for someone at a Council reserve. Agistment permits or temporary grant of use by Council do not allow certainty and tenure. Further, with agistments, these are always at Council consideration and can be changed depending on what requests come to Council. DERM would not need to be notified of an agistment agreement however we must ensure compliance with the conditions of the Delbessie lease/Land Management Agreement.

Town Sub-development

Council resolved in October 2010 to compulsorily acquire any and all native title rights and interests over land described as Lot 56 on SP106862 and then described as Lots 1, 2 and 3 on Plan No. 10004-01A for the purpose of land development (residential purposes) and land development (industrial purposes).

Since that resolution, Council's surveyor has prepared new survey plans of Lots 1, 2 and 3 on Plan No. 10004-01A. To ensure that the compulsory acquisition process complies with legal requirements, it is recommended that Council make fresh resolutions to compulsorily acquire native title over Lots 56, 1, 2 and 3, as they are now described including the purposes for which those lands are intended.

Motion 1:*Resolution No: (08-03-11)*

Cr Hewson moved and Cr Paulsen seconded that Council proposes to compulsorily acquire any and all native title rights and interests over land described as Lot 56 on SP106862 for the purpose of alienating the land in fee simple by the State of Queensland to Quilpie Shire Council pursuant to the *Land Act, 1994* for land development ,**residential** purposes and Council now serve a Notice of Intention to Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests in order to commence the compulsory acquisition process.

CARRIED

Motion 2:Resolution No: (09-03-11)

Cr Murray moved and Cr Nowland seconded that Council proposes to compulsorily acquire any and all native title rights and interests over land described as Lot 1 on SP234981 for the purpose of alienating the land in fee simple by the State of Queensland to Quilpie Shire Council pursuant to the *Land Act, 1994* for land development, **rural residential** purposes and Council now serve a Notice of Intention to Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests in order to commence the compulsory acquisition process.

CARRIED**Motion 3:**Resolution No: (10-03-11)

Cr Hewson moved and Cr Nowland seconded that Council proposes to compulsorily acquire any and all native title rights and interests over land described as Lot 2 on SP234981 for the purpose of alienating the land in fee simple by the State of Queensland to Quilpie Shire Council pursuant to the *Land Act, 1994* for land development, **Industrial** purposes and Council now serve a Notice of Intention to Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests in order to commence the compulsory acquisition process.

CARRIED**Motion 4:**Resolution No: (11-03-11)

Cr Paulsen moved and Cr Murray seconded that Council proposes to compulsorily acquire any and all native title rights and interests over land described as Lot 3 on SP234981 for the purpose of alienating the land in fee simple by the State of Queensland to Quilpie Shire Council pursuant to the *Land Act, 1994* for land development, **rural residential and light industrial / mixed use** purposes and Council now serve a Notice of Intention to Acquire Native Title Rights and Interests in order to commence the compulsory acquisition process.

CARRIED**Motion 5:**Resolution No: (12-03-11)

Cr Nowland moved and Cr Hewson seconded that Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer or Acting Chief Executive Officer to attend, on Council's behalf, any objection meeting to be held in relation to the proposed native title compulsory acquisition over land described as Lot 56 on SP106862 and Lots 1,2 and 3 on SP234981.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Cr Paulsen requested approval from Council to attend the Australian Local Government Womens' Conference being held at the Gold Coast 27th to 29th July 2011.

Resolution No: (13-03-11)

Cr Nowland moved and Cr Murray seconded that Council approves Cr Paulsen and Cr Hewson's attendance at the Australian Womens' Conference being held at the Gold Coast 27th to 29th July 2011.

CARRIED

WORKPLACE, HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT:

NIL

MANAGER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT:**Proposed South West Research Project**

Denis Kenny from DEEDI based in Charleville is carrying out a research program over the 4 SWRED Shires to gain a better understanding of visitors to the South West. This project is commencing 1st April and going through until December. Questionnaires are being distributed throughout the Shires and the aim of the information collected is to provide knowledge on tourists regarding:

1. Where they are from
2. How many travelling
3. Mode of Transport
4. Length of stay in local area
5. Length of overall trip
6. Direction of travel
7. Visitor interests
8. Source of information prior to travel
9. Information on what travellers want to experience
10. Information on improving visitor's experience.

Rather than having another form to complete we have incorporated our own Visitor Information Survey into this form. This should give us some positive statistics and evidence that can be used in funding applications.

Skytrans

A User Group teleconference was held on 24th February with representatives of Queensland Government, Skytrans and the Western 1 and Western 2 Route users. We again raised the issue of community discounted fares and have been assured that this matter will be taken further. It may be a case of having to book with the agent rather than the general online booking. I will continue to work with Skytrans on this issue. Quilpie State College and St. Finbarr's School have been provided with sponsorship from Skytrans.

Community Plan

Jim Grassick Regional Manager Local Government Southern Region, Department of Infrastructure and Planning will be in Quilpie for a meeting of the Steering Committee in relation to the Community Plan on Wednesday 9th March at 6pm in the Board Room. This meeting will provide information on how the community, council and the consultant should work together for the best result for our community.

The Community Services Manager advised that this Meeting has been postponed once again due to the weather.

RADF

The RADF Committee met on Friday 25th February to consider applications received and accept outcome reports received.

The following 2 applications have been recommended to Council by the Committee:

1. Bulloo Highland Dancing Studio

The application is to engage an experienced professional highland dancing teacher Jocelyn Robinson, to run a series of developmental workshops to the youth of the Quilpie Shire over School Term 2.

Amount applied for: \$1,885

2. Quilpie Cultural Society Inc

The application is for an additional furniture restoration workshop for the Quilpie Cultural Society.

Amount applied for: \$2,700

Resolution No: (14-03-11)

Cr Paulsen moved and Cr Murray seconded that the RADF application by the Highland Dance Studio for \$1,885 for highland dance lessons as recommended by the RADF Committee be accepted.

CARRIED

Resolution No: (15-03-11)

Cr Hewson moved and Cr Paulsen seconded that the RADF application by the Quilpie Cultural Society for \$2,700 for a restoration workshop as recommended by the RADF Committee be accepted.

CARRIED

Outcome Report

An outcome report from the Quilpie and District Show and Rodeo Society was also tabled and discussed. This report was accepted by the RADF Committee.

On Saturday 26th February, an Outcome Report was received from Outback Gondwana Foundation for the previous Quick Response Application.

An application for a further Quick Response was received at that time on Saturday 26th February, from Outback Gondwana Foundation for \$1,500. As per the guidelines in the Quick Response Process, the application was emailed to the Committee Members for their appraisal. A report will be tabled at the Council meeting when all responses have been received.

The Community Services Manager asked Council if they would like included in the Agenda an RADF financial summary for the month. Council agreed.

Resolution No: (16-03-11)

Cr Edwards moved and Cr Nowland seconded that Council approves the Quick Response application received from the Outback Gondwana Foundation on this occasion. Further, the RADF Quick Response Policy is to state that there is one Quick Response application allowed per group or individual each year unless exceptional circumstances apply. The maximum amount of funding that can be applied for is \$1500.00.

Donation of Books

A large number of cartons of books have been delivered to the Library from members and friends of Romance Writers of Australia. These books were donated to the Queensland Disaster Relief Appeal and were surplus to needs and donated to Libraries in the western areas. We have taken 5 cartons of books to Eromanga to assist with their small collection of books in the Living History Centre.

Quilpie Cultural Society

Resolution No: (17-03-11)

Cr Paulsen moved and Cr Hewson seconded that Council writes to the Quilpie Cultural Society supporting their project, endeavouring to display public art in Quilpie.

CARRIED

Council requested that the Community Services Manager investigates further the design of 3d sheep made with corrugated iron.

Tourism

The Community Services Manager advised Council that Troy Minnet had developed a number of tourism experiences, basing his tours from Quilpie and providing various flights to Birdsville, Lake Eyre etc. The offer of such tourism experiences will contribute greatly toward a successful tourism season.

Adavale Hall

The Community Services Manager advised Council that she received an Expression of Interest from a builder to re-stump and upgrade Adavale Hall.

Funding

- The Regional Development Australia Fund is only available to Local Government bodies and not for profit incorporated organizations
- Department of Sport and Recreation (Communities) are negotiating with Adavale Sport and Recreation Association regarding the outstanding funding owed to the Government.

Community Grants

A large number of community grant applications were received following our letter to community groups and organizations. The following applications were successful for this round:

Organisation Name	Request	Amount
St. Finbarr's P & F Association	Donation towards school camp	\$500
Quilpie Pony Club	Structured Rally program	\$330
Quilpie Pony Club	Loam and grading of Pony Club area	In kind Support
Quilpie State College	Group Trip to Opti Minds	\$500
Quilpie Kindergarten & Limited Hours Care Inc	Paint Kindy building and some resources	\$2500
Bulloo Highland Dancing Studio	Assist with insurance costs with dancing studio	\$260
Quilpie Diggers Race Club Inc	Sponsorship of May Race Meeting Event	\$1000
Quilpie State College	Weekly use of Hall for GAME	In kind Support
Eromanga & District Rodeo Association	Sponsorship of Easter Rodeo activities	\$1,000

Cr Murray declared an interest in two of the funding applications due to his involvement with the Quilpie Diggers Race Club Inc. and Eromanga & District Rodeo Association and did not participate in discussion or voting.

Resolution No: (18-03-11)

Cr Edwards moved and Cr Paulsen seconded that Council provides \$1,000 sponsorship to the Quilpie Diggers Race Club for the race meeting only.

CARRIED

HEALTH PROMOTIONS OFFICER'S REPORT:	TABLED
TOURISM OFFICER'S REPORT:	TABLED
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:	TABLED
SWIMMING POOL REPORT:	TABLED
RURAL LANDS OFFICER'S REPORT:	

Town Commons and Reserves

Quilpie

- Mustered 2 bulls and some other cattle that belong on common back off Tebin.
- Was going to Orange Tank but creeks were running too high to cross.
- Checked both commons but was too wet to get off roads.
- Looked for a sheep that was reported to be in the main street.
- Looked for a horse belonging to Ben Hall in the town area.
- Checked fence around dairy paddock to Wanko boundary.
- Tebin fence is still down in Pinkilla channels and in a few other places.
Cr Edwards will follow up this matter.
- Checked both commons on Motor Bike.

Eromanga

- Went to Eromanga but too wet to get off road after storms.

Adavale

- Fence across the black water was good.
- Fence adjoining Taylor's Paddock still lying on the ground it belongs to Binnie Pegler.
- The flood gate crossing Gumbardo creek needs new netting.
- The fence on the western side of Gumbardo creek lying on the ground belongs to Steve Shephard.

Weed Control

- Parkinsonia - Stock Route at Yambutta, Checked sandhill at Como just north of Shearing Shed.
- Mesquite – Woolbuna Station
- Cut down and poisoned two trees at the race track, one was an Athol Pine tree.

Local Laws

- Destroyed – 1 Dog, 4 Cats
- Removal of Dead Animals - 1 cow from yards

Pest Animal Control

- Went to Blackall for 1080 retraining

BUILDING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT:**Development Applications***For Information*

DA No	Applicant	Details	Builder	Classification	Status
154	Eromanga State School	Pergola		Waiting for further details	
191	Tim & Theresa Welk	Extension to existing workshop	Tom Saunders - Statewide Sheds	8	Waiting on an assessment by Queensland Fire & Rescue as the size of the building including the extension is over 500m ²
193	Harry & Chris Houghton	Deck	John Pozzi	1a	To be assessed

Common Muster

The Shire Rural Lands Officer has advised that the Quilpie Common Muster will commence on Wednesday 6 April 2010. Notices have been sent to all stock owners.

Unregistered Dogs

Letters have been sent to known owners of unregistered dogs, and to those who failed to pay outstanding registration fees following phone calls made to them in January.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting adjourned for Afternoon Tea at 4.25pm and resumed at 4.28pm.

DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**Community Housing Acquisition**

No further information has been received to date regarding the Community Housing Acquisition.

Council Auction

The 5th March was nominated as the date for the Council Auction at the February Meeting. This date did not fall on a pay week and the next "pay week" was the week that the auditors will be here. Therefore, I spoke to the Works Manager and requested that the date was changed to 26th March to allow the Store to have time to prepare for the audit. The auction has been advertised via public notice, web page, news paper and letter box drop.

House / Land Tender

The tender documents for the sale of Council owned house and land (Lot 6 Q68014) are completed. Peter Donohue has advised that the bathroom upgrade will be completed the last week of March.

Wild Dogs

A copy of the Quilpie Shire Wild Dog Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes held on Thursday 10th February 2011 will be tabled for Council's consideration.

Resolution No: (19-03-11)

Cr Hewson moved and Cr Nowland seconded that Council adopts the Minutes of the Quilpie Shire Wild Dog Advisory Committee meeting held on 10th February 2011 as presented.

CARRIED

Council also discussed consideration of a budgeted amount in 2011/2012 for a dogger to work within the Shire.

Como / North Comongin – Pest Control

Peter Geiger (Spraying Contractor) has approximately 5 days left to spray on Como and Michael White has requested that Peter does another 10 days at North Comongin. Peter has indicated that when this spraying is complete, all core and scattered infestations will have been treated. The extra funding required to complete this spraying program will be utilised from Council's Plant Pest Control budget item.

It was reported to Council that there are Mesquite trees on the eastern part of Como at Lake Creek head.

DAMP (Drug & Alcohol Management Program)

The second session of DAMP training was completed on Thursday 3rd March 2011.

Quotation – Air Conditioning

Cr Hewson declared a conflict interest, being one of the tenderers and left the meeting at 4.47pm.

Resolution No: (20-03-11)

Council resolved to accept the quotation from Potters Electrical to supply and install split system air conditioners and relocate an existing air conditioner to another room at Council residence, 58 Boonkai Street Quilpie for \$7,942.00 (inc. GST).

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Hewson returned to the Meeting at 4.07pm.

Council's Financial Management / Organisational Computer System

As Council is aware, since the take-over of PCS by Civica the level of service and quality of the product has decreased significantly.

There are few if any updates and a real concern is the integrity / future capacity of the system to meet the ever increasing requirements in Local Government. (financial management, record management and nearly every other component of Council's operations)

Marie Mawn, Maree Radnedge and myself attended a presentation and demonstration of "Council Manager" in Charleville on Wednesday 9th February 2011. This computer program was being presented by Harry Gauvin (Partners in Business) and David Doyle (Information Outlook) who have joined forces to introduce and promote this product as an alternative solution to smaller Councils in Queensland.

Following this presentation on Wednesday 16th February, another company "Civic View" visited Quilpie to provide a presentation / demonstration of their program. Cr Edwards, Marie Mawn and Maree Radnedge attended this presentation along with other staff members who attended parts of the presentation that were relevant to their positions. Murweh Shire Council representatives also attended this presentation.

As contemplating an alternative computer system that can meet all of the needs of Council and meet governmental and legislative requirements is a complex task, we have attempted to simplify an overview of two alternative computer systems for Council's information.

The outcomes I would request from Council today are:

1. Direction to advertise an open tender for the supply and installation of a suitable computer system for Council.
2. Direction to cease planning the upgrade of Dataworks (Record Management System) until Council has reached a formal decision regarding a computer system.
3. Council's requirements in relation to a fully integrated Record Management System or a stand alone system that operates in conjunction with the computer system as further quotes would have to be sought for the latter option.

It is worth noting that both companies have indicated that the first Council to implement their system in Queensland will ultimately receive unsurpassed support and assistance during the changeover process and beyond and an extremely attractive purchase offer as their companies' future will be reliant on Council being extremely satisfied with the product and service, providing positive testimony to other potential Local Government customers in Queensland.

Resolution No: (21-03-11)

Council resolved the following in relation to Council's Business Software System:

1. Council will advertise an open tender for a replacement Business Software and Support System.
2. Council will not progress any further with the Dataworks Record Management System upgrade at this point in time.

3. Council's preference would be a system with maximum integration capability.

Progress of Capital Works

Kevin Litchfield has completed the interior painting of Lot 4 Kookaburra Street Quilpie and will complete the exterior painting of the house this week.

Local Laws

I have contacted King & Company to discuss engaging James Nielsen to review Council's Local Laws and provide a quotation. Further information will be available to the meeting.

DEFERRED TO APRIL MEETING

FINANCE:

Resolution No: (22-03-11)

Cr Hewson moved and Cr Nowland seconded that the reports of the Administration and Finance sections of Council are received and that the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure as presented is received and adopted; that payment of accounts totalling \$1,077,845.89 as listed are confirmed and;

That the following expenditure on Corporate Credit Cards for the month of February 2011 is accepted:

CEO Credit Card Payments			Mayor Credit Card Payments		
QANTAS	Return flight Charleville/Brisbane Ted Hennessy - Training	584.21			
National Australia Bank	Card Fee	9.00	National Australia Bank	Card Fee	9.00
		<u>593.21</u>			<u>9.00</u>

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Cr Murray enquired regarding the progress of rural addressing
- It has been reported that the beacon at Quilpie Airport is not operating properly. The Works Manager to request written confirmation from CASA that the beacon is not required.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 12th April, 2011 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 8.30am.

MEETING CLOSURE:

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 5.34pm.

Mayor