



# LATE ITEMS AGENDA

Friday 12 April 2019  
commencing at 9:30am  
Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom  
50 Brolga Street Quilpie

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## Ordinary Meeting of Council

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10 April 2019

The Mayor and Council Members  
Quilpie Shire Council  
QUILPIE QLD 4480

Dear Members

Reference is hereby made to the Ordinary Meeting of the Quilpie Shire Council scheduled to be held at the Council Chambers, on **Friday, 12 April 2019**, commencing at **9:30am**.

An agenda for the Ordinary Meeting was forwarded to all Members on 5 April 2019. In addition to the agenda, please find attached a summary of "Late Items".

Yours faithfully

Dave Burges  
Chief Executive Officer





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# Late Decision Report

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## 17 LATE ITEMS

### 17.1 (04/19) – Request for Waiver of Dog Registration Fee

IX: 177322

Author: Chief Executive Officer, Dave Burges

#### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider a request from Veteran Connect for the waiver of registration fees for an “Assistance Dog”

#### **POLICY/LEGISLATION:**

Not applicable

#### **CORPORATE PLAN:**

Not applicable

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*That Council approve / not approve the request to waive dog registration fees for “Assistance Dogs”.*

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#### **BACKGROUND:**

By email of 05 April 2019, Trent Morrison-Francis of Veteran Connect is requesting dog registration fees be waived for providing a resident (veteran) with an Assistance Dog.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

For this to apply in other similar instances of a resident requiring / having an Assistance Dog, Council should include the category in their Schedule of Fees and Charges with a nil charge.

#### **FINANCIAL:**

Not applicable

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Not applicable

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Not applicable

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## 17.2 (04/19) – Disability Access at Quilpie Airport

IX: 177324

Author: Chief Executive Officer, Dave Burges

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider an offer from Regional Express Airlines to install a disabled passenger lifter (DPL) at the Quilpie airport.

### POLICY/LEGISLATION:

Not applicable

### CORPORATE PLAN:

Not applicable

### RECOMMENDATION:

*That Council accept / not accept the offer from Regional Express Airlines to install a disabled passenger lifter (DPL) at the Quilpie airport at a cost of \$1,000 per annum for ten years.*

### BACKGROUND:

By email of 05 April 2019, David Brooksby, National Airports Manager of Regional Express (REX) has responded to a request made by Council in relation to the provision of disabled passenger lifter equipment at the Quilpie Airport.

Council raised this matter at the June 2018 meeting. Enquiries were made with REX employees in Quilpie as to the possibility of REX providing this equipment. A response was eventually received and a formal request was submitted to REX in November 2018.

### DISCUSSION:

David Brooksby has responded by advising that REX is willing to supply a DPL to Quilpie Airport provided Council share the cost of supplying the unit. REX have proposed that council pay REX \$10,000, which equates to half of the cost of a new unit, in annual instalments of \$1,000 per year for 10 years.

Philippa Ware has again been contacted to try and ascertain the need of possible frequency of use of this equipment were it to be provided. Philippa couldn't give any historical numbers because people are advised that the airport does not have the capability to assist however it would prove helpful in certain circumstances, possibly once per month.

The REX website advises the following when making a booking:

*"Please note that some airports in Queensland cannot cater for passengers who require the use of the Disabled Passenger Lifter (DPL). Mobility disabled passengers who are not capable of ascending the aircraft stairs are asked to call the Customer Contact Centre prior to booking to check. DPLs are currently not installed at Bedourie, Boulia, Burketown, Karumba and Quilpie."*

I have contacted REX posing the question as to what would happen if / when they no longer have the contract. At the time of finalising this report a response had not been received.

**FINANCIAL:**

As detailed above

**CONSULTATION:**

Not applicable

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Not applicable

# Decision Report

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## 17.3 (04/19) – Quilpie MPHS, Social Support Group Program

IX: 177655

Author: Manager of Corporate and Community Services, Lisa Hamlyn

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider correspondence received from the Director of Nursing, Quilpie MPHS in regard to an alternative venue to hold the Social Support Group Program which is part of the Commonwealth Community Home Support Program (CHSP).

### POLICY:

NA

### CORPORATE PLAN:

- 6.2.2 Identify programs and initiatives to ensure the needs of our older residents are met.
- 6.2.5 Provide a range of leisure and recreation activities for the benefit of the community.

### RECOMMENDATION:

*That Council approves / does not approve the request received from the Director of Nursing, Quilpie MPHS to provide the QCWA Hall as an alternative venue to hold the Social Support Group as part of the Community Home Support Program.*

### BACKGROUND:

Correspondence has been received from Steve Isbister, Director of Nursing – Quilpie MPHS requesting Council's consideration to allow the Social Support Group, which is part of the Community Home Support Program to be delivered at the QCWA Hall. Currently, this program is delivered by Council's Health Promotions Officer and Quilpie MPHS's Social Support Group Co-ordinator collaboratively, and this works very successfully.

Council's Health Promotions Program is run from the QCWA Hall (which Council leases from the QCWA) and the Social Support Group currently meet at St Matthews Church Hall, which is leased by Quilpie MPHS from the Anglican Diocesan.

On average, the Social Support Group Program connects with 4 residents, 8 days per month at this facility for approximately 2 hours. (This does not reflect the attendance numbers of Council's Health Promotions Program).

Quilpie MPHS has been subject to increased oversight of the program over the previous 6 months, which has led to a reduction in the number of hours they are able to provide this support. Additionally, the lease of St Matthews Church Hall is due for renewal in May and the current cost is \$7,800 per year for which no funding is received.

Acknowledging that the QCWA Hall is utilized by Council for various other purposes, the total number of days the program operates may be able to be reduced slightly if availability is an issue.

Quilpie MPHS is very keen to continue to offer this program in Quilpie.

**DISCUSSION:**

NA

**FINANCIAL:**

NA

**CONSULTATION:**

NA

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Incoming Correspondence

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## ATTACHMENT A

09/04/19

Mr Dave Burgess  
CEO Quilpie Shire Council  
50 Brolga St  
Quilpie 4480

Dear Dave,

I am writing in regard to the delivery of the Social Support program we deliver in Quilpie that comes under the larger program, Community Home Support.

Quilpie MPHS currently delivers this program together with the Council Health Promotions Officer Michelle Donohue and the Community Activities and Seniors Program. The Social Support Group is to assist older people to participate in community life and feel socially included through structured, group-based activities that develop, maintain or support independent living and social interaction.

This program currently meets in St Matthews Church Hall which is leased by QMPHS. On average the program connects with 4 residents, 8 days per month in this facility usually at 1030 or 2.00pm for 2 hours. On a similar number of occasions they meet in the CWA Hall.

In the last 6 months we have been subject to increased oversight of the program which has led to a reduction in the number of hours we are able to provide this support. Additionally the lease of St Matthews is up for renewal in May and the current cost is \$7800 per year for which we receive no funding.

Is there any options for us to deliver the whole program in the CWA Hall? We may be able to slightly reduce the total number of days the program operates if availability is a problem as I understand the Council has many other uses for the hall. We are very keen to continue to offer this program in Quilpie.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Kind regards,

Steve

Steve Isbister  
Director Of Nursing/Facility Manager  
Quilpie MPHS