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# Ordinary Meeting of Council

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## MINUTES

Friday 8 March 2019

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom  
50 Brolga Street, Quilpie Qld 4480





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### 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.41am

### 2 PRESENT

Cr Stuart Mackenzie (Mayor)

Cr Jenny Hewson (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Bob Hall

Cr Roger Volz

Cr Bruce Paulsen

Mr Dave Burges (Chief Executive Officer)

In attendance: Mrs Nina Burges (Minutes Secretary)

### 3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

### 4 CONDOLENCES

Council noted the recent passing of former Adavale resident Barry "Bud" Brassington and expressed their condolences to his family.

### 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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



## **MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED**

Cr Mackenzie declared he has a material personal interest (as defined by section 175B of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in item 17.16 (Request for assistance – Eromanga Natural History Museum) as follows:

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

Cr Mackenzie advised that in accordance with legislative requirements he will leave the meeting while the matter is discussed and voted on.

## **6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **6.1 (03/19) – Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held Friday 15 February 2019**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday, 15 February 2019.

*Resolution No: (01-03-19)*

**Moved by:** Cr Roger Volz

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 15 February 2019 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.*

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## **7 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

### **7.1 (03/19) (02/19) – Eromanga Television Transmission**

Eromanga television was upgraded to a digital service at the same time as Quilpie in 2013. Whilst Eromanga has almost always experienced station "drop outs" it has become an ongoing issue that requires a permanent solution.

*Resolution No: (02-03-19)*

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Bob Hall

*That Council discontinue the television retransmission service in Eromanga and will provide the necessary infrastructure and installation to Eromanga residents to maintain one free-to-air access point per residence or motel / hotel room.*

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## ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn attended the meeting at 9.51am.

## 7.2 (03/19) (02/19) – Coex Container Exchange Program

Container Exchange has been contracted to manage the container refund scheme for the State Government and has entered into an agreement to date with Murweh Shire Council and Maranoa Regional Council.

Whilst acknowledging that recycling programs considered to date in remote areas are not cost effective, this is an opportunity for Council to promote recycling through the container exchange program.

Noted.

## ATTENDANCE

Mrs Hamlyn left the meeting at 10.00am.

## 8 MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Mackenzie provided a verbal update on activities he has undertaken since the February 2019 Ordinary meeting of Council.

Crs Mackenzie, Hewson and Hall travelled to Canberra, meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister, Hon Michael McCormack MP, to discuss the Eromanga Natural History Museum Stage 2 project. While in Canberra Cr Mackenzie and Paroo Shire Mayor, Cr Lindsay Godfrey also met with the Federal Minister for Energy, Hon Angus Taylor MP to lobby for an energy grid in the region.

Cr Mackenzie noted the productive community meeting held in Eromanga. Councillors Hewson, Hall and Volz also attended the meeting.

Other meetings attended by Cr Mackenzie during the month included:

- Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA);
- Community Advisory Network (CAN);
- Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan (IQ-RAP) via teleconference;
- South West Regional Roads and Transport Group (SWRRTG) in Charleville;
- South West Economic Development Board (SWRED) in Charleville; and
- Five (5) issues forum in Cunnamulla.

The five issues forum was coordinated by Regional Development Australia, Darling Downs and South West. The purpose of the forum was to have local governments and other stakeholders nominate five major issues and priorities that they would like to make further progress on. The forum allowed them to come together and decide how to overcome barriers to on-ground action and to plan collaborative ways to progress issues.

## 9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

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

In addition to travelling to Canberra to meet with the Deputy Prime Minister, Cr Jenny Hewson attended the Eromanga community meeting, the SWRED meeting in Charleville, the CAN meeting in Charleville and the community lunch at Toompine. Cr Hewson also attended a site inspection of the John Waugh Park oval work, meeting with Arthur Eustace-Earle, Manager of Government Relations (Queensland) at Queensland Rugby League.

Cr Bruce Paulsen attended the John Waugh Park site inspection and advised he has been endeavouring to get social tennis up and running.

Cr Bob Hall travelled to Gladstone for the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Finance and Leadership Summit and to Canberra for the meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister. Closer to home Cr Hall attended the Eromanga community meeting and the community lunch at Toompine, noting that he would like to see a community meeting held there also. Cr Hall participated in a wild dog watch meeting via teleconference.

In addition to the Eromanga community meeting and the Toompine lunch, Cr Roger Volz participated in a Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) meeting. Cr Volz travelled to Hell Hole Gorge to inspect the roads and to visit Adavale. He also advised the meeting that work is progressing well on the Mulga Trail project and has commenced informational signage design. Cr Volz visited a number of business houses to encourage them to participate in the social media training held in Quilpie on the 07 and 08 March.

## 10 STATUS REPORTS

### 10.1 (03/19) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

### 10.2 (03/19) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

### 10.3 (03/19) – Financial Services Status Report

Noted.

### 10.4 (03/19) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

## 11 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Nil Reports.



## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.10am and resumed at 11.20 am.

## ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Engineering Services, Mr Casey de Pereira and Council's Cadet Technical Officer, Mr Luke Hunter attended the meeting at 11.20am.

### 11.1 (03/19) – Quilpie Landfill Facility

The Quilpie landfill is regulated by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). They have instructed Council to be more proactive in taking measures to stop fire incidents from occurring.

Resolution No: (03-03-19)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council collect traffic use data to assess the most popular times for the Quilpie Landfill, with staff to present a report on options for operating hours for the facility to the April Ordinary meeting of Council.*

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## ATTENDANCE

Mr de Pereira and Mr Hunter left the meeting at 12.19pm.

## 12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

### 12.1 (03/19) – Quilpie Diggers Race Club, Request for Sponsorship

An application has been received from the Quilpie Diggers Race Club, requesting Council's consideration for assistance by way of purchasing of a sponsorship package for the 2019 Quilpie Cup.

Resolution No: (04-03-19)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council approves taking up sponsorship for the Quilpie Diggers Race Club by sponsoring the band for the 2019 Quilpie Cup Race Day at a cost of \$2,000.*

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## 12.2 (03/19) – Toompine Progress Association Request for Financial Assistance

An application has been received from the Toompine Progress Association, requesting Council's consideration for assistance by way of financial contribution to help with catering costs for the Annual Easter Gun Shoot.

Toompine Progress Association have advised they will be holding a Meet and Greet on Friday night and an evening meal on the Saturday night. They are requesting assistance to help cover the cost of catering for these two events.

*Resolution No: (05-03-19)*

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Bob Hall

*That Council approves the request received from the Toompine Progress Association to assist with catering costs for the 2019 Annual Easter Gunshoot to a maximum of \$2,000 inc GST subject to all goods being procured within the Quilpie Shire area.*

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## 12.3 (03/19) – RADF – Round 3

The Queensland Government, through Arts Queensland, provides Regional Arts Development Funds (RADF) to Councils. Councils also provide financial and in-kind support to RADF delivery as local projects, initiatives and grants programs.

Round three (3) of the 2018-2019 program has been called with the Committee meeting to consider applications received on Thursday 28 February 2019.

*Resolution No: (06-03-19)*

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council approve the following applications for Round 3, 2018-2019:*

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount (Ex GST)</b>
Quilpie Cultural Society	Ironwork School	650.00
Quilpie Cultural Society	Fifi's Fabricology	2,166.00
QCWA Quilpie Branch	Soap Making Workshop	845.00

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## 13 FINANCE

### 13.1 (02/19) – Finance Report for Month Ending 28 February 2019

The Finance report for the period ending 28 February 2019 was presented to Council for consideration.

Resolution No: (07-03-19)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 28 February 2019.*

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## 14 GOVERNANCE

### 14.1 (03/19) – Passenger Transport Accessible Infrastructure Program

The Passenger Transport Accessible Infrastructure Program (PTAIP) is an initiative of the Queensland Government. It represents a consistent approach to the allocation of funding assistance to local governments in delivering for accessibility upgrades to their existing passenger transport facilities.

PTAIP applies to the following passenger transport facility types:

- Urban bus stops
- Long distance coach bus stops linked to services provided under contractual or other arrangements with the Queensland Government
- Ferry pontoons and jetties servicing passenger ferry services
- Aerodrome terminal access works linked to services provided under contractual arrangements with regional airline operators flying the Queensland Government regulated air network.

Noted.

## 15 CONFIDENTIAL

Resolution No: (08-03-19)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Bob Hall

*That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 1.00pm to discuss the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees.*

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Resolution No: (09-03-19)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 1.21pm.*

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## 16 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

## 17 LATE ITEMS

### 17.1 (03/19) – Rates Discount Extension – Categories 6, 8, 9 and 10

A resolution is required to ratify the recent decision to allow an extension of time for the payment of rates in rural property categories 6, 8, 9 and 10 for the period 01 January to 30 June 2019.

Resolution No: (10-03-19)

**Moved by:** Cr Roger Volz

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council ratify the decision to extend the rates discount period for rural property owners (rating categories 6, 8, 9 and 10) by 90 days for the rating period 01 January to 30 June 2019.*

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### 17.2 (03/19) – Elected Members Update Charleville – 22 March 2019

Confirmation of attendance by Councillors at the upcoming Elected Members Update in Charleville is required in order that registrations can be completed.

Resolution No: (11-03-19)

**Moved by:** Cr Bob Hall

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Councillors Jenny Hewson and Roger Volz be authorised to attend the Elected Members Update in Charleville on Friday 22 March 2019.*

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### 17.3 (03/19) – Ordinary Meeting of Council May 2019

John Sing is presenting asset management and project management training to Councillors on Thursday 09 and Friday 10 May. Confirmation that the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled to be held on Friday 10 May will now be held on Friday 17 May was requested.

Resolution No: (12-03-19)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council confirm that the May Ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Friday 17 May 2019, and that the change in date be advertised accordingly.*

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### 17.4 (03/19) – Western Queensland Local Government Association Conference

Quilpie Shire Council has been invited to attend the 83<sup>rd</sup> Western Queensland Local Government Association conference. The conference will be held in Longreach on Tuesday 09 And Wednesday 10 April 2019.

Resolution No: (13-03-19)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Councillors Bob Hall, Roger Volz and Jenny Hewson be authorised to attend the Western Queensland Local Government Association Conference to be held in Longreach on Tuesday 09 and Wednesday 10 April 2019.*

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### 17.5 (03/19) – Empowering our Communities – SW Primary Health Network

An 'Empowering our Communities' briefing was presented to the South West Regional Economic Development (SWRED) board meeting.

Noted. *This matter will be further considered at the April Ordinary Meeting of Council.*

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### 17.6 (03/19) – Local Government Association of Queensland

Correspondence has been received from the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) requesting a letter be sent to the Premier of Queensland in relation to the proposed voting reforms.



Resolution No: (14-03-19)

**Moved by:** Cr Bob Hall

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council write to the Premier of Queensland highlighting its concerns in relation to the proposed voting reforms.*

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## **17.7 (03/19) – Local Government Reform**

The Director-General for the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs has written to Council providing details of the key amendments currently under consideration as part of the Local Government reform process.

The proposed reforms informed by the Belcarra Report and discussions with stakeholders includes:

- Compulsory preferential voting;
- Compulsory candidate training;
- Proportional representation in undivided Councils;
- Tighter regulation of discretionary funds;
- Campaign spending caps; and
- Clarification of COI / MPI provisions.

The Government is proposing to also make amendments to particular regulations to further improve council integrity, increase transparency, encourage diversity and ensure consistency in the local government system.

Noted.

## **17.8 (03/19) – General Meeting – Local Government Association of Queensland**

By correspondence dated 07 March 2019, the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) has advised that a general meeting to debate motions on the proposed changes to electoral matters affecting local governments will be held at 10am on Tuesday 02 April 2019.

Resolution No: (15-03-19)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Councillors Hewson and Hall be authorised to attend the general meeting of the Local Government Association of Queensland to be held in Brisbane on Tuesday 02 April 2019 as Council's delegates.*

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### 17.9 (03/19) – Alliance For Gambling Reform

Mayor of Noosa Shire Council, Cr Tony Wellington, has written to Council encouraging local governments to consider joining this organisation.

Noted.

### 17.10 (03/19) – Request to Rent Old Workshop

By correspondence dated 04 March 2019, Mr Peter Donohue is requesting to rent the old workshop building to store hay.

Resolution No: (16-03-19)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Bob Hall

*That Council agree to rent the old depot workshop to Mr Peter Donohue for a period of twelve (12) months for \$150 inc GST per month.*

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### ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Lisa Hamlyn attended the meeting at 2.15pm.

### 17.11 (03/19) – Request for Assistance – Toompine Hall

By correspondence dated 06 March 2019, the Toompine Progress Association is requesting assistance to rectify ongoing electricity issues at the Toompine Hall. Specifically they would like Council to replace the existing electric stoves in the kitchen with a caterer's gas model, and for Council to consider purchasing a mobile generator for organisations to hire.

### 17.12 (03/19) – Request for Assistance – Construction of Shade Area

By correspondence dated 06 March 2019, the Toompine Progress Association and the Toompine Polocrosse Club are requesting financial and in kind assistance to purchase materials to add a cover over the cold room, and to create a larger shaded concreted area for all to use. Specifically, the request is for the purchase of materials, obtaining engineering plans and the building application.



Resolution No: (17-03-19)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council approve the purchase of a caterer's gas model oven and gas hot water system for the Toompine Hall, and that Council approve the request for financial assistance for the materials, engineering plans and building certification for the construction of an undercover area, all to be funded under the Toompine Community Development Fund to a maximum amount of \$20,000.*

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Resolution No: (18-03-19)

**Moved by:** Cr Bob Hall

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council purchase a 20kva generator for hiring out to local community organisations.*

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#### **17.13 (03/19) – Offer to Purchase Freezer Box**

By correspondence dated 06 March 2019, Mr Peter Donohue wishes to purchase the old freezer box container currently located at the shire depot. The purpose would be to assist in the establishment of the container waste facility.

Resolution No: (19-03-19)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council call tenders for the disposal of various surplus items.*

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#### **17.14 (03/19) – Eromanga Community Meeting**

Minutes of the Eromanga community meeting held on Friday 22 February 2019 were presented to Council for information and consideration.

Noted.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Mrs Hamlyn left the meeting at 3.40pm.



### 17.15 (03/19) – Community Catch Up

A suggestion has been received that Councillors may be interested in hosting a casual morning tea whereby community members can drop by for a general chat. The idea as forwarded proposed elected members and the CEO participate by cooking and serving a 'sausage sizzle' in the main street.

Noted.

### MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED

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

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

Cr Mackenzie advised that in accordance with legislative requirements he will leave the meeting while the matter is discussed and voted on.

### ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie left the meeting at 3.50pm and Cr Hewson assumed the role of Chair.

### 17.16 (03/19) – Request for Assistance – Eromanga Natural History Museum

By correspondence received 06 March 2019, the Eromanga Natural History Museum is requesting financial assistance for the printing of brochures for the 2018 tourism season.

Resolution No: (20-03-19)

**Moved by:** Cr Roger Volz

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council approve the request from the Eromanga Natural History Museum to provide financial assistance of \$4,987.50 inc GST for the production of tourism brochures subject to consultation with Council prior to final production.*

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*In accordance with section 260 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Acting Chair was subsequently awarded a casting vote, voting in favour of the motion.*



## ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 4.02pm and resumed the role of Chair.

## 18 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 18.1 (03/19) – NAIDOC Week

By correspondence dated 08 March 2019, a request has been received from Mr Dylan Williams, Executive Director for NAIDOC Week 2019, for Council to contribute \$450 towards the cost of printing materials to allow Quilpie Shire schools to participate in school competitions as part of NAIDOC week.

*Resolution No: (21-03-19)*

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council approve the request to contribute \$450 for the purpose of printing materials for the NAIDOC Week 2019 school initiative competitions.*

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### 18.2 (03/19) – Community Strategic Planning Workshops

Following a request, Council called Expressions of Interest from residents interested in participating in a strategic planning workshop.

*Resolution No: (22-03-19)*

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Bob Hall

*That Council not co-contribute financially to the proposed Community Strategic Planning workshop, however will provide in-kind support in terms of facility provision.*

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## 19 MEETING DATES

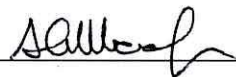
The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday, 12 April 2019 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

The May Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday 17 May 2019 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Friday, 8 March 2019.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the Friday, 12 April 2019.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

12/04/2019

Date

**Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council**