



Council Community News

December 2019

MAYOR'S MESSAGE DECEMBER 2019

2019 will be looked back on as a year of the "haves" and the "have nots" in the Quilpie Shire. Rarely has the season been so disparate across the shire. The northern area has had a very good season and the south has had no season at all with their drought continuing on mercilessly. The season in the east and west of the shire has fallen somewhere between these two extremes. The floods down the Bulloo and Cooper have been very beneficial and I have seen firsthand the amount of cattle trucked in and out of the western cattle country due predominately to the flood in the Cooper.

Although we tend to focus on what is happening in our immediate shire we should always be mindful of the impact that events over the broader region have on our community. Cattle moving in and out of the channel country is what supports our trucking industry, more than just local producers, and the floods to our west last summer have been a benefit for them.

Likewise the pickup in the resources industry, especially the renewed focus on gas exploration and production, has brought real benefits. Thankfully, and despite the ravings of the city based activists, the state of Queensland is leading the way in gas exploration and production and will be in the box seat to meet the demands of the nation in future years. Victoria has virtually

locked up all their gas resources and New South Wales has got one foot each side of the proverbial barb wire fence which means it's not moving in either direction but isn't game to start!

Tourism has had a stable year and that is a common story right across the Outback region, despite reports of major increases in visitation. None of the attractions elsewhere are seeing this supposed increase. The Visitor Information Centre's annual visitor numbers are consistent with the figures from the last four or five years but this static position should be viewed as a positive as visitor habits change from sourcing their information from the local VIC to now having it all literally at their fingertips.

The really pleasing result is that the length of stay is going up substantially with 68% of visitors staying in the shire for two or more days compared to only 50% in 2018. I have long made the point that the quickest way to double your tourism is to double the length of stay rather than actual numbers (same effect). The Eromanga Natural History Museum has seen an increase of 24% in their visitation from 2018 and this would be contributing to prolonging the length of stay in the shire. Everything we do as a community to enhance the visitor experience will increase that length of stay.

There have been some highlights during the year with Johnathan

Thurston's visit possibly topping the list. At the recent St Finbarr's awards night some of the departing students reflected on the excitement of meeting some notable people in Quilpie in recent years. These included the Prime Minister, the QLD Governor and, of course, JT. It became apparent that JT topped the list for them! I don't think ScoMo would be offended!

All in all 2019 has been a pretty good year although it is always hard to rejoice too much when we have areas in our shire that are still battling a drought that won't quit. Our thoughts are with you over the festive season and we know what present would be appreciated more than anything else.

To all our businesses, including graziers, thank you for your continual positivity and willingness to work hard and be prepared to invest and move forward as soon as the season or business conditions allow. That attribute, more than any other, is what sustains this shire.

Council has had a good year and, as always, I congratulate all our staff for their continued diligence and dedication to keeping the shire ticking over smoothly. I wish everyone all the best for the festive season, may you be surrounded by families and/or friends and that everyone receives a wonderful gift of rain!

Kind Regards,

Stuart Mackenzie

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BuyLocal to WIN!

Quilpie Eromanga Adavale Toompine

Support local business and you could win one of nine (9) **local shopping vouchers!** There are two \$500 prizes, 3 \$200 prizes and four \$100 prizes up for grabs! Vouchers will be issued at \$50 & \$20 vouchers so you can shop around!

To enter, simply **spend at least \$30** in one transaction at any business within the Quilpie Shire Council. You can put your name and contact details on the back of the receipt and pop it into one of the entry boxes located at various shops and the council office. If you need to keep your receipt simply enter online and if your name is drawn just make sure you can show the receipt when claiming your prize!

To complete an online entry head to Council's website www.quilpie.qld.gov.au and complete the **online entry form**. If you don't have access to enter online simply call or drop into Council's administration office (phone 4656 0500) and we will be happy to do it for you.

WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN ON 20 DECEMBER AT THE BUSINESS STREET PARTY

WHY SHOP LOCALLY?

Local Economic Stimulus - When you purchase from locally-owned businesses more money is kept in the local community as local business often purchase from other local business and employ local residents. Spending your money at local business stimulates the local economy.

Business Owners Have Invested in Our Community - Our local businesses are generally owned by people who live in our community. They are far more committed to **our community's welfare and future** than businesses in major cities or even overseas.

You Matter More - Your values and wants are much more important to our local business owners than they are to managers of large chain stores. You can also help mould a local store through your purchasing decisions and feedback. As the success of local business relies on you, local business owners are going to be more likely to treat you well and provide you with excellent service.

More Choices - The more we spend at our local businesses, the more options they have to provide greater variety and better prices. This in turn means visitors are likely to spend more in our community as well.

Terms and Conditions:

1. To enter the draw a shopper must spend \$30 or more in a single transaction at a business located in the Quilpie Shire Council area.
2. Receipts dated from 20th November to 20th December are valid for entry.
3. Entries for the draw closes at **12.00 noon** on Friday 20th December 2019.
4. If entry is made online, the original purchase receipt must be presented to claim a prize. If the receipt is not able to be presented a re-draw will occur.



Quilpie Shire Council
AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2020

On 26 January 2020, Australians all around the country will celebrate what's great about Australia. We would like you to help us celebrate what's great about our community by nominating someone you know for an Australia Day Award.

The Quilpie Shire Council Australia Day Awards will recognise members of our community who have made an outstanding contribution to the community throughout 2019.

The Award categories open for nominations are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Community Group Award
- Australia Day Sports and Recreation Award
- Australia Day Outstanding Junior Achievement Award
- Australia Day Outstanding Achievement Award
- Australia Day Certificates of Appreciation

Eligibility in Categories: All nominees must be a resident of Quilpie Shire at the time of nomination.

Selection Criteria: There are selection criteria in the nomination form that are required to be considered when completing the nomination.

How to nominate: Nomination forms are available at the Council Office. Please complete this form and submit to Council by 5.00pm on the closing date Friday 10th January, 2020

Award Recipients: Award recipients will be announced at the ceremony during our Australia Day celebrations at the Quilpie Swimming Pool on Sunday 26th January 2019, commencing at 9.45am.

Enquiries: Please contact Lisa Hamlyn (4656 0504) or Janet Foley (4656 0550).

Quilpie Swimming Pool Hours
21 September 2019 - 24 April 2020

Monday -	6.00am - 8.30am, 3.00pm - 6.30pm
Tuesday -	6.00am - 8.30am, 3.00pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday -	6.00am - 8.30am, 3.00pm - 5.00pm
Thursday -	6.00am - 8.30am, 3.00pm - 6.30pm
Friday -	6.00am - 8.30am, 3.00pm - 6.00pm
Saturday -	8.00am - 11.00am, 2.00pm - 7.00pm
Sunday -	11.00am - 6.00pm



**Offshears
Bakery will
be closed 24
December to 06
January 2020**



**Quilpie Imperial
Hotel will be closed
on Christmas Day
only. Otherwise
normal trading
hours apply**

**Do you have an event
planned for 2020?**

**CALL THE VIC TODAY
TO BE ON THE SHIRE
EVENTS LIST 2020!**

Contact us
on 4656 0540 or via
tourism@quilpie.qld.gov.au to have
your event included on the list.



QUILPIE SHIRE
YOUR OUTBACK ADVENTURE



**2019 COMBINED BUSINESS HOUSES
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER
6pm - Brolga Street

**Come along and join the fun at the annual combined business houses
Christmas Party and celebrate the year and festive season.**

**Complimentary BBQ dinner, beer, wine & softdrinks available. 'Buy
Local' campaign to also be drawn.**

We look forward to seeing you there!



Submitting a Council Request

A Customer Request includes a request to take action about a Council service, or a request for information.

Customers may request that Council Staff inspect, remove, replace, repair or reinstate Council facilities or amenities which have been damaged or ask for information about a Council service, program or project.

You can submit a request in a number of ways:

- Phone or visit the Administration Office during office hours (8.00am - 5.00pm) on 07 4656 0500;
- Email us at admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au;
- Complete the online form at quilpie.qld.gov.au/contact/; or
- Write to us at PO Box 57 Quilpie 4480.

To ensure your request is considered in a timely matter and to allow work to be prioritised according to urgency, please do not contact operational employees directly. All requests should be via the process above.

Thankyou

**The Quilpie QCWA would like to thank
the Quilpie community for their
support throughout the year.**

**We would like to wish everyone a
Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
We look forward to your continued
support next year.**

Coming in 2020 –

Floral Art Workshop - 23rd February

Trash & Treasure - 22nd March

Women Walk the World - 26th April

Mother's Day Stall - 9th May

Pop-Up Markets - 29th June to 20th July

Expressions of interest

**for Floral Art Workshop
and Trash & Treasure**

Please contact QCWA on 0497 792 761

If you are going away from home you need to work out who will be looking after your pet.

You should choose one of the following care options:

- boarding kennels
- house sitters
- professional home care
- reliable friends or neighbours

You must look after you pet, even when you are on holiday. If you don't you could be facing a substantial fine under the Animal Welfare Act.

Many animals are left on their own and some can suffer from lack of food, water and basic care. Unsupervised pets are at risk of serious injury.

PET CARE IF YOU ARE ON HOLIDAY



Who's looking after your pets?

**PUT YOUR
MONEY
where Your**



is...

**BUY
Local**

**HAD A NEAR MISS OR ACCIDENT ON
THE ROAD?
(Particularly along the main state
controlled roads)**

In an important move to collect data in relation to safety issues on our roads Council has established a dedicated email address (roads@quilpie.qld.gov.au) to allow residents to advise Council of dangerous experiences.

The data will be used to support road funding applications, particularly to the State Government.

If you report an incident please include location, time of day, and details of the experience.



Open in Quilpie



As of 25 October, Halliebec Towing & Contracting (41 Chipu Street) will be an approved Container Refund point for anyone wanting to recycle eligible beverage containers, bottles or cans.

Exchange is opening on Tuesday's from 4:30 – 6:00pm. *(These times may be subject to change)*

Quantities over 1500 will initially be taken by appointment please.

To set up your Scheme ID visit <https://consumer.containersforchange.com.au/create-account>

Or for more information visit <https://www.containersforchange.com.au/>



10 Ways To Have a Healthier Christmas

Christmas: 'tis the season to be jolly but you can still enjoy all the festivities of the season and get through the Christmas period without too much impact on your health and waistline.

Try our top 10 tips for a healthier Christmas.

Don't Sit Down All Day

Go Easy On The Booze

**Don't Give Yourself A
Christmas Stuffing**

Keep Colds at Bay

Engage Your Brain

Do Something for Others

Think Before You Eat

Be A Careful Cook

Don't Stress

Eat Fruit

And most importantly, have a happy, healthy festive season!

NAB QUILPIE

The bank will be **CLOSED Monday 23 to
Friday 27 December and 01 January.**

**Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a
prosperous New Year - Stay Safe.**

From the CEO's Desk

The last Ordinary meeting of Council was held on Friday 13 December. In addition, two (2) Special meetings of Council have been held in the past month.

At the beginning of the meeting the 2019 Rural Management Challenge Team comprising Hannah Tully, Jeremy Grimm, Crystal Evans and Megan McFadzean made a presentation to Council about the day.

Council recently took an energy audit of the Council Depot to identify potential cost saving opportunities. As a result of the audit Council resolved to call tenders for the supply and installation of solar panels at the Quilpie Depot and Administration Office.

The Quilpie landfill facility has posed a number of challenges for Council over the past few years. As such, Council will undertake the design of a transfer station at the landfill with a view to sourcing external funding for the project.

Council approved a request for assistance for the Eromanga Natural History Museum. The ENHM will receive \$5,000 to further develop their website and a further \$5,000 to update the business case for future stages of development.

In other news from Eromanga, Council approved to utilise the Eromanga Community Development Funds to commission the preparation of a masterplan for various streetscape and improvement projects.

The Australian Government has committed to providing an additional \$1 million each to 122 drought-affected councils and shires under the Drought Community Programme – Extension. Council considered this matter and will allocate funds to an additional wild dog exclusion fencing program, an Eromanga beautification project, a virtual reality tourism project and the remediation of the Quilpie Racetrack. Council will also call Expressions of Interest from business owners who may be interested in a subsidy scheme for business shopfront refurbishments.

The Quilpie Golf Club has submitted a request under the Community Assistance Program to waive the building application fees for several projects, namely the relocation of an old shed from the former Council depot site and the

restumping of the Golf Club building. Council agreed to the request.

It has been recognised that there is limited support and employment opportunities within the Shire for students with an identified disability after they leave the education system and for those students who have not been able to access a more traditional senior education away from Quilpie. Council will investigate the feasibility of offering a twelve month part-time employment program to introduce youth of the community into the workforce.

Mr Andy Purvis requested approval to install a grid at the Wild Dog Barrier fence crossing on Boondoon Road. The WDBF gate is located at the end of the Council road and is the entrance to Boondoon. Council declined to approve the request in the interest of maintaining the integrity of the wild dog barrier fence.

Council recently called tenders for the sealing of the next section of the Quilpie Adavale (Red) Road (4.6kms). The tender was awarded to RPQ Spray Seal

There have been some concerns raised in relation to the opening of the Eromanga Pool by members of the public. In order to ensure the safety of all Eromanga residents, a detailed protocol for qualified members of the public who volunteer time supervising at the pool will be developed.

As usual a range of other administrative matters were considered.

The full minutes of Council meetings are generally available on our website the Tuesday or Wednesday following a Friday meeting.

The next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14 January 2020. All meetings of Council are open to the public.

I am happy to meet with anyone that would like further information on any meeting outcomes. Members of the community are also reminded that all Councillors are happy to speak with you on any issue.

Regards

Dave B

ST FINBARR'S PARISH QUILPIE Sunday Mass Times and Special Celebrations 2019

The community is openly welcome to attend any or all of the Liturgy Celebrations & Assemblies held at St Finbarr's School.

Sunday 22nd December
St Finbarr's Christmas Mass
St Finbarr's Church 6pm

All Welcome!

RURAL RATES DUE SOON

A reminder that rates for property owners in rural categories 6, 8 and 9 for the period 1st July 2019 to 31st December 2019 are due on **06 January 2020**.

All other rate categories are now overdue, your prompt attention to settle your outstanding rates would be much appreciated.

If you are having difficulties paying your rates please contact the Council office at your earliest convenience to make alternative arrangements. Please note that the rates for the first half of 2020 will be issued in March 2020.

Running for council in 2020?

Stay across eligibility conditions, campaign requirements and councillor responsibilities at www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/candidates



2019/20 Council Training Calendar

Quilpie Shire Council is committed to the training and professional development of staff and as such, are proposing to undertake the following training courses during the 2019/2020 financial year. Council would like to extend an invitation to local businesses and community members to participate in any of the following courses. Please register your interest with Council's HR Officer, Maree Radnedge by phoning 07 4656 0500 or emailing hr@quilpie.qld.gov.au

Plant Operator Tickets/Certificates of Competency COMING JANUARY / FEBRUARY

Forklift Ticket
Bobcat Ticket
Certificate of Competency – Excavator
Certificate of Competency – Backhoe/Front End Loader
Certificate of Competency – Drott

Safety/Traffic Management

Confined Spaces
Traffic Management Implementation

Other

Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Outlook, Excel)

QUILPIE LIBRARY

Notice is hereby given that children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult when visiting the Quilpie Shire Library, unless participating in an organised program event which includes appropriate supervision. Quilpie Shire Library staff are not responsible for any children left unattended.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



Quilpie Shire Council



Christmas Lights Competition 2019

The Quilpie Shire Council Christmas Lights competition is on again and everyone across the Shire can enter!

Quilpie Township (No nomination required)

JUDGES CHOICE – PRIZE \$100

BEST OUTDOOR TREE – PRIZE \$150

SPECTACULAR SENIOR AWARD – PRIZE \$150

BEST DECORATED BUSINESS AWARD – PRIZE \$200

CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND – GRAND PRIZE \$500

Eromanga and Adavale Townships (No nomination required)

BEST CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY EROMANGA – PRIZE \$150

BEST CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY ADAVALE – PRIZE \$150

Judging across towns will take place 17 & 18 December with winners announced at the town community Christmas party 20 December.

Residents not in the towns of Quilpie, Eromanga or Adavale – NOMINATE NOW!

OUTBACK CHRISTMAS DISPLAY - PRIZE \$150

Photos and nominations must be submitted by 5.00pm Tuesday 17 December. Judging will take place on 18 December with the winner announced on 20 December.

Nomination forms for the Rural Properties Outback Christmas Display are available by visiting our website www.quilpie.qld.gov.au or give the office a call on 07 4656 0500.

You can submit your nominations and photos to admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au or post them to Council (PO Box 57, Quilpie QLD 4480).





Quilpie Shire Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2020-2024 Consultation Information Sheet

Quilpie Shire Council has commissioned consultants [SC Lennon & Associates](#) to prepare the *Quilpie Shire Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2020-2024*. The purpose of the strategy is to provide Quilpie Shire Council with direction for economic development and tourism promotion and facilitation over the next five years. When complete, the strategy will deliver a framework and a plan of action, to build on and strengthen partnerships between Quilpie Shire Council, government, industry and the community to support the development of the local economy.

Economic Development Strategy Objectives

'**Economic development**' is the continuous process of growing an area's level of income and capital (wealth) and distributing that wealth (through local expenditure and jobs) to the community. Typically measured in terms of income and employment, economic development is also about improvements in education, skills, health, culture, community wellbeing, 'place' and the environment. Ultimately, it is about improving **quality of life** or to capture the concept in a single word, it is about **prosperity**.

For Quilpie Shire, desired economic development and tourism strategy outcomes include the growth and retention of existing businesses; new industry development; the attraction of visitors; and increased employment. To this end, the *Quilpie Shire Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2020-2024* will:

- Establish a detailed understanding of Quilpie Shire's current economic status and performance, as well as relevant regional policy settings informing local economic opportunities.
- Articulate key issues, challenges and opportunities for Quilpie Shire Council to consider in its role as a facilitator and promoter of economic development and tourism.
- Identify potential collaborative partnerships, where Quilpie Shire Council can engage with other stakeholders on matters concerning local and regional economic development and tourism.
- Provide Quilpie Shire Council with guidance to develop an informed, clear, actionable and achievable 'road map' for economic development and tourism to 2024.

Stakeholder consultation and engagement is a key component of the strategy development process.

Some Prompts for Discussion

Sasha Lennon of the consultant team is meeting with government agencies, industry representative bodies, regional development organisations, tourism associations, local businesses and others to discuss Quilpie Shire's economic development and tourism strengths, issues, challenges and opportunities. As a key stakeholder, the consultant would like to discuss with you, the following:

1. **Generally speaking, what do you consider to be Quilpie Shire's:**
 - **Strengths and Attributes?**
 - **Constraints and Challenges** for economic development?
 - **Opportunities** for growth and investment?
2. **Having regard for the activities of your organisation, what are the **key issues** impacting on the economic prosperity of the Quilpie Shire area, your particular industry or your community of interest?**
3. **What are some **key potential projects and activities** (planned or otherwise) which could support the economic prosperity of the Quilpie Shire area? This could relate to a key industry sector, an 'enabling' piece of strategic infrastructure or other opportunities pertaining to your particular interests.**
4. **What do you believe should be the **priority considerations** for Quilpie Shire Council in its role as a promoter and facilitator of economic development and tourism?**

For more information, please contact Karen Grimm, Tourism Manager, Quilpie Shire Council on 4656 0540, or kareng@quilpie.qld.gov.au.

About SC Lennon & Associates

SC Lennon & Associates is a Queensland-based economics consulting and advisory practice. Leaders in the field of economic development policy and strategy formulation, our team includes experts in economic development, tourism, regional planning, economic analysis, research and communications.

The firm provides clients in Australia and around the world with informed solutions to a range of policy and planning challenges based on the highest-quality information and an expert understanding of social and economic development trends and issues.

The firm's clients include governments, policy think-tanks, universities, non-government organisations, investment promotion agencies and private enterprise.

Our services include:

Policy and Strategy:

- Economic development strategies
- Tourism strategies
- Investment promotion strategies
- Workforce planning strategies
- Prospectus writing
- Economic studies

Research and Analysis:

- Socio-economic profiling and analysis
- Business confidence surveys
- Cost-benefit analysis
- Business case preparation
- Economic impact assessments
- Industrial land studies
- Socio-Economic needs analysis
- Industry studies

Planning:

- Strategic planning
- Urban and regional planning
- Infrastructure planning
- Corporate planning
- Commercial and industrial land use planning
- Workshop facilitation
- Targeted stakeholder engagement
- Strategy implementation planning / action planning



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Sasha Lennon, Director

With 25 years' experience as a consultant, Sasha is a nationally-recognised leader in the field of economic development policy and strategy formulation, socio-economic research and analysis, industry studies, population and employment forecasting, tourism strategies, economic impact assessment, consultation, strategic planning, policy and strategy writing and communications.



Qualifications

- Bachelor of Economics (La Trobe University)
- Graduate Diploma in Advanced Economics (La Trobe University)
- Master of Journalism (Queensland University of Technology)
- Australian Certified Economic Developer (ACEcD)

Expertise

- Economic Development Strategies
- Tourism Strategies
- Indigenous Economic Development Strategies
- Investment Promotion Strategies
- Policy and Program Reviews
- Corporate Plans
- Cost-Benefit Analysis
- Regional Economic Impact Assessments
- Business Case Preparation
- Economic Studies
- Socio-Economic Research and Analysis
- Industry Analyses
- Workforce Planning Strategies
- Stakeholder Engagement and Workshop Facilitation
- Communications
- Policy and Strategy Writing



**G & T Mechanical will be closed
from 23 December to 06 January**

**“Merry Christmas and hope Santa
brings rain to all”**



SUNRISE OPALS SELLING COFFEE

**Trading Hours - Monday to Friday
6am to 12noon, Saturday and Sunday
7am to 11am.**

**Closing for Christmas 22 December to
05 January.**

**Closing for family holiday 27 January
to 09 February**

**Reopen 10 February until the opening
of 27 Gallery Coffee in April
PHONE: 0417 082 454**



**27 GALLERY COFFE will be closed
from 14 December until 01 April.**

**Merry Christmas and thank you for
all your support during 2019 - see
you all in 2020!**



QUILPIE HERITAGE INN

**Traditional family Christmas
lunch on Christmas Day. 12.30
pm start. Adults \$55.00, Children
12 years and under \$12.**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Phone: 4656 1427



TK'S AT THE CLUB

**Closing Monday 23 December and
reopening Wednesday 08 January.
Please note the Club will be
closed Monday 23 and Wednesday
25 December.**

South West District Western Reseal Program

The Department of Transport and Main Roads will be commencing reseal works on various sections of South West District roads between late November 2019 and late January 2020, weather permitting.

For the latest traffic and travel information visit QLDTraffic.qld.gov.au or call 13 14 90. For any other enquires please contact 13QGOV.

Please don't hesitate to call 4622 9511 during business hours, (8.30am to 5pm), or email SouthWest.office@tmr.qld.gov.au if you have any questions, concerns or feedback.

Residents are advised that the QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL Christmas Closedown is as follows:

**Depot will be Closed from
20 December 2019 and reopen 06 January 2020.**

**Main Office will be closed from 5:00pm
20 December 2019 until 06 January 2020.**

**Rubbish Collections will take place:
Residential: Mon 23 Dec 2019 & Mon 30 Dec 2019
Business: Thurs 27 December 2019 &
Wed 02 Jan 2020**

**For any urgent enquiries over the
Christmas Break please contact:**

**Dave Burges: 0427 461 165
Plumber: 0427 561 198
Peter See: 0452 387 617**

QUILPIE BUTCHERY CHRISTMAS TRADING

**Closing 12 noon Tuesday 24 December and
reopen 8am Monday 06 January 2020**

**Please place orders for hams, pork, chicken and
sausages so you don't miss out!**

**We will be closed longer than usual due to
maintenance and upgrades.**

**Merry Christmas from the Quilpie Butchery
Crew**



ROAD CLOSURE

Council wishes to advise residents that Brolga Street will be closed between Buln Buln Street and Chulungra Street on Friday 20 December from 5pm to 12am for the Community Christmas Street Party.

Council apologises for any inconvenience.



Get more fruit and veg: summer is a great time to add some seasonal fruit to your salad for additional colour and flavour. Eat the rainbow!

Cook at home: Instead of buying dips for your Festive social occasions try making them yourself at home.

Check your portion size: when loading up your plate on Christmas day remember $\frac{1}{2}$ should be for your vegetable sides, $\frac{1}{4}$ for your ham or turkey, and $\frac{1}{4}$ for your bread, stuffing and grains.

Be aware of sugar in your drinks: try one our refreshing ice teas this festive season. Recipes are available on the Country Kitchens website on our blog page.

Sit less, move more: Going away these holidays? Check out your holiday destination's local council website for the best walking tracks and take yourself on a morning stroll every day.

CURRENT VACANCIES

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER ENGINEERING SERVICES Fulltime Position

Salary: \$52,795 - \$64,174 depending on skills and experience plus applicable allowances
Closing Date: 4.00pm Wednesday 08 January

GRADER OPERATOR Fulltime Position

Salary: Dependent on experience
Closing Date: 4.00pm Wednesday 08 January

CADET TECHNICAL OFFICER Fulltime Position

Salary: \$52,795 plus applicable allowances
Closing Date: 4.00pm Wednesday 08 January

A wide range of salary sacrifice options are available to council employees.

For all the details, including how to apply, visit our website at www.quilpie.qld.gov.au



WE'RE HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM



POLICE NEWS:

ROAD SAFETY:

With the upcoming Xmas / New Year period we can expect an increase in traffic enforcement and RBT patrols from both local and visiting officers. Senior Constable Bill MITCHELL from the Charleville Road Policing Unit will no doubt be visiting our town over the coming weeks to ensure people are doing the right thing. All open roads within Quilpie Shire (except for built up area / roadworks etc) are 100km/h – not 110 or 120km/h.

Police will focus on the Fatal Five major causes of Injury Traffic Crashes - SPEEDING, DRINK & DRUG DRIVING, SEATBELTS, DRIVER FATIGUE and DRIVER INATTENTION & DISTRACTION (Using your Phone whilst Driving). Avoid these and you will avoid an accident.

New Illegal Use of Mobile Phone when Driving Penalties:

You may have heard the State Government is introducing new penalties for using your mobile phone while driving in 2020. The following is an excerpt from the Queensland Government website.

The Queensland Government has announced tougher penalties for drivers who use their mobile phone illegally while driving.

From 1 February 2020, the penalties for illegally using a mobile phone while driving are increasing from a \$400 fine and 3 demerit points to a \$1,000 fine and 4 demerit points. This is to help deter people from this dangerous behaviour.

Research shows using a mobile phone while driving can be as risky as drink driving. A driver's response time while texting on a phone is comparable to that of a driver with a blood alcohol reading of between 0.07 and 0.10.

Double demerit points will still apply to all drivers for a second mobile phone offence within 12 months. This is another \$1,000 fine and 8 points and could cost most people their licence. Bicycle riders can also be fined \$1,000, but no demerit points will be issued.

Driving while using a mobile phone held in your hand is illegal—even if you're stopped in traffic. This means you can't:

- hold the phone next to or near your ear with your hand
- write, send or read a text message
- turn your phone on or off
- operate any other function on your phone.

Learner and P1 provisional drivers under 25 must not use hands-free, wireless headsets or a mobile phone's loudspeaker function.

Using your mobile phone safely

- Turn off your mobile phone before you get in your car so you won't be tempted to answer it.
- If you must have your mobile phone on, install a hands-free kit so you can legally drive and talk on your phone (for open or P2 provisional licence holders only), but don't forget to keep concentrating on driving.
- You can use a mobile phone held in your hand if you are legally parked. Parked means stopped with the intention of staying at that place.

If your mobile phone is in a mounting bracket on the windscreen, it must not obscure your view of the road. These mobile phone rules do not apply to CB radios or any other two-way radios.

PROPERTY SECURITY:

For those of you who are lucky enough to be heading away for the Christmas Holidays please ensure that that your property / house / vehicles are secured. We are pretty lucky in Quilpie that property crime is rare. That said we may have visitors coming to town over the Christmas / New Year period that may be inclined to take advantage of a lack of property security. Let your neighbours know if you will be away and they may be able to keep an eye on your place. LOCK IT or LOSE IT.

MOTORBIKES AROUND TOWN:

With the end of the school year we will most likely see an increase in kids on motorbikes. Motorbikes should not be ridden on the roads in town. Sensible riding will not draw the attention of local officers. However if you are tearing down the street, kicking up dust or making noise around houses or the hospital where the night shift staff are trying to sleep you will draw our attention. The Police Powers & Responsibilities Act (Motorbike Noise) provides Police with the ability to impound motorcycles where they are causing a nuisance. If you are advised by Police or a member of the public you and your bike are causing a problem please heed the advice and take it away from the edge of town. There is a big town common for you to ride on.

POLICE STATION HOURS:

With the public holidays over the Xmas period office hours will be reduced with Heather enjoying well earned break. If you require anything from the office eg Logbook or Licence Renewal and the Police Station is closed please ring the NEW QUILPIE POLICE STATION PHONE NUMBER 4656 8181. This will divert to the station mobile phone and arrangements can be made to for an officer to attend.

Be SENSIBLE Be SAFE and Merry Christmas to all.

Brendan / Mark & Heather

December 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
16 9.00am Pool Aqua with Alina	17 12.00pm Pub Seniors Xmas Luncheon RSVP 13/12/19	18 10.30am CWA Hall Tai Chi & Healthy Wraps	19 9.00am Aqua with Alina 2.00pm CWA Hall Euchre, Skip Bo & UNO	20 10.00am Quilpie Hospital Foot Care & Xmas Cut Out Morning Tea	21	22
23 Closed	24 Closed	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 Boxing Day	27 Closed	28	29

January 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Closed	2 Closed	3 Closed	4	5
6 9.00am Aqua with Alina	7 2.00pm St Matthews Hall Craft & Chat	8 10.30am St Matthews Hall Board Games	9 2.00pm St Matthews Hall Healthy Minds	10 10.30am St Matthews Hall Bingo	11	12
13 9.00am Aqua with Alina	14 2.00pm St Matthews Hall Craft & Chat	15 10.30am St Matthews Hall Tai Chi	16 2.00pm St Matthews Hall Healthy Minds	17 10.30am St Matthews Hall Hoy	18	19
20 9.00am St Matthews Hall Gentle Exercises	21 2.00pm St Matthews Hall Craft & Chat	22 10.30am St Matthews Hall Tai Chi	23 9.00am Aqua with Alina 2.00pm St Matthews Hall Healthy Minds	24 10.30am St Matthews Hall Jumble Sale	25	26 
27 Public Holiday	28 2.00pm St Matthews Hall Craft & Chat	29 10.30am St Matthews Hall Gentle Exercises	30 10.00am Quilpie Hospital Foot Care 2.00pm St Matthews Hall Healthy Minds	31 10.30am St Matthews Hall Bingo & Pot Luck Lunch		

Quilpie Visitor Information Centre Opening Hours

October

Weekdays 8am – 5pm
Weekends 9am – Midday

November to February

Weekdays 8am – 5pm
Weekends – Closed

Tourism Season 2020

March – October
Phone: 07 46 560 540



QUILPIE SHIRE
YOUR OUTBACK ADVENTURE



Local government elections are held every four years and on the same date for all 77 councils across Queensland. The next elections will be held on Saturday 28 March 2020.

Useful qualities for councillors to have include strategic thinking skills, effective communication and negotiation skills, ability to analyse and problem solve, ability to work as part of a team, understanding of financial and budget processes and personal resilience and integrity.

If you are eligible to become

a councillor and decide to nominate, you must complete a number of requirements in order to comply with Queensland electoral laws. These include completing So you want to be a councillor? candidate training and setting up a dedicated bank account for your campaign.

To find out more about what is required to run at the 2020 local government elections, read the Ready for council elections fact sheet and candidate checklist available at www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/lgresources.

Drought Phone List



Need help now? You are not alone

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| • Emergency Services | 000 |
| • Lifeline | 13 11 14 |
| • Your local GP | |
| • Beyond Blue | 1300 224 636 |

Financial Assistance

Get onto it early, avoid self-assessing

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| • Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) | 07 4622 5500 |
| • Department Natural Resources, Mines and Energy
Drought Assistance | 13 74 68 |
| • Drought Angels | 07 4662 7371 |
| • Ergon Energy Drought Relief | 1800 185 750 |
| • Farm Household Allowance | 13 23 16 |
| • Legal Aid Queensland Farm and Rural Service | 1300 651 188 |
| • Lifeline Financial Counsellor | 1300 991 443 |
| • Queensland Country Women's Association | 07 3026 1220 |
| • Queensland Drought Assistance Scheme | 13 25 23 |
| • Queensland Rural Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) | 1800 623 946 |
| • Rural Aid | 1300 327 624 |
| • Telstra Adversity, Financial Hardship Program | 13 22 00 |
| • Your Accountant | |

Wellbeing

Persist to find the right help

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| • Mental Health Service Navigators | 1300 012 710 |
| • Lifeline Darling Downs and South West Queensland | 1300 991 443 |
| • New Access | 1300 727 957 |
| • Relationships Australia QLD | 1300 364 277 |

CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS

The Quilpie Visitor Information Centre will be closed for renovations from 8am Wednesday 8th January & re-opening 8am Tuesday 28th January.

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE VISIT OR CONTACT THE QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL MAIN OFFICE ON **46 560 500**.

We apologise for any inconvenience.



NEW LOOK IN 2020

Quilpie QCWA Christmas 100 Board Multi Draw Raffle Winners

\$300 Voucher Paulsens / Meads
Lauren Park

\$200 Voucher Paulsens / Meads
Kathy Thompson
Binny Willis

\$100 Voucher Quilpie Butchery
Jen R c/- 27 Gallery
Kerri Kennedy
Donna Bonsey

\$50 Meal Voucher TK'S
Donna Bonsey
Hayden Park
Lauren Park
Jenny Anderson
Laurel Oehlmann

\$50 Meal Voucher Pub
John Hewson
Jenny Hewson
James Donohue
Dale Stevenson
Bob Hall

\$25 Voucher Chemist
Bruce Paulsen
Elle Truss
Danny Salmon
G & P Ware
Ruby King
Joan Jarzembski
Toby Ross
Dylan Hall
Binny Willis
Jenny Richardson

\$25 Voucher Elle's News
John Kennedy
Michelle Donohue
Dannielle Dunlop
Dylan Hall
John Thompson
Ruby Andrews
Bernadette Hall
Dale Stevenson
Kerri Kennedy
Katrina Thomson

Congratulations to the lucky winners

Rural Support – Government Organisations

FarmHub website		https://farmhub.org.au/region/qld/
Federal Department of Human Services (Farm Household Allowance) Drought and Farmer Assistance Hotline	132 316	www.humanservices.gov.au
Federal Department of Human Services Payments and services if you live in regional, rural or remote Australia.	132 318	www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/rural-and-remote-australians
Federal Department of Social Services For families & children and mental health	1300 653 227	www.dss.gov.au
Australian Tax Office (deferred payments) • Individuals • Businesses • Debt enquiries	13 28 65 13 72 26 13 11 42	www.ato.gov.au
Regional Investment Corporation Drought Loans	1800 875 675	www.ric.gov.au
Federal Department of Agriculture • Rural Financial Counselling Services	1800 900 090	www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/rural-financial-counselling-service/qld#head-office or to find your closest RFC in Queensland South Queensland www.rfcssq.org.au
QRIDA (Queensland Rural & Industry Development Authority)	1800 623 946 or local numbers on website	http://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/homepage
Health		
13 HEALTH Talk to registered nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week	13 43 25 84	https://www.qld.gov.au/health/contacts/advice/13health
Head to Health website		www.headtohealth.gov.au
Social and Emotional Wellbeing		
Lifeline 24 hours	13 11 14	www.lifeline.org.au
Beyond Blue – information only	1300 224 636	www.beyondblue.org.au
Family Drug Support	1300 368 186	www.fds.org.au
Relationships Australia	1300 364277	www.relationships.org.au
Family Relationship Service	1800 050 321	www.frsa.org.au
Mensline Australia	1300 789 978	www.mensline.org.au
Mental Health Service Navigators: • Neami National (Ipswich, Toowoomba, Scenic Rim and Lockyer Valley regions) • Rhealth (Goondiwindi, Southern Downs, Western Downs, South Burnett, Cherbourg and Somerset regions)	1300 012 710	www.neaminational.org.au/find-services/mental-health-service-navigator-toowoomba/ www.rhealth.com.au/what-we-do/current-programs-projects/mental-health-service-navigators/
Kids Help Line	1800 551 800	www.kidshelpline.com.au
Rural Aid	1300 327 624	www.ruralaid.org.au
Men's Referral Service	1300 766 491	www.mrs.org.au
Salvation Army	13 72 58	www.salvationarmy.org.au
Lifeline Darling Downs & South West QLD: • Personal Financial counselling • DV Support • Family Counselling • Drug and Alcohol Support • Gambling Support	1300 991 443	www.lifelinedarlingdowns.org.au/



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connect@lifelinedarlingdowns.org.au

This activity is supported by Darling Downs & West Moreton PHN

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (also called the NDIS) is the new way of providing disability support.

The NDIS will provide all Australians under the age of 65 who have a permanent and significant disability with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to enjoy an ordinary life.



The NDIS will help people with disability achieve their goals. This may include greater independence,



As an insurance scheme, the NDIS takes a lifetime approach, investing in people with disability early to improve their outcomes later in life.



The NDIS also provides people with disability, their family and carers with information and referrals to existing support services in the community.



By 2019, the NDIS will support about 460,000 Australians with disability.



Can I access the NDIS?

To become an NDIS participant a person must:

- ✓ Have a permanent disability that significantly affects their ability to take part in everyday activities;
- ✓ Be aged less than 65 when they first enter the NDIS;
- ✓ Be an Australian citizen or hold a permanent visa or a Protected Special Category visa; and
- ✓ Live in Australia where the NDIS is available.

Can I still receive support if I do not meet the access requirements for the NDIS?

A person does not have to be an NDIS participant to receive support from the NDIS. The NDIS will connect people with disability, their families and carers, including people who are not NDIS participants, to disability and mainstream supports in their community.

To find out more call or visit
Council's NDIS Support
Coordinator, Chris Houghton on
0436 816 827

