



LATE ITEMS AGENDA

Friday 21 February 2020

commencing at 9:30am

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom
50 Brolga Street Quilpie

Ordinary Meeting of Council

19 February 2020

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, 21 February 2020**, commencing at **9:30am**.

An agenda for the Ordinary Meeting was forwarded to all Members on 14 February 2020. In addition to the agenda, please find attached a summary of "Late Items".

Yours faithfully

Dave Burges
Chief Executive Officer





ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA

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Late Decision Report

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17 LATE ITEMS

17.1 (02/20) – Request to Utilise Sewage Effluent

Author: Director of Engineering Services, Mr Peter See

IX: 191186

PURPOSE:

Maree and Christian Radnedge have requested access to council's effluent to provide irrigation water. This report is to seek council's view on the request before further work is carried out.

POLICY/LEGISLATION:

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Council's Procurement Policy

CORPORATE PLAN:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That council receive the report and that council consider the request for access to the sewage effluent.

DISCUSSION:

Maree and Christian Radnedge have requested access to the effluent from council's Sewage Treatment Plant to be used by them to irrigate cropping. The Director of Engineering Services has met with Christian Radnedge. The intent is to irrigate on the property to grow non-food crops.

Initial investigations by the Director as well as his previous experience indicate that it is feasible to provide effluent for this purpose. In order to do so, an environmental authority from the Department of Environment and Science would be required which would require a planning application and an Environmental Impact Assessment. These processes are potentially costly and time consuming.

Council is asked to consider whether or not they believe this is a desirable activity before a more formal process begins.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Correspondence from Maree and Christian Radnedge

ATTACHMENT A

From: Maree Radnedge <maree.radnedge@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, 6 February 2020 7:14 PM

To: Dave Burges <ceo@quilpie.qld.gov.au>

Cc: Peter See <PeterS@quilpie.qld.gov.au>; Christian Radnedge <ChristianR@quilpie.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Quilpie Sewerage Treatment Plant Effluent

Good evening Dave,

I refer to my recent conversations with both yourself and Director of Engineering Services, Peter See regarding the possibility of utilising the effluent from the Quilpie Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) for the purpose of growing stock fodder.

As discussed, I have been investigating the option of growing stock fodder (eg lucerne) for our initial personal use to feed to our horses and cattle during times of drought but secondary, for the possibility of establishing a small commercial enterprise to service the region. The ongoing and widespread drought conditions in recent times result in stock fodder such as lucerne being extremely hard (sometimes impossible) and expensive to source. We are of the opinion that the availability of competitively priced locally grown fodder year round will provide ourselves and other shire residents with an increased level of available fodder during dry times.

Due to the size of our block and the availability of water, we believe that we are in a unique position to establish a small business in the long term to service our region. While we have access to the town water supply, we feel that due to our location, a great opportunity exists for us to recycle the effluent from the STP which I believe is currently not utilised.

We live in an era where it's becoming more and more important to utilise our natural resources as efficiently and economically as possible with a focus on recycling and sustainability. We feel that this project has the potential to utilise a resource that is currently going to waste, while also bringing a potential benefit to the wider community. I believe that sub-terrain irrigation with effluent would be far superior to bore water for the purpose of growing stock fodder.

I am aware of the Guidelines for Low Exposure Recycled Water Schemes and if approved to utilise the effluent from the STP, would commit to adhering to those guidelines. I have already done a considerable amount of research into the project and to ensure success, I am seeking professional advice regarding the establishment and ongoing management of the project.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Kind regards,

Christian (and Maree) Radnedge

Late Decision Report

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17.2 (02/20) – RFT06 1920 Flood Restoration Works Trinidad Road

IX: 191261

Author: Director Engineering Services, Peter See

PURPOSE:

Council has called Tenders to carry out flood repairs to Trinidad Road (28). The purpose of this report is to allow Council to review the tender results and award the works.

POLICY/LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Council's Procurement Policy

CORPORATE PLAN:

2.2.1 Ensure Council's financial sustainability through responsible management and planning of finances and assets

RECOMMENDATION:

That council receive the report and accept tender RFT06 1920 from Adavale Plant Hire for a cost of \$271,230.36 including GST.

BACKGROUND:

The Minister for Fire and Emergency Services has approved an extension of the jointly funded Commonwealth/State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) for Severe Tropical Cyclone Trevor and associated low pressure system, 19-27 March 2019. The following relief measures have been approved for Quilpie Shire Council:

- Counter Disaster Operations; and
- Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA).

The 2019 DRFA program has been approved under four submissions and Proterra Group have been appointed as Project Managers.

DISCUSSION:

Council is currently utilising contractors to deliver four packages of work to repair roads from the 2019 flood event. Council staff had begun delivering works on Trinidad Road (28) as part of the repairs. Council have completed the layout in stockpiles of gravel for approved resheeting.

Due to Council staff's other commitments, contractors will be used to spread the gravel as well as carry out approved grading work.

Tenders for the delivery of the works were called via Vendor Panel on Thursday 26 September 2019. A Pre-close out Tender meeting was held with Tenderers on 11th of February 2020.

Relevant details are provided in **Table 1**.

Reference	VP176279
Opened	Friday 31 January 2020
Closed	Friday 14 February 2020 @ 02:00 PM
Supplier lists selected	Pre-qualified suppliers - contractors
Categories selected	1. General road construction 2. Gravel road maintenance
Suppliers selected	1. Adavale Plant Hire 2. APV Contracting Pty Ltd 3. BHL & DA Hall Transport 4. Red Earthmoving 5. SC & KG Bowen 6. SA & SL Travers 7. Eromanga Contracting 8. Tolbra Earthmovers & Haulage Pty Ltd

TABLE 1: VENDORPANEL DETAILS

A total of seven tenders were received and are summarised in **Table 2**.

Tenderer Name	Tendered Amount	Comments
Tolbra Earthmovers and Haulage	\$408,211.9	
Red Earthmoving	\$568,351.7	
SC & KG Bowen	\$436,248.2	
SL & SA Travers	\$654,972.8	
Adavale Plant Hire	\$271,230.4	Recommended Contractor
Ralf Walker Trust	\$852,372.4	
APV Contracting	\$537,658.1	

TABLE 2: SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

FINANCIAL:

Council has made provision for this program in the 2019/20 budget and the works will be funded under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

CONSULTATION:

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Tender Evaluation

Start	End	Treatment	Unit	Length	Width	Depth	Eligible quantity	APH	APV	Bowen	Eromanga	Red E/M	Tolbra	Travers
3040	3380	Medium formation grading	m	340			340	\$1,020.00	\$4,335.00	\$4,396.20	\$10,200.00	\$5,100.00	\$8,177.80	\$22,861.60
3590	3690	Bulk excavate surplus material and remove from site	m3	100	6	0.1	60	\$6,000.00	\$1,725.00	\$1,293.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,769.24	\$22,863.00
9500	9920	Heavy formation grading incorporating 50mm of supplied material	m3	420	6	0.05	126	\$3,528.00	\$7,245.00	\$4,800.60	\$16,800.00	\$4,788.00	\$5,797.11	\$24,007.20
13270	13660	Heavy formation grading incorporating 75mm of supplied material	m3	390	6	0.075	175.5	\$6,142.50	\$6,727.50	\$5,042.12	\$15,600.00	\$7,897.50	\$8,320.61	\$22,861.80
13760	13960	Heavy formation grading incorporating 50mm of supplied material	m3	200	6	0.05	60	\$1,680.00	\$3,450.00	\$2,286.00	\$8,000.00	\$2,280.00	\$2,760.53	\$22,862.00
19270	20150	Gravel Resheeting 100mm	m3	880	6	0.1	528	\$31,680.00	\$22,220.00	\$11,378.40	\$35,200.00	\$23,760.00	\$24,529.25	\$22,862.40
20400	21320	Heavy formation grading incorporating 50mm of supplied material	m3	920	6	0.05	276	\$7,728.00	\$15,870.00	\$10,515.60	\$36,800.00	\$10,488.00	\$12,698.43	\$22,862.00
38853	44445	Heavy formation grading incorporating 75mm of supplied material	m3	5593	6	0.075	2516.85	\$80,539.20	\$96,479.25	\$72,309.10	\$223,720.00	\$108,224.55	\$119,326.15	\$22,819.44
52187	52766	Heavy formation grading incorporating 50mm of supplied material	m3	579	6	0.05	173.7	\$4,863.60	\$9,987.75	\$6,617.97	\$23,160.00	\$6,600.60	\$7,991.73	\$22,858.92
52876	54574	Heavy formation grading incorporating 75mm of supplied material	m3	1698	6	0.075	764.1	\$26,743.50	\$29,290.50	\$21,952.59	\$67,920.00	\$32,856.30	\$36,226.68	\$22,855.08
55094	56703	Heavy formation grading	m	1609			1609	\$5,631.50	\$25,985.35	\$23,523.58	\$25,744.00	\$28,962.00	\$11,279.82	\$22,847.80
56703	57692	Heavy formation grading	m	989			989	\$3,461.50	\$15,972.35	\$14,459.18	\$15,824.00	\$17,802.00	\$6,933.34	\$22,855.79
57722	59663	Heavy formation grading	m	1940			1940	\$6,790.00	\$31,331.00	\$28,362.80	\$31,040.00	\$34,920.00	\$13,600.28	\$22,853.20
59753	61032	Heavy formation grading	m	1279			1279	\$4,476.50	\$20,655.85	\$18,698.98	\$20,464.00	\$23,022.00	\$8,966.37	\$22,855.73
61032	62705	Heavy formation grading	m	1673			1673	\$5,855.50	\$27,018.95	\$24,459.26	\$26,768.00	\$30,114.00	\$11,728.49	\$22,853.16
62705	63614	Heavy formation grading	m	909			909	\$3,181.50	\$14,680.35	\$13,289.58	\$14,544.00	\$16,362.00	\$6,372.50	\$22,861.35
63614	64285	Heavy formation grading incorporating 50mm of supplied material	m3	670	6	0.05	201	\$5,628.00	\$11,557.50	\$7,658.10	\$26,800.00	\$7,638.00	\$9,247.77	\$22,860.40
64694	66363	Heavy formation grading	m	1669			1669	\$5,841.50	\$26,954.35	\$24,400.78	\$26,704.00	\$30,042.00	\$11,700.45	\$22,848.61
69681	70811	Heavy formation grading	m	1130			1130	\$3,955.00	\$18,249.50	\$16,520.60	\$18,080.00	\$20,340.00	\$7,921.81	\$22,859.90

Start	End	Treatment	Unit	Length	Width	Depth	Eligible quantity	APH	APV	Bowen	Eromanga	Red E/M	Tolbra	Travers
73410	74810	Heavy formation grading	m	1400			1400	\$4,900.00	\$22,610.00	\$20,468.00	\$22,400.00	\$25,200.00	\$9,814.64	\$22,862.00
74810	77048	Heavy formation grading	m	2238			2238	\$7,833.00	\$36,143.70	\$32,719.56	\$35,808.00	\$40,284.00	\$15,689.40	\$22,849.98
77048	77568	Heavy formation grading	m	520			520	\$1,820.00	\$8,398.00	\$7,602.40	\$8,320.00	\$9,360.00	\$3,645.44	\$22,859.20
84168	84656	Heavy formation grading	m	488			488	\$1,708.00	\$7,881.20	\$7,134.56	\$7,808.00	\$8,784.00	\$3,421.10	\$22,862.80
88460	88988	Heavy formation grading incorporating 75mm of supplied material	m3	527	6	0.075	237.15	\$8,300.25	\$9,090.75	\$6,813.32	\$21,080.00	\$10,197.45	\$11,243.50	\$22,861.26
89205	89640	Heavy formation grading incorporating 50mm of supplied material	m3	436	6	0.05	130.8	\$3,662.40	\$7,521.00	\$4,983.48	\$17,440.00	\$4,970.40	\$6,017.95	\$22,859.48
91095	91524	Heavy formation grading incorporating 50mm of supplied material	m3	429	6	0.05	128.7	\$3,603.60	\$7,400.25	\$4,903.47	\$17,160.00	\$4,890.60	\$5,921.33	\$22,865.70
								\$246,573.05	\$488,780.10	\$396,589.23	\$774,884.00	\$516,683.40	\$371,101.73	\$595,429.80
							+GST	\$271,230.36	\$537,658.11	\$436,248.15	\$852,372.40	\$568,351.74	\$408,211.90	\$654,972.78

17.3 (02/20) – The Big Opal

IX: 191251

Author: Chief Executive Officer, Dave Burges

17.3.1 PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a tourism idea put forward by Troy and Margie Minnett.

17.3.2 POLICY:

Not applicable

17.3.3 CORPORATE PLAN:

Priority focus area: Enhance the focus on tourism

Priority focus area: Develop key tourism and economic development projects

17.3.4 RECOMMENDATION:

That Council consider this as part of the 2020/21 budget deliberations.

17.3.5 BACKGROUND:

By letter dated 15 November 2019 (received 15 February 2020) Troy and Margie Minnett are suggesting Council undertake a tourism project focusing on opal.

A copy of the inwards correspondence is provided as **Attachment A**.

17.3.6 DISCUSSION:

Refer to the inwards correspondence.

No research has been undertaken to date in relation to cost, size, location etc.

17.3.7 FINANCIAL:

There is no provision for this project in the 2019/2020 budget.

17.3.8 CONSULTATION:

Not applicable

17.3.9 ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Inwards Correspondence

Channel Country **TOURIST PARK** & Spas

15 November 2019

Channel Country Tourist Park and Spas
21 Chipu St
Quilpie Qld 4480

The Chief Executive Officer
Quilpie Shire Council
Brolga Street
Quilpie Q 4480

Dear Sir

As tour operators in the Quilpie Shire we feel that the shire should consider building the “The Big Opal Boulder” as a tourist attraction. It could be referred to as “The Big Boulder!”

Benefits of the project:

- A major point of interest in the town
- Great social media tool. People love taking their photos in the front of something big and sharing it on social media. The Big Watermelon at Chinchilla and the Big Yellowbelly at Isisford have recently been built.
- It gives visitors a reason to stop and take a photo and #visitquilpieshire on Instagram and Facebook. This will expose Quilpie to the world.
- Will expose the opal industries to visitors travelling through the region
- Will be a great media opportunity for journalist to write a story on Quilpie and its connection to the opal industry.
- Grant money could be sought for the project – RADF.
- Could commission a local artist to create a wonderful large structure highlighting the vibrant colours of the boulder opal.
- Great for community spirit and pride.
- Due to the size of it will be easily recognizable.
- Australians love big stuff! Check out this link –

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia%27s_big_things

We look forward to your reply.

Yours truly

Troy and Margie Minnett

Strategic / Decision Report

Ordinary Meeting of Council

17.4 (02/20) - Request for Assistance – Eromanga Natural History Museum

IX: 191582

Author: CEO, Dave Burges

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request for assistance from the Eromanga Natural History Museum.

POLICY/LEGISLATION:

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

CORPORATE PLAN:

6.2.6 Provide community and local organisations with access to grants and funding for community events and celebrations

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve / not approve the request for assistance to the value of \$11,450 excluding GST from the Eromanga Natural History Museum for additional ICT equipment associated with the stage 2 development with the funds to be sourced from the Eromanga Community Development Fund.

BACKGROUND:

By letter received 18 February 2020, the Eromanga Natural History Museum is requesting assistance from Council to purchase additional ICT equipment for the museum stage under construction. A copy of the correspondence is provided in **Attachment A**.

DISCUSSION:

Refer to the attachment for specific ICT requirements and costings.

FINANCIAL:

Council has made a provision of \$40,000 in the 2019-20 budget for unspecified community projects in Eromanga. At the time writing this report, \$14,597 of these funds had been expended on the following:

- Eromanga common/cemetery fence project \$6,412.50 + oncosts; and
- ENHM business case development \$6,000 + oncosts; and
- ENHM website development \$1,750 + oncosts.

Council has authorised a total of \$10,000 for the second and third items above.

A separate report to Council details the costs of the proposed Eromanga Master Plan.

CONSULTATION:

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Inwards Correspondence



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Re: Request for Financial Assistance

Dear Dave,

I am writing this letter to request financial assistance from the Eromanga Community Development Fund for the purchase of some of the ICT equipment for the Stage 2 – Phase 1 development of the Eromanga Natural History Museum. Currently, we do not have enough ICT resources to stock and run the new museum and the sum of \$11,450 (ex GST) will provide the basic platforms that we require to run a facility of this magnitude.

The sum of \$11,450 (ex GST) will assist in the purchasing of the following items; these are also attached in a quote from our preferred technology provider:

- 2 x Laptops - \$ 4,700 (ex GST)
- 2x Desktop computers for the new reception - \$3,500 (ex GST)
- 1x Ipad for POS system in Café - \$530 (ex GST)
- 1x Multifunction printer for the new reception - \$2,700 (ex GST)

We continue to appreciate the support and assistance from the Quilpie Shire Council.

I look forward to your response, if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the museum on 07 4656 3084.

Kindest regards

Corey Richards

Operations and Marketing
Eromanga Natural History Museum