

## AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

WITH **FIONA LAKE**

**25 & 26 JULY 2020**

**QUILPIE CULTURAL SOCIETY**

**ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME**

- ✓ AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY
- ✓ VIDEOGRAPHY
- ✓ HANDS ON FLIGHT TIME
- ✓ PERSONALISED PRESENTATION
- ✓ BRING YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT OR
- ✓ USE THE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

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### How do I know if it's novel coronavirus (COVID-19)?

The only way to find out if you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is to be tested. You can only be tested if you have symptoms and fall into one or all of the risk categories.

The people most at risk of having novel coronavirus (COVID-19) are those who have been overseas in the past 14 days, or people who have been in contact with a person who has the virus.

If you think you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19), you need to see a doctor immediately. Please call ahead.

For more information, visit [health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus](https://health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus) or call **13 HEALTH** (13 43 25 84)

The Eromanga Rodeo Executive Committee have reluctantly made the decision that the Rodeo cannot go ahead at Easter. We hope next year will have seen a better season and we all will have time to commit to this big volunteer event.



## Put YOUR \$ WHERE Your ❤️ is

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### YOUR COUNCILLORS

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### AFTER SCHOOL CRAFT ACTIVITIES

Council wishes to advise the community of the following change to the After School Craft Activities Program.

After School Craft Activities at the Library will not take place during March and early April.

**This program will resume at the library on Monday 20 April.**

For further information please contact Health Promotions Officer, Michelle Donohue on (07) 4656 0509 or Director of Corporate & Community Services, Lisa Hamlyn on (07) 4656 0504.

Council apologises for the inconvenience.

## The Dental Truck is returning to Quilpie

**Dr Jalal is coming to Quilpie in March!**

### Services we provide

The Dental Truck will be offering all the general dental services including:

- general checkups/cleans
- fillings
- crowns and bridges
- extractions
- dentures

**When is our next trip?** Monday 23rd March and Tuesday 24th March

**Where are we located?** Football Field

### How can you make an appointment?

Register for an appointment by filling out the form here: [bit.ly/trucknp](http://bit.ly/trucknp)

You can also call us on (02) 99232478 or email us at [smile@thedentaltruck.org.au](mailto:smile@thedentaltruck.org.au) to make an appointment

We look forward to seeing you soon!

### RATES NOTICES ISSUED

Ratepayers of the Quilpie Shire Council are advised that rate notices for the period 01 January 2020 to 30 June 2020 were issued on 02 March 2020.

Rates are due TUESDAY 31 March 2020, with the exception of rural landowners in rating categories 6, 8, 9 and 10.

Due to the ongoing drought conditions Council has granted an extension of time for these RURAL properties and the due date for payment will be MONDAY 29 JUNE 2020. Discount will be allowed if payment is received by 5.00pm on the applicable due date.

To ensure you don't miss the discount please consider BPay and EFT payment clearance timeframes. It is the responsibility of the property owner to advise Council of any change of address. For further information please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on (07) 4656 0500.

### 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, 3.00 - 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, 2.00 - 7.00pm  
Sunday - 11.00am - 6.00pm

## CHECK OUT THE NEW BLOG FROM THE VIC

That's right the Quilpie Visitor Information Centre has joined the blogging world so we can share with everyone how fantastic the Quilpie Shire is.

Follow the link below and have a read for yourself!

Keep an eye out for links on our Facebook page and please share so we can get the word out about what an amazing destination the Quilpie Shire is!

[www.visitquilpieshire.com/news/](http://www.visitquilpieshire.com/news/)



facebook.com/visitquilpieshire



instagram.com/visitquilpieshire

#visitquilpieshire





## EROMANGA MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

MARCH 20 - 10AM - 2PM @ EROMANGA HALL

Come & see our great collection of books!

QUILPIE SHIRE LIBRARY IS COMMENCING A MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE WHICH WILL BE REGULARLY VISITING EROMANGA. WE WILL BE BRINGING A RANGE OF ADULT FICTION, NON-FICTION, DVD'S, AUDIO BOOKS, CHILDRENS BOOKS & LARGE PRINT BOOKS.

ALL ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS FOR LOAN. IF YOU ARE NOT A CURRENT MEMBER OF OUR LIBRARY, IT IS FREE TO JOIN!

COME DOWN TO THE HALL & SAY G'DAY TO JANET & MEGAN.

Quilpie Shire Library - Ph: 4656 0500 - [Library@quilpie.qld.gov.au](mailto:Library@quilpie.qld.gov.au)

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### St Matthews Church

#### Jumble Sale

Friday 20/03/20

10.30am

**Standard Size Shopping Bag \$5**  
(Price may vary on bag size)

**Clothes**

**Books**

**Hats**

**Toys**

**Bric a Brac**

**Shoes**

**Linen**

**Belts**

**Rag Bags \$10**

For more information contact

Robyn Cherry

Mob 0428 612 566



## Coffee and CONVERSATION

### Mens Group

March 27 2020 10.30am

CWA HALL 17 Brolga Street

For more information contact

Michelle Donohue

Health Promotions Officer

Mob 0427 243 055



[www.qld.gov.au/youthweek](http://www.qld.gov.au/youthweek) #QYW20 #YeahtheYouth!



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"PINKENETTA STATION"  
QUILPIE QLD 4480



## PASTEL PAINTING WORKSHOP

RADF FUNDED

LOCAL TUTOR: LYN BARNES

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 9AM &

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH

AT THE TOOMPINE HALL

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL AS NUMBERS LIMITED TO 10

CONTACT KIM 0427 564 716 TO MAKE A BOOKING

DAILY WORKSHOP FEE IS \$30.00

Please bring something to share for lunch & morning tea.

### HOW TO VOTE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The Queensland Local Government elections will be held on Saturday 28 March 2020. Quilpie Shire Council will be conducting a full postal ballot which means you will receive your ballot papers in the mail. These are expected to arrive very soon.

Quilpie residents are only required to vote for four (4) Councillors (there will be no election for Mayor as Stuart Mackenzie was the only nomination for that position).

To ensure your vote is counted you must vote for four (4) candidates. If you do more or less your vote will not be counted.

Ensure your ballot papers are individually returned (do not put two ballot papers in one envelope to return them, sign and have the envelope witnessed and post back by 6pm Saturday 28 March.

For further enquiries please contact the Electoral Commission of Queensland on 1300 881 665.

### Better Business Solutions Tips, Tools & Tech

Saturday 23 May, 2020

9:30am — 2pm

Quilpie Bowls Club  
QUILPIE

**Delivered by local experts in financial and rural business and tailored to the specific needs of small businesses across South West Queensland, this FREE workshop is for you!**

- Bookkeeping basics
- Cloud and digital filing
- What to look for in accounting software
- Scheduling/time management apps
- Networking
- Funding grants for business
- Staffing and business culture
- Locally available solutions



**Rachel Nixon**  
*Rachel Nixon*  
Bookkeeping

Need to boost your record keeping to improve your business? Not sure how to evaluate the different software available? Rachel is a BAS agent who will share 15 years of book keeping experience with you.

Keen to improve the efficiency of your business systems? Need the know-how to source business grants? Rhonda has 15 years of experience in project management, funding acquisition and rural business.



**Rhonda Toms-Morgan**  
ConnectAg

For more details contact Rhonda Toms-Morgan ☎0407 678 574 ☎

[rhonda@connectag.com.au](mailto:rhonda@connectag.com.au) Register Online ☎[www.trybooking.com/BFPDR](http://www.trybooking.com/BFPDR)

☎One-on-one sessions available 2:30-3:30pm

Lunch will be provided RSVP essential



*This event is fully funded by Tackling Regional Adversity through Integrated Care, SWRHS*



## Quilpie Cultural Society Workshops 2020

Rep Jo Pegler 46564942

20th – 23rd March RADF

~~Crazy Quilting – Repurposed Fabrics Textile Collage~~ with

tutor Jennifer Clouston **CANCELLED**  
Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083

28th – 29th March (Pending FRRR Funding approval)

Felt ~~Hats and scarf/Purse~~ with tutor Gail Grunskie

Rep Gina McConnell 047300021

21st – 25th May RADF

~~Furniture Restoration~~ with Dean Timms

Rep Josie Martyr 0427036984

30th – 31st May

~~Western Watercolours~~ with John Morrison

Rep Jo Pegler 46564942

12th – 15th June (Pending FRRR Funding approval)

~~Upholstery~~ with Tim Symons

Rep Josie Martyr 0427036984

3rd – 6th July (Pending RADF Round 2 Funding approval)

~~Embroidery~~ with Cathy Sotiriou

Rep Robyn Cherry 0428612566

11th – 12th July RADF

~~Ironwork~~ with Brian Rutledge

Rep Kylie Rutledge 0746564731

25th – 26th July RADF

~~Aerial Photography~~ with Fiona Lake

Rep Hollie McCarthy 0434629504

14th – 17th August (Pending FRRR Funding approval)

~~Stack it Up quilt~~ with tutor Fran Bulmer

Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083

29th – 30th August RADF

~~Pastel Techniques~~ with Maxine Thompson

25th- 26th September (Pending FRRR Funding approval)

~~Art~~ with Jan Lawnikanis

Rep Jo Pegler 46564942

### Workshop dates to be advised:

~~Silver Casting~~ with tutor Dan Cox -

RADF Rep Jane Mulligan 0428547400

~~Glass Glorious Glass~~ with tutor Alison Shaw -

RADF Rep Jane Mulligan 0428547400

~~Photography~~ with tutor to be advised -

RADF Rep Hollie McCarthy 0434629504

(Pending FRRR Funding approval)

~~Unwind with Wire~~ with tutor Kylie Tindall-Smith

Rep Jess Gilby 0457033900

(Pending FRRR Funding approval)

~~Bubbles and Brush Strokes for adults and Busy Bees for kids~~ with tutor Samantha Meurant

Rep Jo Pegler 46564942

### 2020 Memberships are now due for renewal

If anyone is interested in becoming a Rep and organising a new and/or different workshop please contact us at  
cultural\_society@hotmail.com.au

Or feel free to contact any of the committee:

President Jean Hall 0408 374 937

Secretary Gina McConnell 0427 300 021

Treasurer Louise Hall 0488 596 540

The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government and Quilpie Shire Council partnership to support local arts and culture.

## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

[WWW.QUILPIE.QLD.GOV.AU](http://WWW.QUILPIE.QLD.GOV.AU)

TO KEEP UP WITH ALL THE  
LATEST INFORMATION

The Australian Government's Regional Investment Corporation has commenced its AgBiz Drought Loans Program.

Eligible drought-affected small businesses can apply for up to \$500,000 to refinance your debt, pay for operating expenses, pay suppliers or pay salaries, wages and rent. You can apply at any time.

A ten (10) year loan with no charges for early settlement, the first two (2) years interest free with no repayments, required, then three (3) years interest only (currently 3.11% variable) with the last 5 years principal and interest.

For all the details, visit the Regional Investment Corporation at [ric.gov.au/agbiz-drought](http://ric.gov.au/agbiz-drought) or phone them on 1800 875 675 to discuss specific situations including eligibility criteria.

If you decide to proceed with a loan application, the small business counsellors at the Rural Financial Counselling Service Southern Queensland (Charleville office) will be pleased to provide free, confidential assistance to prepare an application. You can contact them on (07) 4654 3455 ([www.rfcssq.org.au](http://www.rfcssq.org.au)).



## Trash & Treasure

WHEN:

Sunday 22nd March

9am – 2pm



**POSTPONED TO  
A DATE TO BE  
ADVISED**

For further information

Please contact

Michelle on

0497 792 761

to set up a  
stall of any type.

Cake Stall,  
Craft Stall,  
White Elephant Stall  
& many more

## Rural Support Training Programs for Semester 1 2020

TAFE Queensland is offering a number of Rural Support Training Programs from February to the end of June 2020. If something interests you check out the website at [tafeqld.edu.au](http://tafeqld.edu.au) or email [RuralSupportTraining.SouthWest@tafe.qld.edu.au](mailto:RuralSupportTraining.SouthWest@tafe.qld.edu.au)

Date	Location	Program
09-10 March 2020	Quilpie	Chemicals
27 April - 01 May 2020	Charleville	Work Readiness for the Meat Processing Sector
11-12 May 2020	Roma	First Aid and CPR Quad Bikes
18-22 May 2020	Charleville	Food Handling RSA Basic Barista Microsoft Word Microsoft Excel
01-02 June 2020	Longreach	Test and Tag
04-05 June 2020	Blackall	Test and Tag
08-12 June 2020	Charleville	HSR (Safety Rep) Training



### From the CEO's Desk

The last Ordinary meeting of Council was held on Friday 13 March 2020.

Council confirmed its approval to grant permission to Dan and Louise Hoch to agist approximately 175 cows (weaners) on the Warrabin Lane Reserve and approximately 125 cows (weaners) on the Dillon's Well Reserve for a period of two (2) months.

Council received three (3) deputations during the meeting. Sasha Lennon of SJ Lennon and Associates attended the meeting to provide Council with an update on the Economic Development Strategy currently under development.

Mr Gary Steer, Director of Nursing at the Quilpie Hospital attended the meeting to discuss Coronavirus, signage and accessibility matters.

Representatives of the 2020 Channel Country Ladies Day attended the meeting to provide Council with an update on planning for the 2020 event to be held in Quilpie.

A request for stop signs on Brolga Street intersections was considered. Council will not proceed at this point in time.

A request related to fencing one of Council's quarry pits was declined.

Council approved the request received from Adavale Sport & Recreation Association for financial assistance of \$5,000 toward entertainment, Insurance costs and Ambulance services for the Adavale Stockman's Challenge, Campdraft, Rodeo, Gymkhana and Bikekhana being held on 3rd, 4th, 5th April 2020, with the funds to be utilised from the Adavale community development funds.

Council also approved the application received from Toompine Progress Assoc. Inc. for financial assistance of \$2,000.00 toward catering at their Annual Easter Gun Shoot being held 10 & 11th April 2020 to be funded from the Toompine community development funds.

Council approved the request received from the Quilpie

Diggers Race Club to purchase the Quilpie Cup naming rights sponsorship package of \$4,000 for the 2020 Quilpie Cup Race Day.

A request for financial assistance to recruit a Diploma qualified childcare worker from Mulga Mates was received. Council resolved to defer a decision on the matter until after the Annual General Meeting of Mulga Mates Inc and the appointment of FGP Moreton Inc. is in effect.

Applications for the shop front subsidy scheme were presented to Council for consideration. Three (3) elected members declared a Material Personal Interest in the item, resulting in there not being a quorum to determine the matter. As such, in accordance with the legislation, the decision was delegated to the CEO. Subsequently, all applications were approved.

The allocation of surplus funds available under the Wild Dog Exclusion Fence (Round 2) program was discussed. Council reallocated the funds to Raymore Station.

Correspondence has been received from the Hon Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, seeking assistance in fast-tracking the delivery of land transport infrastructure projects on local roads. Council will make a submission in relation to the program.

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 Friday 17 April 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

A message from the Adavale Campdraft and Rodeo Committee:

After a discussion with our local police officer and both the Rodeo Council & Campdraft Association, we have decided to postpone our event until later in the year. Hopefully by then, things will have settled down and gotten back to normal.

The new Date that we have decided to run with will be the long weekend in October (2nd, 3rd & 4th of October 2020).

Council is asking residents to consider emailing a photo of your dogs in order that they can be recorded in Council's animal register.

Should your pet go missing or be impounded it will allow easier identification of the owner if they do not have a tag on their collar.

Unfortunately, due to the current concerns over coronavirus, this weekend's Cultural Society workshop (Repurposed fabrics textile collage) has had to be postponed until October. Thank you for your understanding.



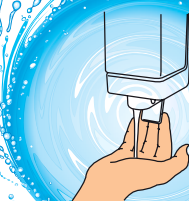
# 6 Steps to successful hand washing

Listen up Quilpie Shire wash your hands, regularly!  
Use soap and water or an alcohol - based hand sanitiser to stop the spread of germs that might be lurking on your hands!

**1** Wet hands with water



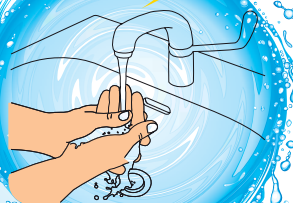
**2** Put soap on hands



**3** Rub hands for 20 seconds



**4** Rinse hands under water



**5** Dry hands with paper towel



**6** Dispose of hand towel in bin



Halliebec Towing and Contracting (41 Chipu Street) is an approved Container Refund point for anyone wanting to recycle eligible beverage containers, bottles or cans. The exchange is open Tuesday from 4.30 - 6.00pm (subject to change). Quantities over 1500 will be taken by appointment. To set up your scheme ID visit [consumer.containersforchange.com.au/create-account](http://consumer.containersforchange.com.au/create-account) or for more information visit [www.containersforchange.com.au](http://www.containersforchange.com.au)



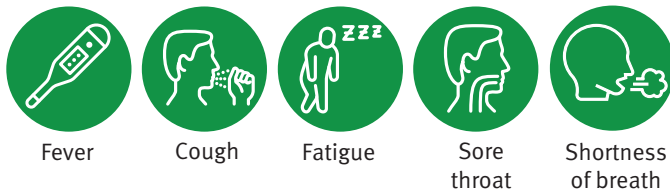


# Novel Coronavirus

## What you need to know

Coronaviruses are a type of virus that can affect humans and animals. Some coronaviruses cause illnesses similar to the common cold and others cause more serious illnesses, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS).

## What are the symptoms?



## How to stop it spreading



### Further information

If you are concerned visit your GP or contact 13HEALTH



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## VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

## NEW OPENING HOURS

November - February

Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 4:30pm

March - October

Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 4:30pm  
Saturday & Sunday: 9:30am to 2:00pm



## RADF Expressions of Interest

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Quilpie Shire Council to support local arts and culture in regional communities.

Quilpie Shire has developed new priorities for the 2020-2021 RADF program. Under the framework of the Arts and Cultural Plan the local priorities are:

### 1. Our People & Community

A creative, engaged, cohesive community which supports and acknowledges its artists and artisans

### 2. Our Place

An appealing, attractive Shire with quality arts & cultural facilities and amenities

### 3. Our Past

Preservation and celebration of our rich natural and cultural heritage

### 4. Our Partnerships

Productive partnerships and alliances within and external to the Region

### 5. Our Prosperity

An arts and cultural sector that contributes economic value and prosperity

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST** for the 2020-21 Program will close on Friday 27 March 2020.

Before submitting an EOI please read the RADF Program Guidelines. EOI forms are available on the Quilpie Shire Council website at [www.quilpie.qld.gov.au](http://www.quilpie.qld.gov.au).

For further information please contact Toni Bonsey at [radf@quilpie.qld.gov.au](mailto:radf@quilpie.qld.gov.au) or telephone (07) 4656 0500.

## 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](mailto:roads@quilpie.qld.gov.au)) to allow residents to advise Council of dangerous experiences.

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

If you drive in an area that has been affected by flooding, plan ahead and make alternative arrangements so you can avoid flooded roads - signs will warn you of the roads that are unsafe to use. Even if the floodwater has subsided, the road may not be safe to use.

If you ignore these signs, you may be fined.



The water over the road sign shows you that there is water over a road ahead—but the road can still be used by vehicles and traffic can still pass with care and attention.



This sign means that the road is temporarily closed to all traffic.

You can get approval to drive past this sign for special reasons—but if you use a restricted road when you shouldn't, you can be fined.



This sign means the road is temporarily closed to all traffic. This may be because the road is damaged or flooded. Penalties apply.

More than half of flood-related deaths are a result of driving through floodwater. Even if it looks calm, no one can predict what floodwater will do or what's happened to the road underneath. Any amount of swift flowing water can sweep away your car, no matter what you drive. Don't risk it.



## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND SENIORS PROGRAM

Michelle Donohue: Health Promotions Officer  
Phone: 46560 500 Mobile: 0427 243 055



## March 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	31					1
2 9.00am Aqua with Alina	3 2.00pm Library Quilpie History Research	4 10.30am CWA Hall Tai Chi	5 9.00am Aqua with Alina 2.00pm CWA Hall Healthy Minds	6 10.30am St Matthews Hall Hoy	7	8
9 9.00am Aqua with Alina	10 2.00pm Library Quilpie History Research	11 10.30am St Matthews Hall Scrabble	12 9.00am Aqua with Alina 2.00pm St Matthews Hall Healthy Minds	13 10.30am Library Bingo	14	15
16 9.00am Aqua with Alina	17 2.00pm Library Quilpie History Research	18 10.00am Quilpie Hospital Foot Care <b>RSVP LUNCH</b>	19 9.00am Aqua with Alina 2.00pm CWA Hall Healthy Minds	20 10.30am St Matthews Hall Jumble Sale	21	22
23 9.00am Aqua with Alina 11.00am Visit to Cultural Society	24 12.00pm Quilpie Hospital Seniors Luncheon	25 10.30am St Matthews Hall Rummikub	26 9.00am Aqua with Alina 2.00pm St Matthews Hall Healthy Minds	27 10.30am CWA Hall Men's Group	28	29



# **Quilpie Shire Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2020 - 2024**

## **Project Update, March 2020**

### **Strategy Background**

Quilpie Shire Council has commissioned consultants SC Lennon & Associates to prepare the **Quilpie Shire Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2020-2024**. When complete, the new strategy will present a clear framework and a plan of action to build on and strengthen partnerships between Council, government, industry and the community, to support the development of the local economy.

Council recognises that it has a role to play in supporting economic development and tourism through strategic planning, information-sharing, advocacy, infrastructure provision and service delivery. The economic development and tourism strategy will guide Council in its capacity to help support local businesses, attract visitors and investment and promote the Shire's appeal as a place to live, work and play.

### **Some Consultation Highlights**

Throughout February and March, the consultant engaged with a diversity of local community and external stakeholders. The discussions highlighted Quilpie Shire's many strengths and attributes, as well as key challenges and opportunities for promoting and facilitating economic development and tourism.

A relaxed outback lifestyle and a strong sense of community, natural environmental attributes, affordable land and quality schools and health care services were highlighted as just some of the Shire's key attributes. With respect to tourism, key strengths include Quilpie Shire's natural environmental attributes, its opal heritage, pioneering history, paleo history (dinosaurs) and its largely untapped Indigenous cultural heritage.

The Shire's most pressing challenges concern its declining population and infrastructure constraints including digital connectivity, mobile phone blackspots and some transport infrastructure shortfalls.

Other noted challenges concern the developing nature of the Shire's tourism sector and a need for investments in a catalyst visitor attraction and critical tourism support infrastructure such as signage and amenities. Customer service standards and clear and consistent tourism branding were also noted as matters requiring attention. Other concerns focus on the district's agricultural and mining sectors, notably the impact that environmental legislation, carbon farming, weeds and feral pests pose for the viability and productivity of land for grazing and small-scale mining.

Agriculture, built on sheep and cattle, is recognised as the district's traditional economic mainstay, and together with mining and a developing tourism industry (as well as Quilpie Shire's lifestyle attributes), is considered a pillar of the local economy underpinning opportunities for economic development.

### **Emerging Strategy Themes and Directions**

From the research and consultation, a vision for economic development and tourism is emerging, which will see Quilpie Shire build on its welcoming outback lifestyle to be widely recognised as a vibrant and connected community and a location of choice in which to live, work, visit and invest.

In response to the research and consultation outputs, the consultant has identified three overarching strategy themes, which will provide the basis for the development of strategy actions and an implementation plan. The draft strategy themes, which will guide Council's efforts in supporting and promoting economic development and tourism are:

- **Theme 1: Support the Development of a Strong and Sustainable Outback Visitor Economy**
- **Theme 2: Support the Sustainable Development of Quilpie Shire's Mining and Agricultural Sectors**
- **Theme 3: Promote Quilpie Shire as a Location for Investment, Employment and Outback Living**

A draft strategy will be presented to Council in mid-April and it is expected that the final **Quilpie Shire Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2020-2024** will be completed before the end of May 2020.

## CURRENT VACANCY

### WORKS COORDINATOR

Fulltime Position

3 Year Fixed Term Contract

Remuneration package to be negotiated

Closing Date: 4.00pm Wednesday 01 April 2020

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](http://www.quilpie.qld.gov.au)



# WE'RE HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM

## Visiting Services

Physiotherapist 26 March

Nurse Navigator 30 March

Early Intervention Parenting Service 25 March

Social Worker 23 March

Dietician 24 March

Occupational Therapist 24 March

Speech Therapist 24 March

Mental Health Every Monday - except Public Holidays

True's Outreach Clinic – Women's Health April - date to be advised

For more information contact the Quilpie Multi-Purpose Hospital Service directly on 07 4656 0100.

A range of specialist services visit CWAATSICH on a regular basis. Please contact them on 4656 1391 to make an appointment.

Speech Therapist – 30 and 31 March

Occupational Therapist – 30 and 31 March

Physiotherapist – 26 and 27 March

Massage Therapist, Ron Murphy will be in Quilpie at dates to be advised. To book for an appointment please ring 0432 377 430

Kerri Vagg offers Remedial Massage therapy in Quilpie. To make an appointment please call 0417 799 426. Health providers offered are Bupa, Medibank and AHM.



## Quilpie State College

### Teacher Aide

### TEMPORARY PART-TIME POSITION

Until 26 June (possible extension)

15 HOURS PER WEEK

#### Your opportunity

As the Teacher Aide you will contribute to the provision of a quality educational service by assisting and supporting teachers with the preparation and enhancement of learning materials and associated activities.

You will be actively supporting students studying in senior secondary (years 11-12) through a School of Distance Education.

#### Applicants are required to:

- Provide a current curriculum vitae
- Nominate 2 referees- one being current supervisor
- You must have or be willing to acquire a Working with Children Check and Blue Card prior to commencing
- A maximum 2 page written response outlining your suitability for the role referring to the below sections

#### How you will be assessed

Within the context of the role described above, the ideal applicant will be someone who has the following key capabilities:

#### 1. Supports strategic direction

Knowledge of or ability to learn quickly about classroom activities and procedures, use and maintenance of resources and school policies.

#### 2. Achieves results

Willingness to undertake specific training to enhance student support as necessary.

#### 3. Supports productive working relationships

Basic understanding of occupational health and safety, equal employment opportunity and anti-discriminatory practices and behaviour as applied in a work environment.

#### 4. Displays personal drive and integrity

Knowledge, skills and ability to work as a teacher aide in a responsible way.

#### 5. Communicates with influence

Demonstrated sound personal qualities of tact, reliability and an ability to work with others both individually and as a member of a team.

Hourly rate starts from \$26.26/hour

For more information and a full job description, please contact:

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Applications can be emailed, hand delivered or posted to Quilpie State College.

March 26<sup>th</sup> is purple day for epilepsy awareness

# epilepsy

things YOU can do

- wear purple
- teach someone how to respond to a seizure
- share some facts

1 in 10 will have a seizure  
1 in 26 will develop epilepsy  
there is no cure

teach & reach ONE NEW person about epilepsy





### How can I prevent the spread of coronavirus?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene and keeping your distance from others when you are sick is the best defence against most viruses. You should:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet.
- Cover your cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and wash your hands.
- If unwell, avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 metres from people)
- Exercise personal responsibility for social distancing measures.

### Going outside

If you live in a private house, it is safe for you to go into your garden or courtyard. If you live in an apartment or are staying in a hotel, it is also safe for you to go into the garden but you should wear a surgical mask to minimise risk to others and move quickly through any common areas.

### Advice for others living with you

Others that live with you are not required to be isolated unless they meet one of the isolation criteria outlined above. If you develop symptoms and are suspected to have coronavirus, they will be classified as close contacts and will need to be isolated.

### Cleaning

To minimise the spread of any germs you should regularly clean surfaces that are frequently touched such as door handles, light switches, kitchen and bathroom areas. Clean with household detergent or disinfectant.

### Managing the 14 day isolation

Being in isolation can be stressful and boring. Suggestions include:

- Keep in touch with family members and friends via telephone, email or social media.
- Learn about coronavirus and talk with others.
- Reassure young children using age-appropriate language.
- Where possible, keep up normal daily routines, such as eating and exercise.
- Arrange to work from home.
- Ask your child's school to supply assignments or homework by post or email.
- Do things that help you relax and use isolation as an opportunity to do activities you don't usually have time for.

### More information

For the latest advice, information and resources, go to [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)

Call the National Coronavirus Help Line on 1800 020 080. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you require translating or interpreting services, call 131 450.

The phone number of your state or territory public health agency is available at [www.health.gov.au/state-territory-contacts](http://www.health.gov.au/state-territory-contacts)

If you have concerns about your health, speak to your doctor.

### Isolation guidance

If you have returned to Australia from overseas, or been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus, special restrictions apply. This information sheet should be read in conjunction with the 'What you need to know' and 'Isolation guidance' information sheets at [www.health.gov.au/covid19-resources](http://www.health.gov.au/covid19-resources)

### Who needs to isolate?

All people who arrive in Australia from midnight 15 March 2020, or think may they have been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus, are required to self-isolate for 14 days.

### Stay at home or in your hotel

When travelling home or to your hotel to start isolation use personal transport, such as a car, to minimise exposure to others. If you need to use public transport (e.g. taxis, ride-hail services, trains, buses and trams), follow the precautions outlined in the public transport guide at [www.health.gov.au/covid19-resources](http://www.health.gov.au/covid19-resources)

During the 14 days of isolation, you must stay at home or in your hotel and don't go to public places including work, school, childcare, university or public gatherings. Only people who usually live with you should be in the home. Do not see visitors. If you are in a hotel, avoid contact with other guests or staff.

If you are well, there is no need to wear surgical masks at home. Ask others who are not in isolation to get food and necessities for you. If you must leave home, such as to seek medical care, wear a surgical mask. If you don't have a mask, take care to not cough or sneeze on others. For more information about when to wear a mask, visit: [www.health.gov.au/covid19-resources](http://www.health.gov.au/covid19-resources)

### Monitor symptoms

When in isolation, monitor yourself for symptoms including fever, cough, sore throat, tiredness or shortness of breath. Other possible symptoms include chills, body aches, runny nose and muscle pain.

### What do I do if I get sick?

If you develop symptoms (fever, a cough, sore throat, tiredness or shortness of breath) within 14 days of returning to Australia, or within 14 days of last contact of a confirmed case, you should arrange to see your doctor for urgent assessment.

You should telephone the health clinic or hospital before you arrive and tell them your travel history or that you have been in contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus.

You must remain isolated either in your home, hotel or a healthcare setting until public health authorities inform you it is safe for you to return to your usual activities.



Participants of the Community Activities and Seniors Program undertaking Quilpie History Research at the Quilpie Library.

# 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**

