

17 August 2020

The breaking news this month is that our CEO, Dave Burges, and his wife, Nina, are leaving Quilpie after nine years. Dave has accepted a CEO position at an eastern shire, a far larger shire than Quilpie and a major promotion for him. Nine years is an inordinate amount of time for a CEO to spend at one council in local government world and we have been most fortunate to have them both for that time.

No one is irreplaceable but no one can be completely replaced either. Dave has brought a set of skills to the shire that we won't find in his replacement but they, in turn, will bring their own unique assets to the job and, hopefully, keep Quilpie Shire on an equally positive and progressive course. Dave, with his engineering background, was the perfect person to have on board over the last nine years as Quilpie Shire has gone through an extensive development stage, with so many projects, planned, funded and delivered on time and at cost. The shire was in a strong financial position when he came but he has left it even better placed, despite the major developments over his time.

Of course a council is not a one man show and we have seen the staff contingent develop over time, with Dave's guidance, to be an organisation that would be the envy of many other councils across the state. That is why we have been able to deliver what we do. Nina, steadfastly by Dave's side, has been a quiet and unsung contributor, especially in the governance and communications areas, and her expertise is also going to be sorely missed. I am probably the only one who knows how much extra time they have put into their respective roles above and beyond normal working hours. Together they have been a great package for us and we will miss them but also thank them for their enormous contribution and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

As we progress through 2020, a particularly unusual year because of the coronavirus pandemic, we are seeing a light shone on our community and, in fact, society generally, like we haven't seen for many, many years. We are seeing the inherently important things in life becoming more obvious and appreciated to the point that people who live in regional Australia have probably never felt happier that they live where they live. We are seeing how people are

really appreciating their jobs and that will only increase as the support programs start to drop off.

I sense quite a lot of positivity across the shire at the moment as our core industries are quite buoyant. Our truckies are busy, the graziers are positive (rain does that!!), the resource companies are ticking along, although really challenged by low oil prices and world events generally, and since the June holidays, we have seen a quiet influx of tourists that are supporting our local businesses possibly better than they ever have.

These tourists, (and thank you for being out here if you are reading this) are not on the way to the Big Bash or the Birdsville Races, they are here because they want to be in Quilpie Shire and western Queensland generally. There is a lot to do, good places to stay and good food and hospitality. Thank you to all those businesses that are providing such great service to our visitors and locals alike. I am also, though, very mindful of those hospitality businesses that have had such a tough year dealing with the closures, initially, and now the increased compliance that is putting a substantial amount of pressure on you, both personally and financially. It has been a particularly challenging year.

Speaking of shining a light on aspects of our life, I have heard comments from our local businesses about the boost they have received from people buying locally who would have normally bought product away, through nothing more than habit. They found themselves buying from the local shop because, during lockdown, they literally couldn't go to the next town! If it really doesn't make much difference to you buy it from your local shop. Believe me, it makes a huge difference!

The year 2020 is certainly turning out to be a year of challenge and change but I get the feeling that the "new" world that is being created at the moment is actually reinforcing those of us living in the bush to feel more positive, more appreciative and more comfortable to be living where we are.

Kind Regards to All,

Stuart Mackenzie

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Afterschool Activities

(Mondays Fortnightly) 5 – 9 yrs 3.30pm – 4.30pm CWA Hall



Afternoon Tea Provided
Limit 10 Children
For further information contact
HPO Michelle Donohue
0427 243 055

See you there Monday 24 August!

INVASIVE PESTS SCHEME 2020-2021

Rural Property Owners

Rural property owners are reminded that completed Invasive Pests Scheme control forms must be returned to Council at your earliest opportunity.

Should you require further information or assistance please contact Council's Director of Corporate and Community Services, Lisa Hamlyn, on 4656 0500.

HELP US TAKE CARE OF OUR ROADS

It is always lovely when it rains in our shire but did you know it is often when unnecessary damage to roads occurs?

While the upkeep and maintenance of roads is Council's responsibility, you can assist by staying off unsealed roads for at least 48 hours after rain. The damage that occurs by driving on wet roads lasts for many months until Council contractors or staff can work on the road.

By staying home, we can keep the roads in good condition, potentially not cause damage to your vehicle, and potentially not have the embarrassment of getting badly bogged.

Council formally closes the roads after reasonable rainfall and as such if you drive on the road you are breaking the law.

ISSUE OF RATES NOTICES

Ratepayers of the Quilpie Shire Council are advised that rate notices for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 December will be issued **TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2020**.

Rates are due WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2020, with the exception of rural landowners in rating category 6.

Council has granted an extension of time for these RURAL properties and the due date for payment will be FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 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.



YOUTH CENTRE: Wednesday afternoons for 10 –16 year olds at the CWA Hall. Afternoon Tea provided

Limit 10 Kids

Centre will be closed on 19 and 26 August



WILD DOG EXCLUSION FENCE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

ROUND 4

Council has allocated \$250,000 in their recently adopted 2020/2021 budget for a further exclusion fence subsidy scheme.

The amount of subsidy to be provided under this scheme is \$2,500 per kilometre and the scheme will be administered largely in accordance with previous subsidy schemes.

Please note that unsuccessful applications submitted to Council under previous subsidy programs will need to be resubmitted on the revised application form to be considered as part of this process.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2020.

If you have any questions relating to the application process, please contact Council's CEO Dave Burges on 07 4656 0500.

Application forms are available on Council's website at quilpie.qld.gov.au/2020/08/10/wild-dog-exclusion-fencing-subsidy-scheme-4/.

OUTBACK QUEENSLAND JOBS BOARD

www.outbackqueenslandjobs.com.au

Outback Queensland Jobs offers a free service available to businesses (the potential employers) and job seekers in the Central West, South West and Far West Queensland regions.

With quick and easy registration, register using your business email or any social media account you like.

Once registered use the smart form to create and save your job. You can share the job ad via email, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn or Google (Gmail).

You can quickly see who applied and view their applications at any time.

PLEASE CONSIDER OUR LOCAL BUSINESS operators who are grappling with ongoing restrictions and regulations as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Local businesses are at the forefront of preventing the spread of coronavirus and must adhere to strict rules and regulations imposed by Queensland Health and the Government. When being served by a local business, please take the time to consider their role and duties and be patient. After all, we're all in this together.

If you have **any** of the following COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild, get tested:



Fever



Cough



Sore throat



Shortness of breath



Runny nose



Fatigue



Loss of smell and/or taste

Call emergency services on 000 if you are very sick.

Where to get tested

If you have any symptoms of COVID-19, you can visit:

Your local doctor

Before your appointment, please call ahead and tell them about your symptoms so they can prepare for your visit.





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Calling all Potters

a n d

Would be Potters



Our new kiln has been ordered

So if you're all fired up about that news and want to get your hands dirty give Willem a call on 0400 792 711



The Small Business Financial Counselling Program will be in Quilpie on Wednesday the 26TH OF August

Businesses in Quilpie who are experiencing financial hardship due to drought or COVID19 are encouraged

to contact the program to arrange a consultation.

Contact your local financial counsellor, Michelle Gordon on 0488 182 161 or michelle.gordon@rfcssq.org.au

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.

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

ACCESS TO SEWER MANHOLES

Please be advised that on **Thursday 27 and Friday 28 August 2020** a member of the Quilpie Shire Plumbing Staff and South West Pest Control will be entering yards to spray the Sewer Manholes between the hours of 7am and 5pm. Please ensure any dogs are restrained to allow access.

FLOOD DAMAGE WORKS UPDATE

Flood damage works are continuing across the shire. The following roads are anticipated to be completed by 20 December 2020:

- Big Creek Road;
- Boran Road;
- Bowallie-Tobermory Road (completed);
- Cane Grass Road (completed);
- Duck Creek Road;
- Durham Downs River Road (completed);
- Gooyea Road;
- Hell Hole Gorge Road;
- Ingeberry Road;
- Keeroongooloo Road;
- Mt Howitt Road;
- Mullianna Road;
- Napoleon Road;
- Nimboy Road;
- Old Charleville Road;
- Pinkenetta Road (completed);
- Ray Road (completed);
- Tobermory Road; and
- Wareo Road.

The estimated value of the work is in excess of \$10.8 Million.

SMALL BUSINESS ADAPTION GRANT PROGRAM ROUND 2

The Queensland Government has extended the Small Business Adaption Grant Program. The available grant amount is a minimum of \$2,000 and up to a maximum of \$10,000 per eligible small business. In Stage 2 of Queensland's Economic Recovery Strategy, up to \$100 million is available, with half of this funding specifically earmarked for regional small businesses in our region.

For all the details visit https://www.business.qld.gov.au/ starting-business/advice-support/grants/adaption

POLICE NEWS:

ROAD SAFETY:

It is that time of the year again when the weather turns great and the tourists turn up to enjoy the great south west. Many of these visitors come from the urban coastal areas and their knowledge of the 'right of way' rules on our streets is somewhat confusing / limited. When driving in Quilpie please be mindful that the tourists and even some locals might not be 'switched on' that day regarding who gives way to who at the intersections.

The month of August has also been designated Rural Road Safety Month which is a nationally sponsored education campaign encouraging all road users particularly those of us that live in the non metropolitan / regional areas to take extra care when on our roads.

Despite smaller population numbers, rural road fatalities make up two thirds of the annual death count according to the Australian Road safety Foundation. Quilpie Police will be conducting regular patrols of the roads and town as well as community engagement programs such as road safety talks at our local schools.

Remember 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.

Also when driving around town keep an eye out for our kids on their bicycles. Kids being kids they are unpredictable, and they may not have the best road sense. We live in a great town that allows our kids the freedom to move about and explore however we don't want this freedom curtailed by unsafe behaviour. I have spoken to a number of parents recently about the necessity of kids to abide by the rules when riding around town. Your child's behaviour is a parental responsibility not a Police one. I have no problem with any adult chipping any kid they see doing the wrong thing as long as it is done respectfully with the appropriate language and behaviour.

PROPERTY SECURITY:

While we are very lucky in the Quilpie Shire with regard to losing property to theft. With the increase in tourists and people passing through our area it is important that we don't give thieves the opportunity. Most stealing is spur of the moment theft so if your vehicle is locked and gear in the trays are secured you should not lose anything.

Rural Road Safety Month





My road safety pledge

I promise that I will:

- · Always be fit to drive
- · Scan the road ahead
- · Know my limits and plan my trip
- · Stay sharp and take regular breaks
- Not drive through flooded waters
- Be alert for wildlife and livestock
 - Drive to suit the conditions





















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RURAL ROAD SAFETY MONTH 2020 QUEENSLAND FACT SHEET

Despite smaller population numbers, rural road fatalities make up two thirds of the annual death count:

- Interestingly, when it came to improving city or regional roads, Queensland drivers believe that a change in attitudes and behaviours would have a greater impact in cities (55%), but not as much in regional areas (33%).
- This is despite the fact that 83% of both metro and regional drivers admit
 to dangerous driving behaviour generally, and a similar number of metro
 (16%) and regional (22%) drivers confess to being more likely to break a
 road rule in rural areas.
- Drunk driving, distraction and running stop signs are the top three dangerous driving behaviours that are more likely to impact rural Queensland drivers than Brisbane drivers.
- However, it's also dangers beyond just the driver's seat creating added risk in rural areas. In fact, rural Queensland residents were also more likely to ride bicycles after a few alcoholic drinks.
- It's important to note, however, that dangerous road behaviours occur less frequently in rural areas compared to city streets and still more fatalities happen in regional areas. This goes to show that even one dangerous choice can have grave consequences.

www.arsf.com.au I 1300 723 843

FROM THE CEO'S DESK

The last Ordinary meeting of Council was held on Friday 14 July 2020.

Council approved the request for assistance received from the Quilpie Sporting Clays Club Inc. to the value of \$2,500 to assist with the cost of laying concrete lanes for Down The Line shooting and a concrete slab for the Down The Line trap-house.

Council also approved the request for financial assistance received from the QLD Opal Miners Association Inc. for \$2,500 toward the "Television Awareness Campaign and Promotion", with moderate overtones to help the Small Scale Miners Industry.

Council will support the 2020 Naidoc Week school initiative with a \$450 contribution towards printing and distribution for students within the shire.

The Land Valuation Act 2010 requires the Valuer-General to undertake an annual statutory valuation of all rateable land in Queensland except in unusual circumstances. Council will request that a valuation be undertaken.

A request for assistance has been received in relation to upgrading / repairing the Adavale cooling pond. Council resolved to offer to pay 50% of the material costs to the approximate value of \$17,000 to rehabilitate/upgrade the cooling pond and grid subject to the following conditions:

- That property beneficiaries of the scheme enter into an Agreement with Council to access water from the Council town bore; and
- That Council has no future contribution or obligation to the scheme.

A request to install an automatic gate on Ingeberry Road and Mulianna Road was approved subject to conditions.

As part of the annual plant replacement program Council awarded contracts for the purchase of a front end loader, a backhoe and a grader.

Following a request from the Quilpie Bowlers, Council approved a donation of \$2,500 in support of the carnival being held in October.

Council also resolved to contribute \$2,000 to the Townsville Sunrise Rotary Club towards the "Red Socks" initiative to increase awareness of prostate cancer.

As usual a variety of other administrative matters were considered.

The full minutes of the Council meeting are usually available on Council's website the Tuesday or Wednesday following a Friday meeting.

Residents are also reminded that Councillors are happy to speak to members of the public at any time.

Regards,

Dave B.



PETS CAN'T ADD. BUT THEY MULTIPLY.

July is National Desexing Month with nationwide discounts on desexing.



Thank you to all the very generous donors who made contributions to Quilpie Shire Council's National Pyjama Day fundraiser.

A total of \$1,672.25 was raised for the Pyjama Foundation.





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Wool Felt Hats

Saturday 22nd August

Limited to 6 people!!

Wool Felt Scarf or Purse

Sunday 23rd August

Limited to 10 people!!

With Gail Grunskie

Quilpie Cultural Society Building

Bookings essential as numbers limited To Book contact Gina on 0427 300 021



Members \$35.00 Non-Members \$70.00 Pensioners \$30.00 Children (under 15) \$20.00 (if parent is a paid member)

> Student kits \$35 each purchased from Gail

Funded by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.

Visiting Services

Please contact the medical practice on 4656 1158 or CWAATSICH on 4656 1391 for information on upcoming visits.

Do you know a young person with a great story to tell?

Heywire is an opportunity for young rural Australians to have their voices heard, and share what life is like in their part of the world with the rest of the nation.

This annual storytelling competition, run by the ABC, showcases what it's like to live in regional, rural and remote Australia.

Winning Heywire is a chance for young people to have their story told on the ABC and see the impact their story can have. Entries are open now and close on September 16th.

http://www.abc.net.au/heywire/competition/





Residents are advised that a new waste pit has been opened at the Quilpie dump.

To access the pit to dispose of general waste please continue following the road past the old pit and around to the left to access the new one.

The aerial map, left, depicts the location of the pit.

Council would also like to remind residents to please follow signage instructions in relation to placing materials in designated areas (oil waste, white goods, metal, tyres, green waste, concrete etc.).





RACQ FOUNDATION APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

If you are a community organisation in Queensland impacted by COVID-19, natural disasters or drought you can apply for funding.

Applications close:

Round 1 - Closed 21 February 2020

Round 2 - Closed 17 July 2020

Round 3 - 7 September 2020

For more information visit: https://www.racq.com.au/about/community-and-sponsorships/racq-foundation#apply





Free online dementia education for everyone

Recent research† suggests that around 40% of dementia cases might be prevented or delayed by modifying risk factors.

The Preventing Dementia MOOC (massive open online course) examines the latest evidence on dementia risk factors and ways to reduce the risk. This free online course is open to everyone and members of your network may be interested in learning how to reduce their dementia risk. Being part of an online community of participants can also reduce feelings of isolation.

You are never too young or too old to do something about your dementia risk.

Enrolments are now open for the next Preventing Dementia MOOC

Course opens: 6th October 2020

Course duration: 4 weeks

Estimated effort: 2 hours per week

Course access: Day or night, on your smart

phone, tablet or computer

Course closes: 20th November 2020 (content is accessible across 6 weeks)

Completion certificate? Yes, there is a personalised certificate on completion

Cost: FREE

For all the details visit https://mooc.utas.edu.au/

Top 5 Reasons to enrol now

- 1. This online course is FREE
- 2. Suited to everyone with an interest in brain health
- 3. Learn how to reduce your risk of developing dementia
- 4. Hear the latest evidence from leading researchers
- 5. Earn a personalised certificate on completion.



PLEASE REMEMBER

The Do's and Don'ts of Waste Collection

Please ensure bin lids are CLOSED so the rubbish truck can empty the bin efficiently and to avoid animals spreading rubbish.

Yes In The Bin

- Bathroom and Laundry Items
- Tupperware / kitchen Items
- Paper and Cardboard
- Cans, Bottles & Plastics
- General Waste

DUILPIE

- Food Scraps, Tins etc.
- Clothing and Nappies
- Small Amounts of Green Waste

Not In the Bin

- Bricks, Hot Ashes and Steel
- Gas Bottle, Hazardous Materials
- Building Materials
- Timber, Concrete, Soil
- Liquids (oil, fuel etc)
- Syringes and Medical Waste
- Large Quantities of Green Waste ie. Soil, branches, Rocks etc



Cancer Council Daffodil Day Appeal

Friday 28 August 2020.

The Daffodil Day Appeal is Cancer Council's most iconic and much-loved fundraising campaign. It is a day for Australians to come together and donate to help stop cancer.

This year, the Daffodil Day Appeal aims to raise more than \$2 million for life-saving cancer research.

Visit www.daffodilday.com.au



GIVIT

Can we help?



GIVIT can provide free essential items for the people you support

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Simply register with GIVIT and start accessing hundreds of free donated items. You can also request specific items you need for your service or the people you support, including school uniforms, washing machines, beds, bedding, sporting equipment and food vouchers.

REGISTER

It's quick, free and easy!

Visit givit.org.au and submit your organisation's

REQUEST

See what's available or tell us what you need. A quick and easy search on GIVIT will show what is available near you. Or, simply place a request online and we'll work to match you with a donor who can provide that item.

RECEIVE

Help your client!

Once a donation match is made, your details are automatically swapped with the donor for you to organise collection or delivery.





Thank you

On behalf of the community,
Council would like to
acknowledge and thank the
local truck drivers who travel
responsibly through town.



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/cre ate-account or for more information visit www.containersforchange.com.au



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Quilpie Cultural Society Workshops 2020

22nd – 23rd August FRRR – CONFIRMED
Felt Hats and scarf/Purse with tutor Gail
Grunskie

Rep Gina McConnell 0427 300 021

29th – 30th August RADF - Unconfirmed
Pastel Techniques with Maxine Thompson
Rep Jo Pegler 4656 4942

19th – 20th September RADF – CONFIRMED Ironwork with Brian Rutledge Rep Kylie Rutledge 4656 4731

25th- 26th September FRRR - Unconfirmed Art with Jan Lawnikanis Rep Jo Pegler 4656 4942

2nd – **4**th **October** RADF - **Unconfirmed Glass Glorious Glass** with tutor Alison Shaw Rep Jane Mulligan 0428 547 400

16th – 19th October OR 30th Oct – 2nd November RADF – To Be Confirmed Definitely

Crazy Quilting – Repurposed Fabrics
Textile Collage with tutor Jennifer Clouston
Rep Jan McConnell 0428 562 083



Funded by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal

November or December – To Be Confirmed Definitely

Unwind with Wire with tutor Kylie Tindall-Smith – FRRR Rep Jess Gilby 0457 033 900

Workshop dates to be advised:

Silver Casting with tutor Dan Cox - RADF Rep Jane Mulligan 0428 547 400

Photography with tutor to be advised

Bubbles and Brush Strokes for adults and **Busy Bees** for kids with tutor Samantha Meurant - FRRR Rep Jo Pegler 4656 4942

POSTPONED TO 2021 Furniture Restoration with Dean Timms

POSTPONED TO 2021 Upholstery with Tim Symons

POSTPONED TO 2021 Embroidery

with Cathy Sotiriou







The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)

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









Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

The Salvation Army is working together with St Vincent de Paul Society to deliver the Drought Community Support Initiative – Round 2 (DCSI) for eligible drought affected households.

If you're a farmer, farm worker or farm supplier/contractor who is struggling financially because of the drought, you may be entitled to receive a one-off payment of up to \$3,000 funded by the Australian Government's Drought Community Support Initiative – Round 2 (DCSI).

To be eligible you'll need to be over 18, an Australian citizen or permanent resident, and live/work in a specified Local Government Area (LGA).

Payments can cover numerous expenses such as groceries, vehicle maintenance, energy & utility bills, health & medical expenses.

Eligible households can apply for assistance by:

Calling our assistance line:

1300 551 030

or applying online:

Go to **salvationarmy.org.au/drought** and fill out an assistance form.

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.



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



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

