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# Ordinary Meeting of Council

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## MINUTES

Friday 10 July 2020

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom  
50 Brolga Street, Quilpie Qld 4480





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### 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10.57am.

### 2 PRESENT

Cr Stuart Mackenzie (Mayor)

Cr Jenny Hewson (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Roger Volz

Cr Bruce Paulsen

Cr Lyn Barnes

Mr Dave Burges (Chief Executive Officer)

In attendance: Mrs Nina Burges (Minutes Secretary)

### 3 APOLOGIES

Nil

### 4 CONDOLENCES

Council noted the recent passing of Gil Heron and Lucy Houghton and expressed their condolences to the families.

### 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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



#### **MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED**

Cr Mackenzie declared he has a material personal interest (as defined by section 175B of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in item 14.2 as follows:

Cr Mackenzie owns Plevna Station. Cr Mackenzie's son has made application to install an internal grid on Mt Howitt Road in Plevna Station. Cr Mackenzie and his family stand to gain a financial benefit depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter.

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

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED**

Cr Paulsen declared he has a conflict of interest (as defined by section 175D of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in item 17.2 (Request for assistance – Quilpie Golf Club) as follows:

Cr Paulsen is President of the Quilpie Golf Club.

Cr Paulsen advised that he will be leaving the meeting while the matter is discussed and voted on.

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Cr Volz is Secretary of the Quilpie Golf Club.

Cr Volz advised that he will be leaving the meeting while the matter is discussed and voted on.

Through the Chair, Cr Lyn Barnes advised the meeting that she would like to present an update on the Eromanga Natural History Museum in general business.

#### **MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DECLARED**

Cr Mackenzie declared he has a material personal interest (as defined by section 175B of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in General Business Item 'Eromanga Natural History Museum Update'.

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

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



## 6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 6.1 (07/20) – Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held Friday 12 June 2020

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday, 12 June 2020.

Resolution No: (01-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 12 June 2020 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.*

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## 7 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil.

## 8 MAYORAL REPORT

The Mayor and Councillors provided brief updates on activities they have undertaken since the June Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Cr Stuart Mackenzie attended the Adavale and Toompine community meetings, noting the high attendance numbers were pleasing to see. On the same day the Mayor attended a Council workshop to discuss budget matters and the Quilpie Wellspring proposal.

Cr Mackenzie participated in the Regional Development Australia (Darling Downs and South West) (RDADDSW) meeting via Zoom. Digital connectivity and the need for local government authorities to collaborate to improve services in this regard was discussed.

The Mayor also participated in a teleconference between South West Regional Economic Development Board (SWRED) and Federal Government representatives to highlight the negative impacts that can result from carbon farming.

Mr Stuart Gordon, CEO of the Western Queensland Primary Health Network (WQPHN) visited Quilpie and met with Cr Mackenzie and Cr Bruce Paulsen.

As a representative on the stakeholder panel, Cr Mackenzie attended a meeting to discuss the Federal Government's Geological and Bioregional Assessment Program (GBA) for the Cooper Basin. He also held discussions with Mr Kev Phillips of the Queensland Opal Miners Association to discuss impacts the GBA may have on opal miners.

Other meetings Cr Mackenzie participated in included a strategic planning meeting with the South West Hospital and Health Service (SWHHS), a meeting with Department of Transport and Main Roads Regional Director, Kym Murphy, two (2) Premier conferences and an Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) meeting.



## 9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Cr Jenny Hewson advised she was out of the shire for the majority of the time since the last council meeting however she did attend the Local Government Association of Queensland 'Civic Leaders Summit' for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Chief Executive Officers. Cr Hewson also noted the quality of work undertaken on Pinkenetta Road.

Cr Roger Volz attended the Adavale and Toompine meetings and the Council workshop. While in Toowoomba, Cr Volz met with Mr Robert Prestipino (Vital Places) and Associate Professor Ben Lyons (University of Southern Queensland) to discuss potential school involvement opportunities that can be explored should the Quilpie Wellspring business case proceed.

Cr Volz advised he had held discussions with a number of businesses regarding tourism visitor numbers.

Cr Bruce Paulsen conveyed his apologies for being unable to attend the Adavale and Toompine community meetings, however he was able to participate in the council workshop held that day. Cr Paulsen also attended the WQPHN meeting with Cr Mackenzie and Mr Stuart Gordon.

Cr Paulsen held discussions with Mrs Robyn Mackenzie of the Eromanga Natural History Museum, a rural resident in relation to the Invasive Pests Control Scheme, and Council's Director of Corporate and Community services in relation to a possible youth holiday camp.

Council's CEO and Cr Paulsen visited two (2) business operators on Sommerfield Road to discuss property access issues.

Cr Lyn Barnes undertook a number of activities throughout the month. In addition to the Adavale and Toompine meetings as well as the Council workshop Cr Barnes noted the following:

- Discussions were held with Mrs Robyn Mackenzie in relation to the Eromanga Natural History Museum's application to the Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund, the unsuccessful application to Building Better Regions Fund and the invitation to submit a full business case to the Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund;
- Participation in the SWRED teleconference regarding the socio-economic impacts of carbon farming in South West Queensland;
- Received a request from an Adavale resident regarding the locating a defibrillator in Adavale for emergencies. Advised to contact CEO with request, which has now been actioned.
- Advised by Quilpie resident of extreme waiting times being experienced by Shire residents for elective surgery. Referred matter to Deputy Mayor Jenny Hewson for investigation under her portfolio of Health and Community Services
- Held discussions with Mr Kev Phillips in relation to potential support for a proposed marketing campaign and gathering support for the campaign from neighbouring shires where opal and other small mining industries operate;
- Compilation of an email to the business community of Quilpie Shire asking for help in the form of letters supporting the building of new crossing of the Bulloo River at South Comongin to provide evidence of need to the Department of Transport and Main Roads;
- Follow up discussions with Quilpie businesses severely impacted by Covid19 shutdown to ascertain progress under lifting of intra-state travel restrictions and the effect of regulations on their business;
- Received a call from a shire landholder regarding the prospect of further Quilpie Shire Council and State Government funding for exclusion fencing in 2020/21; and



- Received an enquiry from local business owner and landholder regarding the status of increased mobile phone coverage throughout the Shire.

## 10 STATUS REPORTS

### 10.1 (07/20) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

### 10.2 (07/20) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

### 10.3 (07/20) – Financial Services Status Reports

Noted.

### 10.4 (07/20) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

## 11 ENGINEERING SERVICES

No reports.

## 12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

### 12.1 (07/20) – Community Assistance Grant Application – Quilpie Sport & Recreation Inc.

An application was received from Quilpie Sport & Recreation Inc for Council's consideration for a Community Assistance Grant of \$2,000 to assist community members to undertake a Certificate III in Fitness Education through Fit Education online.

*Resolution No: (02-07-20)*

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

*That Council approve the request received from Quilpie Sport & Recreation Inc. for \$2,000 to assist five (5) community members to undertake a Certificate III in Fitness Education through Fit Education.*

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## 13 FINANCE

### 13.1 (07/20) – Financial Services Report for Month Ending 30 June 2020

The Finance report for the period ending 30 June 2020 was presented to Council for consideration.



## ATTENDANCE

Council's Manager Finance, Mrs Arminda David attended the meeting at 12.07pm.

Resolution No: (03-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 30 June 2020 as presented in Item 13.1 of the accompanying Agenda.*

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## ATTENDANCE

Mrs David left the meeting at 12.18pm.

## 14 GOVERNANCE

### 14.1 (07/20) – Tender T07 1920 Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers – Contractors for 2020-2022

The panels of prequalified suppliers for 2020-2022 were considered by Council at their Ordinary Meeting held on 12 June 2020. At the meeting it was noted that a regular tenderer had not made a submission. In the past, Council has accepted late / additional registrations for the prequalified panels during the course of the period.

Resolution No: (04-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council accepts the submission from Springall's Mechanical to be included on T07 Register of Prequalified Suppliers – Contractors for 2020-2022.*

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

#### ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie left the meeting at 12.19pm and Cr Hewson assumed the role of Chair.

#### 14.2 (07/20) – Request for Grid

By email of 29 June 2020. Mr Sandy Mackenzie is requesting approval to install a grid on Mt Howitt Road. The grid is an internal grid.

The short term costs are not excessive however Council will take ownership of the grid and be responsible for ongoing maintenance and renewal.

Resolution No: (05-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council approve the request from Sandy Mackenzie for a grid on Mt Howitt Road.*

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#### ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 12.22pm and resumed the role of Chair.

#### 14.3 (07/20) – Attendance at LGAQ Annual Conference

Held annually in October, the Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference provides an important opportunity for councils to not only network and learn but also to debate and vote on new policy. The event doubles as the Association's AGM.

The LGAQ Annual Conference is being held from Monday 19 to Wednesday 21 October 2020 at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Resolution No: (06-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council authorise all elected members to attend the 2020 LGAQ Annual Conference.*

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#### 14.4 (07/20) – Attendance at Western Queensland Alliance of Councils Assembly

The Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) is a new collaboration of the three (3) regional organisations of council in Western Queensland covering 60% of the State.

Mayors, Deputy Mayors and CEOs of the 21 member councils have been invited to attend the inaugural Assembly of the organisation.

Resolution No: (07-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Roger Volz

**Seconded by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

*That Council authorise Councillor Mackenzie and Councillor Hewson to attend the 2020 inaugural Western Alliance of Councils assembly in Longreach.*

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#### 14.5 (07/20) – Call for Motions – Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference

The Local Government Association of Queensland is calling for motions for the 2020 Annual Conference to be held at the Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre from Monday 19 to Wednesday 21 October 2020.

Resolution No: (08-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

*That Council submit the following motions to the LGAQ Annual Conference:*

- *Issues associated with the over regulation of the 'Pristine Rivers' legislation and in particular the Lake Eyre Basin catchment;*
- *Call on State and Federal Governments to coordinate and commit additional funding to seriously address the digital connectivity issues across the State and in particular regional and rural Queensland; and*
- *To call on the State Government to expedite the exploration and development of the mineral resources in south west Queensland.*

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#### 14.6 (07/20) – Quilpie Wellspring Business Case

Following the relocation of the Council Depot to its new location in 2016, Council advised that it wished to commence planning for the future redevelopment of the original site. Following initial community consultation, Council engaged Vital Places to undertake preliminary concept development including workshops with Council. Council applied for funding for the business case under the State Government's Building our Regions program (round 5) in late 2019. Council has subsequently been



advised that the application was unsuccessful. To assist in the decision on whether to proceed with the business case without external funding, community meetings were held in May and June 2020.

Resolution No: (09-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That in accordance with section 235 (a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolves that it is satisfied that there is only 1 supplier who is reasonably available to undertake the business case for the Quilpie Wellspring project, namely Vital Places, due to their extensive and prolonged involvement in the project and the intellectual knowledge gained throughout such involvement.*

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Resolution No: (10-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Roger Volz

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the proposal from Vital Places for the business case for the Quilpie Wellspring project and accept the final proposal for an amount up to \$236,500 plus GST plus travel and accommodation.*

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## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.24pm and resumed at 1.41pm.

## 14.7 (07/20) – Delegations Register

Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009 (the Act)* provides for a local government to delegate a power under the Act or another Act to the Chief Executive Officer. A range of other legislative instruments also make provision for delegations.

Resolution No: (11-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009, the powers referred to in the document titled "Register of Delegations – Council to CEO" are adopted in accordance with the proposed amendments presented in item 14.7 of the accompanying agenda.*

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#### 14.8 (07/20) – 2019/2020 Operational Plan 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Review

S174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the chief executive officer to present a written assessment of the local government's progress towards implementing the annual operational plan at meetings of the local government held at regular intervals of not more than 3 months.

Resolution No: (12-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That the 2019-20 Operational Plan be reviewed for the fourth quarter and noted.*

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### 15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Resolution No: (13-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Roger Volz

**Seconded by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

*That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 2.18pm to discuss the following matters:*

- Various rating concessions; and
- The appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees.

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#### ATTENDANCE

Minutes Secretary, Mrs Nina Burges, left the meeting at 2.28pm and returned at 3.01 pm.

Resolution No: (14-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 3.02pm.*

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#### 15.1 (07/20) – Various Rates Arrears and Discount Issues

The Quilpie Shire Council Revenue Statement sets Council's Policy for the current financial year in relation to how and when rates and charges for that year will be paid.



Resolution No: (15-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Roger Volz

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council write off the following interest charges:*

| <b>Rates Assessment Number</b> | <b>Amount</b>                               |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 00886-00270-000                | \$291.93 (as adjusted by date of actioning) |

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Resolution No: (16-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council write off the following mining lease rates where the mining lease has been surrendered:*

| <b>Rates Assessment Number</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 01190-00000-000                | \$809.03      |
| 00764-42000-000                | \$1440.26     |
| 00764-41700-000                | \$2062.05     |

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Resolution No: (17-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

*That Council approve a system write off of \$10.00 per assessment for outstanding minor interest charges where no other rates are outstanding.*

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## **16 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil.

## **17 LATE ITEMS**

### **17.1 (07/20) – Special / Bank Holiday 2021**

By letter of 06 July 2020, the Executive Director, Industrial Relations, Office of Industrial Relations, has invited Council to nominate for a show or special holiday in 2021.



The special holiday for Quilpie has traditionally been nominated as the first Tuesday of November being Melbourne Cup Day. In 2016 the holiday was changed to coincide with the Quilpie centenary celebrations.

At the Ordinary meeting of Council held 21 February 2020, the meeting was advised that the Quilpie and District Show Society are requesting consideration be given to take the annual holiday as a show holiday in 2021, on the Friday before the show, instead of Melbourne Cup Day in order to allow an extended program of events.

**Resolution No: (18-07-20)**

**Moved by: Cr Bruce Paulsen**

**Seconded by: Cr Lyn Barnes**

*That Council nominate the Friday before the Quilpie Show as a 2021 bank holiday for the 2021 Quilpie Show.*

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#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED**

Cr Paulsen declared he has a conflict of interest (as defined by section 175D of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in the following item.

Cr Paulsen is President of the Quilpie Golf Club. Cr Paulsen advised that he will be leaving the meeting while the matter is discussed and voted on.

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#### **ATTENDANCE**

Cr Paulsen and Cr Volz left the meeting at 3.10pm.

#### **17.2 (07/20) – Quilpie Golf Club Community Assistance Program Application**

A Community Assistance Program Application has been received from the Quilpie Golf Club for financial assistance of \$2,500 to contribute towards the purchase of prizes for their Annual Open Weekend to be held 15-16 August 2020. Donated monies will be used to purchase prizes from local businesses.



Resolution No: (19-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

*That Council approve the request for financial assistance received from the Quilpie Golf Club for \$2,500 toward prizes for their Annual Open Weekend.*

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## ATTENDANCE

Cr Paulsen and Cr Volz returned to the meeting at 3.12pm.

## 18 GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillors were invited to raise any matters they wished to discuss.

### 18.1 (07/20) – Queensland Small Mining Council

The Queensland Opal Miners Association, as delegate for the Queensland Small Mining Council, have expressed concern at the stringent existing and proposed legislation on the industry.

Resolution No: (20-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council support the Queensland Small Mining Council in relation to their concerns regarding the Lake Eyre Basin Management Plan and its impacts on the industry.*

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### 18.2 (07/20) – Assistance for Isolated Children Funding

With the increasing costs associated with boarding school education, concern has been raised at the very limited increases to the Federal Governments Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme over many years.

Resolution No: (21-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council write to the Federal Education Minister regarding raising the Assistance for Isolated Children's Scheme funding.*

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

## ATTENDANCE

Cr Mackenzie retired from the meeting at 4.20pm and Cr Hewson assumed the role of Chair.

### 18.3 (07/20) – Eromanga Natural History Museum

Cr Lyn Barnes provided an update on the funding applications being made by the Eromanga Natural History Museum. Cr Barnes also provided a broad update on the activities at the museum.

### 18.4 (07/20) – Standard of Road Mapping

Cr Lyn Barnes expressed concern over the inaccuracy of road maps available to the public and the detrimental impact this was having on business and tourism.

Resolution No: (22-07-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council write to Queensland mapping authorities to update the accuracy of all shire roads, especially in relation to sealed roads.*

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## 19 MEETING DATES

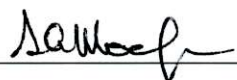
The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday 14 August 2020 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

There being no further business Cr Hewson declared the meeting closed at 4.30pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Friday, 10 July 2020.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday, 14 August 2020.





Cr Stuart Mackenzie

14/08/20

Date

**Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council**