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# Ordinary Meeting of Council

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## MINUTES

Friday 14 August 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 9.00am.

### 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 Maree Radnedge (Minutes Secretary)

### 3 APOLOGIES

Nil

#### ATTENDANCE

Director of Engineering Services, Mr Peter See and Council's Cadet Technical Officer, Mr Lachlan Kent joined the meeting at 9.03am.

#### 18.5 (08/20) – Baldy Top and Bi-Centennial Park Furniture and Equipment

Council's Cadet Technical Officer, Lachlan Kent provided Council with a presentation containing various options regarding furniture and equipment for Baldy Top and Bi-Centennial Park for discussion and comment.



## ATTENDANCE

Director of Engineering Services, Mr Peter See and Council's Cadet Technical Officer, Mr Lachlan Kent left the meeting at 10.34am.

## 4 CONDOLENCES

Council noted the recent passing of John (Tek) Castles and Roslyn (Tippy) Nicholson 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.

## 6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 6.1 (08/20) – Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held Friday 10 July 2020

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday, 10 July 2020.

Resolution No: (01-08-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

*That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 10 July 2020 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.*

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### 6.2 (08/20) – Special Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held Friday 10 July 2020

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie on Friday, 10 July 2020.

Resolution No: (02-08-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council held on Friday, 10 July 2020 are taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.*

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## 7 ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 7.1 (08/20) – Flying Minute - Quilpie Sporting Clays Club Inc. Request for Financial Assistance

An application has been received from the Quilpie Sporting Clays Club Inc. requesting Council's consideration for assistance by way of a cash contribution of \$5,000 to meet the Queensland Weapons Licensing request to concrete the lanes for DTL shooting and lay a concrete slab for the DTL trap-house.

*Resolution No: (03-08-20)*

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council ratifies the decision made by Flying Minute to approve 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.*

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### 7.2 (08/20) – Flying Minute - Qld Opal Miners Association Inc. Community Assistance Program Application

A Community Assistance Program Application has been received from the QLD Opal Miners Association for financial assistance of \$2,500 to contribute towards the Small Scale Miners of Queensland including Opal Miners, "Television Awareness Campaign and Promotion", with moderate overtones to help the Small Scale Miners Industry.

*Resolution No: (04-08-20)*

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council ratifies the decision made by Flying Minute to approve 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.*

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### 7.3 (08/20) – Flying Minute – Sale of Land Curlew Estate

By email of 30 July 2020 Brad and Melissa Moran made an offer of \$25,000 for the purchase of lots 5 and 6 in Curlew Estate at the '2 for 1 offer' that was previously available. Following further discussion with Council's Chief Executive Officer, Mr and Mrs Moran have made a subsequent offer of \$37,500 to purchase lots 5, 6 and 42 of Curlew Estate.



Resolution No: (05-08-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Roger Volz

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council ratifies the decision made by Flying Minute to approve the request for the purchase of lots 5, 6 and 42 on SP234965 in Curlew Estate for the amount of \$37,500 inclusive of GST from Brad and Melissa Moran.*

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## **8 MAYORAL REPORT**

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

Cr Mackenzie attended the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) leadership meeting in addition to attending a Council of Mayors meeting, Regional Development Australia (RDA) Regional Communications forum and a South West Regional Economic Development (SWRED) meeting via teleconference.

Councillor Mackenzie held discussions with the CEO of the Royal Flying Doctor Service regarding Telehealth Services in addition to discussions with Associate Professor Ben Lyons from the University of Southern Queensland and Climate-KIC regarding the Quilpie Wellspring project.

Cr Mackenzie also participated in various Premier's teleconferences throughout the month.

Cr Mackenzie and Cr Hewson attended the South West Local Government Association meeting and Western Queensland Alliance of Council's (WQAC) forum in Longreach.

Cr Mackenzie and Cr Barnes attended a SWRED Carbon trading meeting and Crs Mackenzie, Hewson and Volz attended the Local Disaster Management Group meeting in Quilpie.

Councillors Mackenzie, Hewson, Barnes and Volz attended a meeting with Denise Brown from the Outback Queensland Tourism Authority and all Councillors attended a meeting with the Honourable David Littleproud MP and other delegates.

Councillor Mackenzie also attended the Catholic Principal's Dinner in Quilpie on Tuesday 11 August.

## **9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS**

In addition to the abovementioned meetings, Cr Jenny Hewson attended a meeting of the Quilpie Show Society in addition to chairing a meeting of the Eromanga/Quilpie CWA in Eromanga.

Cr Hewson also discussed the Quilpie Wellspring project and Wild Dog Baiting program with shire residents.

Cr Roger Volz and Council's CEO remotely attended a South West Waste Group meeting.

Councillor Volz held various discussions throughout the month with local businesses in addition to speaking with local residents about the Quilpie Wellspring project.

Cr Bruce Paulsen attended the opening of the Quilpie State College Multi-Purpose Court and conveyed his congratulations to the community members involved in the project.

Cr Paulsen is working with community members to establish Touch Football and possibly junior Cricket.

Councillor Paulsen also made contact with various local businesses regarding their re-opening and COVID-19 restrictions.

In addition to attending the abovementioned meetings, Cr Lyn Barnes held discussions with community members regarding the Quilpie Wellspring project, Wild Dog Baiting program and the Eromanga Natural History Museum funding case.

## 10 STATUS REPORTS

### 10.1 (08/20) – Engineering Services Status Reports

Noted.

### 10.2 (08/20) – Corporate and Community Services Status Reports

Noted.

### 10.3 (08/20) – Financial Services Status Reports

Noted.

### 10.4 (08/20) – Governance Status Reports

Noted.

## 11 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Nil reports.

## 12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

### 12.1 (08/20) – 2020 NAIDOC Week School Initiatives Proposal

In 2019 Council provided support to the Naidoc Week School Initiative which aims to provide children with a greater understanding on the importance of friendship and cultural diversity.

Council has received a request to support the 2020 Naidoc Week School Initiative with a \$450 contribution towards printing and distribution for students within Council's Local Government area.

*Resolution No: (06-08-20)*

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

*That Council approves the request to support the 2020 Naidoc Week School Initiative with a \$450.00 contribution towards printing and distribution for students within Council's Local Government Area.*

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## 13 FINANCE

### 13.1 (08/20) – Financial Services Report for Month Ending 31 July 2020

The Finance report for the period ending 31 July 2020 was presented to Council for consideration.

*Resolution No: (07-08-20)*

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council receives the Finance Report for the period ending 31 July 2020 as presented in Item 13.1 of the accompanying Agenda.*

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## 14 GOVERNANCE

### 14.1 (08/20) – Tender T08 1920 Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers – Plant Hire for 2020-2022

Tender T08 19-20 Panel of prequalified suppliers – Plant Hire for 2020-2022 was called earlier this year and closed on Friday 15 May 2020. The panels of prequalified suppliers for 2020-2022 were considered by Council at their Ordinary Meeting held 12 June 2020.

Long Plain Contracting submitted a late application on 23 July 2020 for Council consideration.

*Resolution No: (08-08-20)*

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council accepts the submission from Long Plain Contracting to be included on T08 Register of Prequalified Suppliers – Plant Hire for 2020-2022.*

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### 14.2 (08/20) – Annual Land Valuations

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. By letter dated 21 July 2020, The Department of Natural Resources, Mines & Energy is seeking Council's opinion on whether a valuation of the local government should be undertaken to be effective on 30 June 2021.

*Resolution No: (09-08-20)*

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz



*That Council requests that a valuation be undertaken by the Valuer-General of all rateable land in Quilpie effective 30 June 2021.*

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#### **14.3 (08/20) - Adavale Bore Cooling Pond**

By letter dated 27 July 2020, Brett and Jacque Green on behalf of themselves and the owners of "Bulls Gully", are requesting assistance from Council in relation to upgrading / repairing the Adavale cooling pond.

Resolution No: (10-08-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Roger Volz

**Seconded by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

*That Council receive the report and 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.*

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#### **14.4 (08/20) - SWLGA Structure and Role**

At a meeting of the South West Regional Economic Development (SWRED) Board held in Charleville on 28 May 2020 it was agreed that a report be prepared on the implications of a merger between the South West Regional Economic Development (SWRED) Board and the South West Local Government Association (SWLGA).

Greg Hoffman PSM, Managing Director of Grassroots Connections Australia, who attended the meeting was asked to prepare a report on the implications and opportunities presented by a merger of the two organisations.

Resolution No: (11-08-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council receive and note the report prepared by Mr Greg Hoffman on behalf of the South West Local Government Association as presented in Item 14.4 of the accompanying Agenda; and that Council adopt the recommendations contained in the report including committing to an annual contribution of \$50,000 from each of the six member Council's.*

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## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.47pm and resumed at 12.53pm.

### 14.5 (08/20) - Great Artesian Basin Stakeholder Advisory Committee

By email of 05 August 2020, the Director of the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, has invited the Mayor to forward an Expression of Interest in becoming a member of a new Great Artesian Basin Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

Resolution No: (12-08-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council endorse the Mayor to submit an Expression of Interest for membership of the Great Artesian Basin Stakeholder Advisory Committee.*

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## 17 LATE ITEMS

### ATTENDANCE

Director of Engineering Services, Mr Peter See and Works Coordinator, Mr Brian Weeks joined the meeting at 12.55pm.

### 17.1 (08/20) – Request for Automatic Gates

By letter of 07 August 2020, James Bignell of “Wambin” is requesting approval to install an automatic gate on Ingeberry Road and Mulianna Road.

One gate is proposed to replace an existing grid.

Resolution No: (13-08-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council approve the request from James Bignell to install an automatic gate on Ingeberry Road and Mulianna Road subject to conditions.*

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### 17.2 (08/20) – Purchase of Front End Loader and conversion of existing Front End Loader

Council called quotations to purchase a larger 4.6m<sup>3</sup> capacity loader, complete with rear-mounted rippers due to operational requirements.

The current loader will be converted to an Integrated Tool Carrier and used at the Quilpie Waste Facility and the New Transfer Station to replace the ageing Caterpillar Drott.

Three quotations were obtained from companies that are listed on LocalBuy and are pre-tendered.

Resolution No: (14-08-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Roger Volz

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council accepts the offer from Komatsu for the purchase of one WA-470\_8 Wheel Loader, and modification of Council's existing Komatsu WA320PZ-6 Loader for a total cost of \$479,950.00.*

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### 17.3 (08/20) – Tender for Supply of Backhoe-Loader

Tenders have been called for the supply of one All Wheel Steer Backhoe in accordance with Council's capital works program for 2020-2021. Three tenders were received on Vendor Panel by the closing time.

Resolution No: (15-08-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council accepts the tender from St George Machinery Company for a 5CX, JCB All Wheel Steer Backhoe Loader for a total price of \$228,175.50 excluding GST for Tender RFT 03 2021: Purchase of one AWE Backhoe.*

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### 17.4 (08/20) – Tender for Supply of Motor Grader

Tenders have been called for the supply of one Motor Grader in accordance with Council's capital works program for 2020-2021. Three tenders were received on Vendor Panel by the closing time.

Resolution No: (16-08-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

*That Council accepts the tender from Hastings Deering for a 140 Grader, for a total price of \$319,000.00 excluding GST for Tender RFT 02 2021.*

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## ATTENDANCE

Director of Engineering Services, Mr Peter See and Works Coordinator, Mr Brian Weeks left the meeting at 1.35pm.

### 17.5 (08/20) – Quilpie Bowls Club

A letter has been received from the Quilpie Bowlers, requesting Council's consideration to make a donation towards their carnival being held on Saturday 03 and Sunday 04 October 2020.

Resolution No: (17-08-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Lyn Barnes

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council donate \$2,500 to the Quilpie Bowlers in support of the carnival being held on 03 and 04 October 2020.*

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### 17.6 (08/20) – Townsville Sunrise Rotary Club

A Community Assistance Program Application has been received from the Townsville Sunrise Rotary Club requesting financial assistance of \$3000 towards the Townsville Sunrise Rotary Club Initiative project "Red Socks" to increase awareness of prostate cancer.

The aim of the project is to increase awareness of Prostate Cancer in the community, assist with research about Prostate Cancer and increased consultation with Doctors for early diagnosis of medical problems.

Resolution No: (18-08-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

**Seconded by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

*That Council approves the request received from the Townsville Sunrise Rotary Club for financial assistance of \$2,000 towards their whole of Shire Prostate Cancer Awareness Project "Red Socks".*

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## 18 GENERAL BUSINESS

### ATTENDANCE

Mayor Stuart Mackenzie left the meeting at 2pm and Councillor Jenny Hewson assumed the role of Chair.

Councillors were invited to raise any matters they wished to discuss. A range of topics were discussed including:

- Eromanga Streetscape project



- Wild Dog exclusion fencing scheme goals and project management
- Concerns regarding the safety of the Quilpie to Charleville road
- Gyrica Gardens project update

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2.24pm and resumed at 2.56pm. Councillor Mackenzie resumed his role as Chair.

### **18.1 (08/20) – Weighbridge**

Council has been approached about the weighbridge by a local business. Council's CEO will contact the interested party for further discussion.

### **18.2 (08/20) – Additional Weather Radar**

It was noted that Council is requesting a new radar for the whole South West district. Council's CEO will respond to the Bureau of Meteorology in addition to requesting support from surrounding Shires, SWRED and RAPAD.

### **18.3 (08/20) – ROSI Initiative**

Council has received a letter from Hon. Scott Buchholz MP, Federal Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport requesting Council to identify projects to include in the Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) list. Council will support Bulloo Shire in the identification of the Warri Gate Road.

### **18.4 (08/20) – Regional Connectivity Program**

A discussion took place regarding the Regional Connectivity Program and it was decided that further investigation would be undertaken into the program.

### **18.6 (08/20) – Knot-o-saurus Park Concept**

A draft concept has been developed and community consultation will be undertaken.

### **18.7 (08/20) – Purchase of Fuel**

A discussion took place regarding the purchase of fuel and suggested amendments to Council's Procurement Policy.

### **18.8 (08/20) – Wellspring Project**

Councillors were provided with an update on the Quilpie Wellspring project.

### **18.9 (08/20) – Council Housing**

A discussion took place regarding Council housing and this matter will be tabled for further discussion at a Council workshop to be held on Thursday 20 August.



## 15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Resolution No: (19-08-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Roger Volz

**Seconded by:** Cr Bruce Paulsen

*That Council enters into closed session under s275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 at 4.10pm to discuss the following matters:*

- *The appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees.*

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### ATTENDANCE

Minutes Secretary, Mrs Maree Radnedge left the meeting at 4.10pm.

Resolution No: (20-08-20)

**Moved by:** Cr Jenny Hewson

**Seconded by:** Cr Roger Volz

*That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 4.49pm.*

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## 16 LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

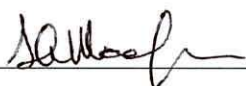
## 19 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday 11 September 2020 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom commencing at 9.30am.

There being no further business Cr Mackenzie declared the meeting closed at 4.49pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Friday, 14 August 2020.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday, 11 September 2020.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

11/09/20

Date

**Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council**