

FROM THE MAYOR

MAYOR'S MESSAGE OCTOBER 2020

There was a good article on the front page of the South West News (formally Warrego Watchman) recently about the lack of road funding for our main highway through the shire, the Warrego Way or Diamantina Development Road. The article focused on the dangers on this road and had a great photo and interview with Cam Welk highlighting the truckie's perspective on this issue.

In essence the road isn't wide enough and that is because originally it was built as a six metre (double lane) or four metre (single lane) road and, over time, the edges have broken away and in some places the double lane sections are only a bit over five metres wide. This isn't wide enough for two vehicles to pass comfortably, especially if one of them is a truck. I have witnessed a triple roadtrain, carrying cattle, having to quickly move off the bitumen while passing someone who didn't give them room. It was scary to watch so I can only imagine what it was like for the truck driver and the passing motorist. This is a pretty common occurrence for our truckies.

I have been highlighting this issue to Transport and Main Roads (TMR) all the time I have been mayor and, sadly, the only program we got up was the Western Roads Upgrade Program (WRUP) in 2016 which was partly in response to the occurrence of a triple fatality, head-on accident, east of Quilpie, preceding this decision. I have pointed out repeatedly that I would much rather see the improvements to the road before the accidents happen. There have been two fatal accidents between Quilpie and Windorah since then.

A spokesperson for TMR was quoted in the article saying that there had been no complaints about this road in the last twelve months. They are right in one sense because I haven't spoken to the Director General or Minister about it in the last year because I have brought this road up to them that many times over the years and it's like talking to a wax dummy but this road has been brought up at every Road and Transport Group meeting in that time. The TMR representatives at those meetings don't necessarily pass issues on to a higher level though. We won't let another twelve months go by without reminding them.

There has been a lot of discussion on the coronavirus procedures that the various state governments have been implementing around the country. I would just make one point. The buck stops with the leader and their cabinet. In state government, it's the Premier and their Ministers, in local government, it's the mayor and councillors. You can never make the excuse that it's "not my decision. It's up to CEO/DG/... etc." It is always "your" decision. Even when public servants are making the decisions, you employ them so you have to "own" everything they do. That is how our system of governments work.

The pregnant woman being arrested and handcuffed in her own home, because she put up a post on Facebook about a meeting to speak against the lockdown in Victoria, is one of the worst things I have seen as far as government policy goes in Australia. Likewise, some of the restrictions where people can't see their family before they die or, kids can't go home from boarding school when there hasn't ever been any virus at their home, just makes no sense and those in charge should take responsibility. I would be horrified if something like that happened under our council's watch!

Council is going through the final stages of selecting a new CEO so, hopefully, a decision will be made in the near future. We had many good applications which was pleasing to see but picking through them trying to find the person who is the best fit for the job can be more difficult than you think. The "best" CEO applicant would not necessarily be the best person for Quilpie Shire. The CEO of somewhere like Toowoomba, for instance, would not necessarily be the right person for out here.

I am still hearing of businesses, across the shire, struggling to find staff. This is an issue right across regional Australia and we have made it known to the Federal Government. I believe they are doing what they can to try and create incentives for people to move to where the work is but it could take some time. I feel there is an opportunity right now to really change the perceptions of people about working and living in the bush so, hopefully, we can see real progress in this area.

A "La Nina" has been officially declared so all we have to do now is wait for the rains to start - supposedly!!

Kind Regards,

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***Please note, LIMIT OF 10 KIDS at each activity.
Permission forms must be completed before
attendance.**

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES | 5-9YRS

CWA Hall

Monday 12 & 26 October | 3:30pm - 4:30pm

YOUTH CENTRE | 10-6YRS

CWA Hall | Wednesday 7, 14 & 28 October

3:15pm – 4:45pm | Afternoon Tea provided

Please bring a hat & water bottle

For further information, please contact our
Health Promotions Officer, Michelle Donohue:
0427 243 055

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

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.

WANDERING/MENACING DOGS

Due to the recent dramatic increase of attacks & wandering dog/s, residents are advised if the offending dog/s are caught they will be declared dangerous under Council local law & dealt with accordingly.

Dog's wandering at large & not contained in their registered yard will be impounded!



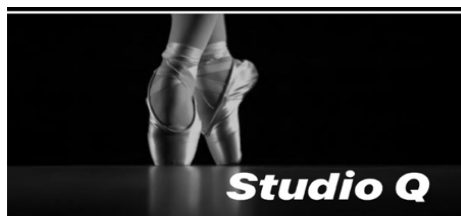
Quilpie Sport & Recreation AGM will be Saturday 31st October 2020

For any enquires please email:
q.sportrec@gmail.com



Studio Q Dance Concert: Saturday 28th November

For further enquires please contact Taylor or Emily:
studioq20@gmail.com



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.

Stay home when you are sick



Postal Vote Applications Notice
QUEENSLAND STATE GENERAL ELECTION
SATURDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2020



The Queensland State general election will be held on Saturday, 31 October 2020. Voting is compulsory.

In accordance with sections 119(2)(a) and 392Q of the *Electoral Act 1992* (the Act), this notice advises of an amendment to the postal vote application timeframes specified in section 119(2)(b) of the Act.

Postal vote applications open from Monday, 14 September 2020 and close at 7pm on Friday, 16 October 2020

- Apply online on the ECQ website or by phoning 1300 881 665.
- Application times have been expanded following unprecedented demand experienced during the 2020 local government elections. Voters who have concerns about attending polling places or are unable to do so, should apply for a postal vote.
- Applications received after 7pm Friday, 16 October 2020 will not be accepted.

Enrol to vote or check your enrolment details

- To enrol to vote or update your details, see www.aec.gov.au.

Information about the election will be available on the ECQ website or by phoning 1300 881 665.

Council would like
to thank residents
who have tidied their
premises. This effort is
greatly appreciated!



Water supply

Work is about to begin on construction of a new water main in Jabiru street between Buln Buln Street and Gyrica Street. Council workers will be doing this work. The work will replace a very old asbestos cement water main.

**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>

**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.

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.

St Finbarr's School

FETE

13th November 2020

6pm - Midnight

SAVE THE DATE

Mystery QLD Holiday Prize Draw

At this stage St Finbarr's School will be going ahead with it's annual Fete in accordance with Covid-Safe Practices & Planning.

Keep an eye out for more information to come






BREAST CANCER Awareness Month

October 2020




Public Notice


ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

In accordance with the provisions of section 277(4) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, notice is hereby given of a change to the scheduled Ordinary Meeting of Council for November 2020. The November Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street Quilpie, on Thursday 12 November 2020 commencing at 9.30am. Subsequent Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held on the second Friday of each month at the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom unless otherwise advised.



The Visitor Information Centre is looking very modern these days with their new front counter.

Make sure you pop in and check it out!



Coffee and CONVERSATION

Men's Group
Friday 23/10/20 - 10:30am



CWA HALL
17 BROLGA STREET



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Queensland Mental Health Week



TAKE TIME
for mental health

10-18 October 2020

-  Get healthy
-  Keep learning
-  Show kindness
-  Connect more
-  Take notice
-  Embrace nature

"Communicate through our strengths" by Aboriginal artist Ailsa Walsh.

Funded by
 Queensland Mental Health Commission

www.qldmentalhealthweek.org.au
#QMHWS TAKE TIME

Save the Date

For the 2020

Christmas in the Gallery

Opening Saturday 14th November at the Quilpie Shire Gallery
with nibbles & refreshments

If you would like to sell any items at this years event or for more information please contact
the Quilpie Visitor Information Centre on 46 560 540 or via tourism@quilpie.qld.gov.au



PUBLIC NOTICE

EROMANGA COMMON MUSTER

Notice is hereby given that the Eromanga Common Cattle Muster will take place on **30 October 2020**.

SRLO & Stock Owners will commence the muster and once stock are yarded they will be drafted. Cows and calves will be mothered up and calves will be branded.

Please note: All stock owners are required to assist with musters and or branding and are to ensure yearly permit fees are paid by the due date.

07 October 2020

Tim Rose

Acting Chief Executive Officer

(07) 4656 0500

www.quilpie.qld.gov.au



VISITING SERVICES

CWAATSICH

- Dr Fielding: 27 & 28 Oct

For further information please contact
CWAATSICH on: (07) 4656 1391



CWAATSICH

VISITING ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES (Requires a Referral)

For more information regarding services
below please contact the Quilpie Medical

Practice directly on: (07) 4656 1158

- Physiotherapist: **21 & 22 Oct**
- Social Worker: **19 Oct**
- Nurse Navigator: **26 Oct**
- Mental Health: Every Monday – except public holidays
- Early Intervention Parenting Service:
-Please Contact Hospital – Ph. (07) 4656 0100
- Podiatrist: Currently no one at present

TMR - REST AREAS

The Queensland Government recently updated the legislation surrounding the use of rest areas on state-controlled roads. This was due to ongoing issues with motorists, campervans and caravans illegally parking at Queensland heavy vehicle rest areas and overstaying at combined rest areas. Motorists can now be fined if they park in designated heavy vehicle rest stops or overstay at combined rest area locations.

Fatigue management saves lives.
Unless you're a truckie,
don't park in heavy vehicle
rest areas.

⚠ Fines apply



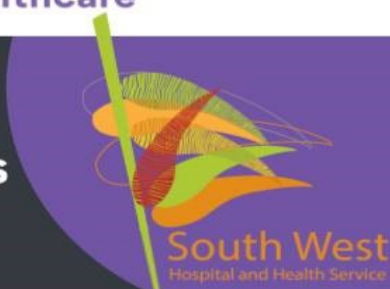
www.qld.gov.au/restareas





Access My Healthcare

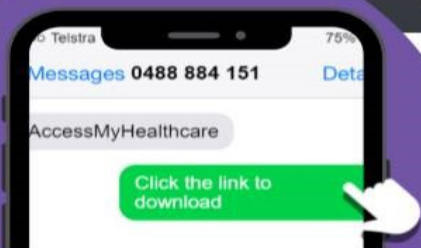
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QUILPIE SHIRE GALLERY
PRESENTS

Combined Schools Exhibition

OPEN FROM
SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2020
QUILPIE SHIRE GALLERY
51 BROLGA STREET

Come along and see some of the
beautiful artworks from the Local
Schools & Mulga Mates Early
Learning Centre



QUILPIE SHIRE
YOUR OUTBACK ADVENTURE

Preventing Dementia

Free Online Course

Enrol now for Oct 2020



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
- 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



PLEASE FLATTEN BOXES

GIVIT

Can we help?



GIVIT can provide free essential items for the people you support

givit.org.au



givit.org.au

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 details.

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.



GIVIT



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 or for more information visit www.containersforchange.com.au



QUILPIE CULTURAL SOCIETY INC

P.O. Box 172
Quilpie 4480



Quilpie Cultural Society Workshops 2020

18th – 19th July RADF - **Likely Postponed TBC**
Western Watercolours with John Morrison
Rep Jo Pegler 46564942

25th – 26th July RADF – **CONFIRMED**
Ariel Photography with Fiona Lake
Rep Jean Hall 0408374937

1st – 2nd August RADF – **CONFIRMED**
Silversmithing for Beginners with Jill Dyer
Rep Jane Mulligan 0428547400

14th – 17th August FRRR – **CONFIRMED**
Stack it Up quilt with tutor Fran Bulmer
Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083

22nd – 23rd August FRRR – **CONFIRMED**
Felt Hats and scarf/Purse with tutor Gail Grunskie
Rep Gina McConnell 047300021

19th – 20th September RADF – **CONFIRMED**
Ironwork with Brian Rutledge
Rep Kylie Rutledge 0746564731

25th– 26th September FRRR – **CONFIRMED**
Art with Jan Lawnikanis
Rep Jo Pegler 46564942

2nd – 4th October RADF - **CONFIRMED**
Glass Glorious Glass with tutor Alison Shaw
Rep Jane Mulligan 0428547400

16th – 19th October RADF – **CONFIRMED**
Crazy Quilting – Repurposed Fabrics Textile Collage with tutor Jennifer Clouston
Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083

November or December – **To Be Confirmed Definitely**
Unwind with Wire with tutor Kylie Tindall-Smith
– FRRR
Rep Jess Gilby 0457033900

Workshop dates to be advised:

Silver Casting with tutor Dan Cox - RADF
Rep Jane Mulligan 0428547400

Photography with tutor to be advised - RADF

Bubbles and Brush Strokes for adults and Busy Bees for kids with tutor Samantha Meurant - FRRR
Rep Jo Pegler 46564942

Quilpie Cultural Society Workshops 2021

21st – 25th May RADF – **POSTPONED 2021**
Furniture Restoration with Dean Timms
Rep Josie Martyr 0427036984

12th – 15th June FRRR – **POSTPONED 2021**
Upholstery with Tim Symons
Rep Josie Martyr 0427036984

3rd – 6th July RADF – **POSTPONED 2021**
Embroidery with Cathy Sotiriou
Rep Robyn Cherry 0428612566

29th – 30th August RADF – **POSTPONED 2021**
Pastel Techniques with Maxine Thompson
Rep Jo Pegler 46564942

19th – 22nd March 2021 *Pending RADF funding*
Flying into Colours with Helen Godden
Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083

17th – 24th May 2021
Raffle Quilt with “Cheryl and Friends”
Quilpie Quilting Group organised by Jan McConnell making a Raffle Quilt to raise funds for Quilpie Cultural Society.

20th – 23rd August 2021 *Pending RADF funding*
Fifi's Fabricology with Fiona and Kelly
Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083

**St Matthews
Church
Jumble Sale
Sunday 25/10/20
9:00am**

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



Upcoming Training

Please note that due to funding eligibility, participants need to have prior relevant experience.

- Plant Operator Tickets
- Forklift
- Certificate III in Plant Operations
- Certificate IV in Supervision



PLEASE CALL
MAREE RADNEDGE
07 4656 0500

Quilpie Shire Council 2020 Performances

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU!

Snow White and the Seven Cool Dudes

Monday 19th October – Quilpie Shire Hall

A timely piece of live theatre for children aged 3 to 11 about making better food choices, while keeping themselves fit and healthy. Session times to be advised

Best of Bandstand – Quilpie Shire Hall

Sunday 8th November – Quilpie Shire Hall

Australia's longest running TV Pop Show featuring the bandstand family of singers. This interactive stage show re-creates the highlights with the songs of Cole Joy, Judy Stone, The Seekers, Billy Thorpe and many more. Starring Australia's favourite entertainers

EDDIE DANIELS, SUZIE LEE

Show Time and booking information to be advised

All performances will be in compliance with COVID Safe Industry Plans and are subject to change in accordance with advice from the Chief Health Officer.



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**

