From the Mayor's Desk

The six South West Queensland Mayors and CEOs recently returned from a trip to Brisbane where we had meetings with various organisations and had deputations with eight State Government Ministers and briefly had a catch-up with the Premier. We also got to have dinner and some quality time with new LNP leader, David Crisafulli. It was the first time we had done this as a group and I think it was a worthwhile exercise as it gets our region in the face of Government (and Opposition) as we often get lost in the constant noise emanating from Western Queensland and many people in Government really don't know the difference from Longreach or Charleville. We are all just Western Queensland!

The three big issues for us that we all agree on are roads, (surprise, surprise!!) housing and digital connectivity. We met with Ministers and Director Generals on these and other issues with no obvious success but it is a long game in this business. The sealing of the Warri Gate road from Noccundra to the NSW border is top of the list of priorities as far as the region's roads are concerned. NSW will have their section fully sealed to the border in 2022 and that will leave 152km left unsealed in the Bulloo Shire.

If this section was sealed it would open up a whole new freight/tourism route which would have significant positive impact on our shire. Bulloo Shire have commissioned a major study on this and we would see traffic from Brisbane and all the rest of Queensland, as well as the Territory, potentially travelling on this road to get to Adelaide and Perth. We would also see North Queensland and NT traffic heading down this road to access Melbourne and even Sydney. The economic spinoff for existing and new businesses would be substantial if this happened. Bulloo Shire is pushing hard and we support them 100% as does the rest of the South West shires.

I have always felt that the most important attribute you need for success is perseverance. You can have the greatest ideas and motivation in the world but unless you are prepared to persevere and just keep working away, success doesn't generally always happen. This is one of those projects that has to happen and it will, as long as we just keep pushing. Wasn't it some actor who said, "It has taken 20 years of hard work to become an overnight success"?

There is a lot of talk about the resurgence of regional Australia at the moment and how COVID has changed people's perceptions, and more and more are looking to move out of the major cities. There is a staffing and housing problem all over Australia, especially in the regions. Council has two transportable homes coming to the shire in the next month, although, because of demand, these were meant to be here months ago. We are also looking at building another three in next year's budget and also providing an incentive scheme to assist people to build their own home. This is a council scheme on top of the other government programs already available. Watch this space!!

While not pretending to be an economic forecaster, it seems like the world has changed, money is incredibly cheap, and right now could just be the best time to invest in new houses and/ or businesses. It is already happening in the rural sector with properties around the shire selling for higher and higher prices. Sheep, wool, beef and goat meat markets are really buoyant, the gas industry is stirring and tourism numbers coming through the Quilpie VIC and the Eromanga Museum are double or more what they were in 2019 (closed at this time in 2020).

If you are thinking of having a go at buying an existing business, starting a new one or building a home, now seems like a once in a lifetime opportunity to get in on the back of a rampant economy. Council is doing what we can but we need the private sector to start investing to really make things happen. Our towns, our opal mines, our rural properties and our oil and gas industry were all started and developed by people who were willing to have a go!

Kind Regards,

Cr Stuart Mackenzie

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From the CEO's Desk

Council have been busy once again in April and May. April started with community meetings in Toompine, Adavale, Eromanga and Quilpie to discuss Councils community satisfaction survey and the 2021/2022 budget. The community satisfaction survey has now closed with 103 responses, this information is currently being compiled and will be finalised in a report to be released to the public in June. The Queensland Reconstruction Authority held a community meeting in late April to discuss their Resilient Queensland project, this project aims at collecting local knowledge to assist in preparing for future disaster events.

I would like to extend my appreciation to those who helped in the planning of and on the day of our ANZAC celebrations, all events were well attended by locals along with many visiting tourists. It was great to see the recognition of these services on Chanel 7, Chanel 9 and the ABC, providing great publicity of not only the public services but the Shire as a whole. The Quilpie Cup also proved to be successful and well attended, I would like to also congratulate those committee members and volunteers for their time in planning and executing such a great event.

In early May the six South West Councils attended Brisbane during a Parliamentary sitting to meet with various Ministers and Directors General. This was a very successful outing for the Regional Organisation of Councils (ROC). We look forward to working with the State and Federal Government to action those key projects within the strategic plan. This was

then followed by the Western Queensland Alliance of Council's meeting held in Richmond which saw the 22 Western Shires come together to discuss the shared challenges including Housing, Roads and Connectivity. It was also announced that next year's Assembly will be held in Charleville which will showcase the South West and what we have to offer.

The tourist season is now well upon us with some big numbers being seen in our Visitor Information Centre with 894 visitors in April 2021 (443 – April 2019) and 1,192 as at 19 May 2021 (1,130 – May 2019). We hope that these numbers continue with some big events planned over the coming months including Opera - Are you lonesome tonight (29 May 2021), Outback Golf Masters (3-4 July 2021) and Intrust Cup game between the Redcliffe Dolphins and Ipswich Jets on July 17. Council are also excited to announce that Johnathan Thurston will also be in attendance on the night and will be holding clinics as part of the Johnathan Thurston Academy.

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

I am happy to meet with anyone who would like further information on meeting outcomes.

Regards,

Justin Hancock. CEO

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'Work in Paradise' campaign supporting regional tourism jobs

The \$7.5 million Work in Paradise Campaign will start soon to help secure workers for Queensland's regional tourism industry.

The campaign will provide incentives for Queensland job seekers to fill regional tourism jobs.

A Jobs in Paradise Talent Portal will be launched in July, advertising all tourism jobs.

A Working in Tourism Incentive Scheme will provide support payments of \$1500 for up to 4,000 job seekers to relocate for a tourism job for at least six months in Tropical North Queensland, Townsville, Whitsundays, Mackay, Outback, and Southern Queensland Country.

A \$250 Job Start Travel bonus will be available for 2,000 jobseekers to relocate to North and Western Queensland.

Low-cost accommodation options will be identified in partnership with Caravanning Queensland and Adventure Queensland and tourism employers and employees will be better connected to training and skills programs.

Visit workinparadise.initiatives.qld.gov.au to find out more and register to receive further updates.

Now how do businesses get a job registered as part of the above campaign
Register your jobs on this free website: https://www.outbackqueenslandjobs.com.au/
Jobs listed on this website will be the link for the work in paradise campaign.

Developed by RESO, so if you have an employment need please contact the local RESO.

Developed by RESQ, so if you have an employment need please contact the local RESQ office in Charleville on 07 4654 2470.

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Ordinary Council Meeting Wrap Up

14 May 2021

- As part of the Community Assistance Program, Channel Country Ladies Day was granted free hire of Bulloo Park, and use of the small Council bus for the duration of this year's event, 15 17 October. Their request to install an artist in residence at this year's event was also endorsed.
- Council supported the application from Quilpie Junior Rugby League Club for an electronic score board and game timer, and that Council would install the items at John Waugh Park.
- A new organisational structure was adopted. Any staff who will be affected have been informed of the changes. The changes will not impact the current budget.
- Council granted approval to two building applications:
 - o Relocation of dwelling, 'The Lake', and
 - o Construction of a deck, Quilpie Golf Club.

- Council agreed to work with Samaalinks, a company based in Toowoomba specialising in supporting skilled migrants, to develop a program to assist with secondary migration settlement and relocation issues, and to provide advice to Council on ways of assisting with inclusion and attraction into the Quilpie Community.
- The sale of various surplus plant items at auction was endorsed.
- Council resolved to write a letter to the Minister, Department Agriculture and Fisheries offering congratulations on the maintenance and upgrades completed on the Wild Dog Barrier Fence, noting how critical it is in supporting the vast investment by landholders, Council and government in the region.
- Approval was requested for three applications under the Regional Arts Development Program:
- o Quilpie & District Show Society Crack up Sisters
- o Quilpie Shire Council Memories of Roy, and Goldilocks Rocks



Asbestos is found in many older houses and can be incredibly dangerous if disturbed or broken. Asbestos is a known health hazard and may cause illness if you inhale fibres that have become airborne. Sweeping, dusting or using a household vacuum will make there fibres ariborne.

It is estimated that 4,000 Australians die annually from asbestos-related disease which is double the road toll.

Asbestos of more than 10m² can only be safely and legally removed and disposed of by licensed experts. You must not store or reuse any asbestos materials you have removed.

You must not dispose of asbestos waste in a normal rubbish bin or skip or council rubbish collections.

You must not dump asbestos waste in the environment. Fines apply.

Asbestos waste greater than 10m² can be safely buried by arrangement at the Quilpie Waste Facility for a fee of \$300 per hour.

Asbestos waste less than 10m² can be safely buried by arrangement at the Quilpie Waste Facility for a fee of \$200 per hour.

You must contact Council prior to disposing of asbestos. The Director of Engineering Services can be contacted on 0452 387 617.

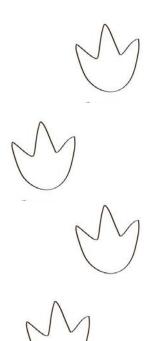
WORKS UPDATES - EROMANGA

Works are nearing completion on the upgrade to Knotasaurus Park in Eromanga. The park has been designed by CUSP Landscape Architects and symbolically recognises a Chinese well, the oil industry, artesian water, opals and dinosaurs. See if you can identify the concepts in the design!

In fact, Eromanga's famous dinosaur Cooper took a walk through the wet concrete while work was underway ... come have a look next time you are in town ...









BALDY TOP

Have you had a barbecue at Baldy Top yet? The new shelter shed, complete with electric barbecues and a sink is now completed. A perfect place, this time of year, for a celebration or just a bit of a quiet moment to sit and enjoy life as the sun goes down.

Baldy Top is the venue for Queensland Opera's 'Are You Lonesome Tonight' performance on Saturday 29 May, followed by a fireworks display.

Tickets: https://outbacktickets.com.au/



WORKS UPDATES - QUILPIE

Demolition has begun for this financial year's improvements to Bicentennial Park. The outdoor gym area / bike track has been cleared due to the equipment being outdated to make room for a new 80 meter pedal powered monorail track. The rubber tiles under the current playground

The rubber tiles under the current playground equipment will be removed and replaced with an engineered softfall bark. Once further progress has been completed we will extend the play area adding in additional softfall bark.





Hey Kids!
Ask Mum and Dad to take you to the new playground



"Maybe the batteries are dead."



The Mulga Walk Opal Fossicking Area has had a new car parking area built and sealed. Multiple benches have been installed around the walking track to be able to have a break and take it all in. Three opal fossicking pits have been created as part of the Mulga Walk experience.





QUILPIE Shire

POSITION VACANT

Tourism Officer

Part-time (Fixed Term)

We Value: Respect | Communication | Fun & Humour | Pride | Trust | Teamwork

Salary: \$28.70 per hour plus applicable allowances

Are you passionate about our Shire and enjoy promoting our attractions to visitors to the region? If you enjoy interacting with people and you are seeking a part-time role then this could be the job for you! Council is seeking a self-motivated and dedicated person to contribute to the effective operation of the Visitor Information Centre, Museum and Gallery throughout the peak tourist season. The successful applicant must possess a high level of verbal communication skills and be able to provide excellent customer service to visitors to our Shire. This is a fixed term role for the period to 31 October 2021 and the successful applicant will be guaranteed 26 hours per fortnight working the following roster:

 Week One
 Week Two

 Monday
 9am - 3pm
 9am - 3pm

 Friday
 9am - 3pm

 Saturday
 8.30am - 1.15pm

 Sunday
 8.30am - 1.15pm

Additional hours may be negotiated with the successful applicant to cover staff leave or training, in addition to up to two nights a week to operate the soon-to-be opened Night Show (approximately 2.5 - 3 hours per night concluding by 8.30pm).

The successful applicant will be expected to exhibit and promote Council's corporate values, and this will be considered as part of the selection process.

Mandatory Requirements

- Highly developed communication and organisational skills;
- Highly developed time management skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work as a team member and contribute to team outcomes; and
- Demonstrated experience in customer service in providing accurate and timely advice.

Desirable Requirements

- Relevant experience in the operation of a Visitor Information Centre and Museum;
- Experience in tourism promotion:
- · Good understanding of places of interest within the region; and
- Sound knowledge and understanding of administrative procedures and an understanding of Local Government processes.

Closing Date

4pm on Wednesday 02 June 2021

How to apply

Applicants must refer to Council's website www.quilpie.qld.gov.au for details on how to apply and to view the Position Description. Applications should include an Applicant Cover Sheet, Cover Letter and Resume.

19/05/2021

Council is an equal opportunity employer

Justin Hancock

(07) 4656 0500

Chief Executive Officer

www.quilpie.qld.gov.au



QUILPIE SHIRE

JOB VACANCIES | 01

QUILPIE EROMANGA ADAVALE TOOMPINE

Current job vacancies

If you are interested in a job listed, please contact the business directly.

Aust. Bureau of Statistics

2021 Census Field Manager (available May) 2021 Census Field Officer (available July) Apply now: censusjobs.adecco.com.au

Adavale Hotel

Customer service/cleaner/general helper - P/T Accommodation/food/internet/TV/phone provided for suitable

Call: 07 4656 4656

Eromanga Natural History Museum

Housekeeper - Cleaning, Laundry & Rooms Housing available Call: 07 4656 3084

Fencing/Yard Building Offsider

No experience required. Accommodation and Meals provided. Immediate start. Short or long term. Call:0428 547400 or 07 4656 1785 (evenings)

G&T Mechanical

Qualified Tradesman - Motor mechanic/Technician - F/T

Call: 07 4656 2380

Meads Foodworks

Storeperson - F/T 2 x Shop assistant - F/T Call: 07 4656 1188

Mulga Mates

Childcare Educator - F/T* Childcare Educator- Casual

*Housing available for suitable candidate, require Cert III Early Childhood or willing to study

Call: Paul Thomas 0469 068 389



Quilpie Butchery

Trade Qualified Butter - F/T Housing availation suitable applicant Call: 07 4650 1126

Quilpie Motor Inn

Casual Cleaner / Housekeeper

Call: 07 4656 1277

Quilpie Shire Council

Tourism Officer - P/T Call: 07 4656 0500

Administration Office (Engineering Services)* *Fixed term role (month) Call: 07 46 6 0500

The Imperial Hotel

Barperson x 2 - Casual Call: 07 4656 1300

This jobs list is continually being updated, pending needs of local business. Please contact the Quilpie Shire Council for more information and to get an update of jobs available. If you are interested in a job listed, please contact the business directly.

If you are a business and have a vacancy please let us know at Council.

QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL | CONTACT MANAGER TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT KAREN GRIMM

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2021 QUILPIE SHIRE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
MAY		
28th May (Friday)	Local Photographers Exhibition opening	VIC Team
	@ Quilpie Shire Gallery from Friday 28 th May until Friday 25 th June	46 560 540
29 th May	Are you Lonesome Tonight	QSC
(Saturday)	Opera Queensland	4656 0500
JUNE		
19th & 20th	Quilpie Polocrosse Carnival	Rachael McWaters
Saturday & Sunday	Bulloo Park	0429 026 429
	Camping, bar and canteen	
JULY		
1 st (Thursday)	Darrana Exhibition Opening	VIC Team
	@ Quilpie Shire Gallery from Thursday 1st July until Friday 27th August	
1st - 4th	Bash Break on Brolga	VIC Team
Thursday - Sunday		46 560 540
3 rd - 4 th	Outback Golf Masters	Bruce Paulsen
Saturday & Sunday	Quilpie Golf Club	0476 166 378
10 th & 11 th	Toompine Polocrosse	Pierce Edwards
Saturday & Sunday	•	0417 606 114
17 th July	Intrust Cup – Jets v Dolphins @ John Waugh Park	Lisa Hamlyn
Saturday	act cap societing & soun stagen and	46 560 500
	Presidents Day Bowls	Dave Paulsen
	@ Quilpie Bowls Club	0488 731 079
AUGUST	e Quilple bowis club	0408 731 073
14 th & 15th	Quilpie Golf Club Open Weekend	Bruce Paulsen
	Quilpie Goir Club Open Weekend	0476 166 378
21st /Tuesday)	Kangayanga Da	
31st (Tuesday)	Kangaranga Do	Bluey & Ann
CERTENARER	Brolga Street @ 6pm - Imperial Hotel	46 561 300
SEPTEMBER)//CT
3 rd (Friday)	Think R.E.D to stop the Blues Exhibition	VIC Team
	@ Quilpie Shire gallery from 3 rd until Friday 8 th October	46 560 540
UNCONFIRMED	Quilpie & South West Graziers Gala	Jeremy Grimm
11 th (Saturday)	@ Shire Hall from 6pm	0400 932 868
	Quilpie Show & Rodeo	Danielle Dunlop
	Bulloo Park	46 562 550
25 th & 26 th	Motorbike Gymkhana & Enduro	Kerri Vagg
(Saturday &	Quilpie Golf Club	0417 793 426
Sunday)		
OCTOBER		
2 nd & 3 rd	Annual 2 Day Bowls Carnival	Dave Paulsen
(Saturday &		0488 731 079
Sunday)		
15 th	Combined Schools exhibition opening	VIC Team
	@ Quilpie Shire Gallery from 15 th until Friday 5 th November	46 560 540
15 th - 17 th	Channel Country Ladies Day	Annabelle Tully
Friday – Sunday		
NOVEMBER		
6 th (Saturday)	P&C Colour Fun Run	Alisha Moody
	@John Waugh Park	
11 th	Remembrance Day	Janet Foley
		46 560 550
	Christmas in the Gallery opening	VIC Team
13 th (Saturday)	christmas in the Gallery opening	
13 th (Saturday)	@ Quilpie Shire Gallery from 6:30pm	46 560 540
13 th (Saturday) 19 th November		
	@ Quilpie Shire Gallery from 6:30pm	46 560 540

****IF ANYONE HAS ANY EVENTS THEY WISH TO ADD PLEASE CONTACT THE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE ON 46 560 540****





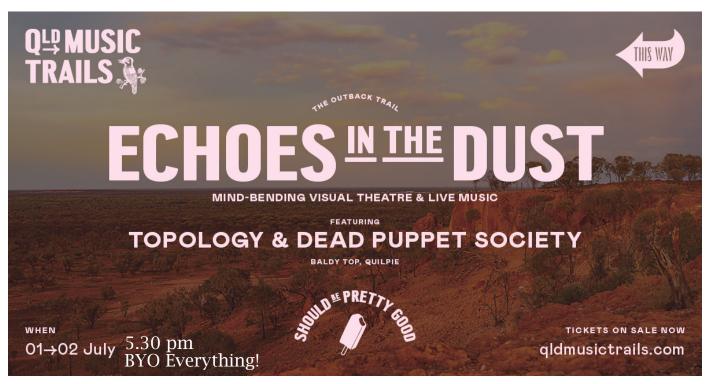


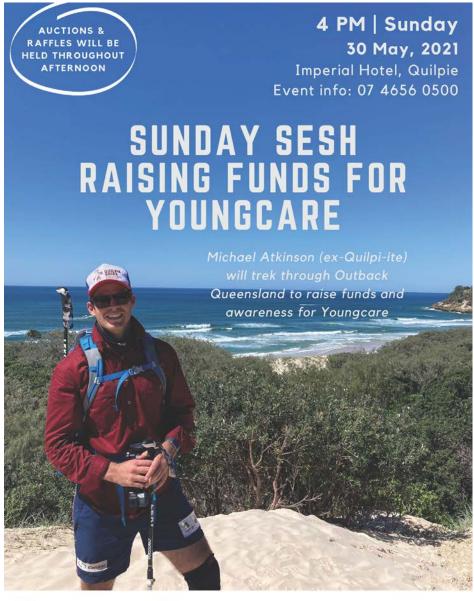


Tickets for the performance are \$20. When you purchase your ticket on-line you can also add an antipasto or dessert platter at \$20 each (they serve 2). Bar service will be available.

Bring your own chair - and blanket! Courtesy Bus will be running. Show starts at 6pm - just after the stunning outback sunset.

There will be fireworks after the show!









Proceeds from the event will go to Youngcare to help build High Care Housing, provide vital grants, and help our Youngcare Connect support line, to create a future where every young person has the freedom and choice to live the lives we all deserve. MORE INFO: www.youngcare.com.au

Prizes include:

4 tickets to Broncos v Roosters Game Day Experience Fri 13 August

Brass Monkey Car Fridge and 2 dozen cans

Signed 2020 Qld Maroons State of Origin Jersey

Signed 2020 Wallabies Jersey

2021 Broncos Jersey signed by captain Alex Glenn

And lots more!

Michael Atkinson will be at the Imperial Hotel from 4pm on Sunday 30 May after the trek is done to meet all of his local supporters and share his experiences trecking through the Outback. So make sure you pop down for a pizza and a catch up with our home-grown hero!



FIRST 5 FOREVER

Sessions will be held at the

QUILPIE LIBRARY

Every Tuesday from 10.30am – 11.00am

Stories, Rhymes and Songs

For Children 0-5 Years

Sessions will commence 25th May 2021



For further information call, Janet or Tracey on 46560550







AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

(places available)

5 year to 9 years @ The Quilpie Shire Library

Mondays 3:30pm – 4:30pm, except School Holidays (Afternoon Tea provided)



YOUTH CENTRE

10 years to 16 years @ the Youth Centre, CWA Hall Wednesdays 3:15pm – 4:45pm, except school holidays (Afternoon Tea provided)

Call Michelle on 4656 0509 to reserve a place





FREE! Nicotine Replacement Therapy for South West Smokers



essarch shows that the best way to quit smalding is to use alcotine explanament therapy (NRI) or quit smoking medication in combination with support from Quitline or a health professional.

Quiting is offering South West smokers a tailored quit smoking program which includes 12: weeks of free MRT posted to your home.

Call Quitine on 137848



See Something, Snap Something

A reporting tool in your pocket

Did you know that you can use your smart phone to report local issues? Just download the free **Snap Send Solve** app and get Snapping! When you're out in the community, you are the Councils eyes and ears.

If you see something that doesn't look right, just Snap Send Solve it!





Download the Snap Send Solve app free from the App Store and Google Play

CONFIRM LOCATION



Open the app, press 'Start Report' and confirm the location of the isssue.

SELECT INCIDENT TYPE



Select the relevant Incident Type.

SNAP A PHOTO



Snap a photo of the issue and

SEND



SOLVE!



The relevant authority will receive your















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.

CORNER COUNTRY SCHOOL OF DANCE

Dance in the Dust

EOI for weekly dance classes held via zoom. Monthly in person class held in Tibooburra, NSW

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL KARATAEVAKSENIA@YAHOO.COM





Exhibition Opening

Showcasing images from local photographers Wendy Sheehan, Lauran Gilligan & Heather Hahn who capture their love for the outback through the camera lens.

QUILPIE SHIRE GALLERY FRIDAY 28TH MAY 2021, 6.30PM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

For more information contact: 46 560 540 or tourism@quilpie.qld.gov.au This exhibition closes 25th June 2021.





Works in Progress Through COVID

Cultural Society & RADF
Offiicially Opening 6.30pm Friday 19th March
& Closing Friday 16th April.

Leeann Iverson

Officially Opening 6.30pm Friday 23rd April & Closing Friday 21st May.

Through Our Eyes

This exhibition will show case photographs from Three Local Photographers Officially Opening 6.30pm Friday 28th May

and Closing Friday 25th June.

Darrana

Dreamtime heros of the Dieri People & Kooma People
Officially Opening 6.30pm Thursday 1st July
& Closing Friday 27th August.

The Quilpie Shire Council would like to invite you to attend the monthly exhibition openings held at the Visitor Information Centre Gallery.



SWHHS Visiting Specialists 2021

Speech Therapist 15 June, 13 July

Occupational Therapist 15 June, 13 July

Dietician 15 June, 13 July

Child Health Nurse 15 & 16 June

13 & 14 July

Physiotherapist 14, 15 & 28 June

12, 13 & 26 July

Podiatrist 2, 3, & 30 June

1, 28 & 29 July

Mobile Women's Health Nurse 8 & 9 June

Diabetes Educator June

Women's True OUtreach Clinic 1 & 2 June

Mental Health Every Monday (if a public

holiday falls on a Monday it will be a Tuesday)

For more information please contact: SWHHS Quilpie 07 46 560 100

CWAATSICH Quilpie Health Services for May 2021

Head Office 94 Edward Street Charleville Q 4470 07 46543277 6th & 7th May—Sam (EP)

10th &11th May —Podiatrist (Booked out)

11th &12th May—Workshop TASC 12th May—Optometrist (M Young) 12th &13th May—Dr Fielding

18th &19th May—Breast Screen Qld

Truck in Hospital Grounds 28th May-Outback Seniors Games

OSG Training each week

CWAATSICH open to the whole community.

ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE

49 Brolga Street Quilpie Q 4480 P O Box 119

Phone: 07 46561391

- * Closing the Gap * Health Assessments
- * Women's Health * D * Men's Health * Li
- * Eye Health
- * Hearing Health * Psychologist
- * Diabetes Management
- * Dietician
- * Diabetes Educator * Lifestyle Coach
- * Podiatry
- Physiotherapy
- * Exercise Physiology





South West Hospital and Health Service

Need a Dental Appointment?

Please give us a call and we will listen to your needs and provide you with care.

You can be offered an appointment or given the option to be placed on our waitlist and appointments can be made for dental emergencies and check ups.

The Dentists at Roma and Charleville visit other towns across the South West Hospital and Health Service providing full dental services.

To be eligible you will need: Health Care Card; Pension Concession Card; Commonwealth Seniors Health Card; Queensland Seniors Card or a Veterans Affairs Card.

You can be seen as a Fee-Paying patient for emergencies or other care if there is no access to a Private Dentist in your area.

Call 1300 215 659 or 46 24 2716

South West Oral Health Service



QUILPIE MEDICAL PRACTICE

Phone: 46 56 11 58

OPENING HOURS

MONDAY......9:00am to 5:00pm TUESDAY......9:00am to 5:00pm

WEDNESDAY......9:00am to 5:00pm

THURSDAY......9:00am to 5:00pm

FRIDAY......9:00am to 5:00pm

SATURDAY.....CLOSED

SUNDAY.....CLOSED

CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

CLOSED FOR LUNCH 1PM - 2PM

IF YOU REQUIRE EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION AFTER HOURS PLEASE CALL "000" IMMEDIATELY



IF YOU REQUIRE OTHER MEDICAL ATTENTION AFTER HOURS PLEASE PRESENT TO

QUILPIE HOSPITAL

OR CALL THEM ON

PHONE: 46 560 100







Lifeline Australia 13 11 14
Men's line Australia 1300 78 99 78
Parents Beyond Breakup 1300 85 34 37
mengage.org.au/



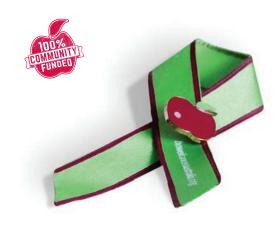
Bowel Cancer screening survey

ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGE OF 50 and 75? We need your help!

Researchers at the University of Southern Queensland and Cancer Council Queensland invite you to participate in an important research project that aims to understand health behaviours and improve cancer screening for Australian adults.

All we need is 20 to 30 minutes of your time to fill in this simple anonymous online survey. Participants have the chance to win one of three grocery vouchers - one worth \$50 and two worth \$20 - donated by the University of Southern Queensland.

If you would like further information about this study or would like to receive a plain English statement of study findings you can contact our partner Dr Belinda Goodwin from Cancer Council Queensland on BelindaGoodwin@cancerqld.org.au or by phoning (07) 3634 5148.

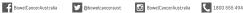


June is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month **GET BEHIND IT!**

Donate at bowelcanceraustralia.org

















Information on COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca

About the vaccine

COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca can prevent people from becoming ill from COVID-19. This vaccine does not contain any live SARS-CoV-2 virus, and cannot give you COVID-19. It contains the genetic code for an important part of the SARS-CoV-2 virus called the spike protein. This code is inserted into a harmless common cold virus (an adenovirus), which brings it into your cells. Your body then makes copies of the spike protein, and your immune system learns to recognise and fight the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The adenovirus has been modified so that it cannot replicate once it is inside cells. This means it cannot spread to other cells and cause infection.

Vaccination is voluntary and free. You can discuss any concerns or questions you have about COVID-19 vaccination with your immunisation provider and/or your GP before you receive the vaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca can be used in people aged 18 and above, and is safe and effective. A very rare side effect reported after the AstraZeneca vaccine is 'thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome' (TTS), which involves blood clotting and low blood platelet levels. The benefits of vaccination greatly outweigh the risk of this condition. However, to minimise this risk, Comirnaty (Pfizer) is the preferred COVID-19 vaccine for adults under 50 years of age, and for people with a past history of cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (a type of brain clot) or heparin induced thrombocytopenia (a rare reaction to heparin treatment).

Benefits of vaccination

COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca protects people from becoming ill from COVID-19. It particularly prevents severe illness, hospitalisation and death. The vaccine has been shown to be highly effective in both clinical trials (before it was registered for use) and in studies of people vaccinated in the 'real world' in England and Scotland.

COVID-19 is a very serious disease which can cause serious illness in people of all ages. It has caused millions of deaths and hundreds of millions of infections worldwide.

Vaccination helps protect both individual people and also benefits all people in the community by reducing the spread of COVID-19.

Risks of vaccination

As with any vaccine, you may have some temporary side effects after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. Common side effects after COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca include: injection site pain or tenderness, tiredness, headache, muscle pain, and fever and chills. Most side effects are mild and temporary, going away within 1-2 days. As with any medicine or vaccine, there may be rare and/or unknown side effects.

Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS)

COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca appears to be linked with a very rare side effect called thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS).

What is TTS?

TTS involves blood clots (thrombosis) and low levels of blood platelets (thrombocytopenia), and occurs around 4 to 28 days after vaccination. The blood clots can occur in different parts of the body, such as the brain (called cerebral venous sinus thrombosis or CVST) or in the abdomen.

The mechanism that causes TTS is not fully understood, but it appears similar to heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (or HIT), a rare reaction to heparin treatment.

How common is TTS?

TTS is very rare (around 6 cases per million doses), but it can make people very unwell and can lead to long term disability or to death.

Are any groups more at risk of TTS?

The rate of TTS reported in Australia and overseas is higher in younger adults and it may be more common in women. However cases have also been reported in men and in older people.

It is not yet clear if women are at higher risk. More women than men have been vaccinated in some countries as they are a large proportion of frontline healthcare workers and have been prioritised for vaccination.

Based on current information, we do not know if there are any pre-existing medical conditions that may contribute to developing TTS or make it worse if it occurs.

Is the AstraZeneca vaccine safe in people who have had blood clots in the past?

Comirnaty (Pfizer) vaccine is preferred in people who have a past history of cerebral venous sinus thrombosis or heparin-induced thrombocytopenia, given the similarities between these conditions at TTS.

If you have had other types of blood clots in the past, such as deep vein thrombosis (DVT) or pulmonary embolism (PE), or if you have risk factors for blood clots, you can still have the AstraZeneca vaccine. There is no evidence that people who have had a past history of other types of blood clots have an increased risk of developing TTS or becoming more ill from it if it occurs. The overall rate of blood clots has not risen in countries which have extensively used the AstraZeneca vaccine.

Blood clots occur commonly in the population, and not all blood clots that occur after AstraZeneca COVID-19 will be caused by the vaccine. If you develop a blood clot after vaccination, your doctor can do blood tests to determine the cause.

What if I have had my first dose of AstraZeneca vaccine?

People who have had their first dose without any serious side effects can be confident in getting their second dose. The risk of TTS occurring after the second dose is currently thought to be very

low. ATAGI will be continuously reviewing international vaccine safety data about the second AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine dose.

What symptoms does thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome usually cause?

TTS is very rare and occurs around 4 to 28 days after vaccination. Symptoms can include abdominal pain and/or severe headache that does not settle with pain relief.

People should seek medical attention immediately if they experience these symptoms:

- a severe persistent headache with additional features:
 - o appears at least 4 days after vaccination
 - o does not improve with simple painkillers
 - o may be worse when lying down or accompanied by nausea and vomiting
- neurological symptoms such as:
 - o blurred vision
 - o difficulty with speech
 - o drowsiness
 - o seizures
- shortness of breath or chest pain
- a swollen leg
- persistent abdominal (belly) pain
- tiny blood spots under the skin away from the site of injection together with symptoms above.

Things to consider before vaccination

Precautions

People with certain conditions may need additional precautions such as staying for 30 minutes of observation after having their vaccine or consulting an allergy specialist. Tell your immunisation provider if you have had:

- an allergic reaction to a previous dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or to an ingredient of the vaccine
- anaphylaxis to other vaccines or to other medicines. Your provider can check to ensure there are no common ingredients with the COVID-19 vaccine you are receiving
- a mast cell disorder

If you have a bleeding disorder or you are taking a blood-thinning medication (anticoagulant), tell your immunisation provider. Your provider can help determine whether it is safe for you to have an intramuscular injection, and help to decide the best timing for injection.

People with weakened immune systems (immunocompromise)

People with immunocompromise includes those who have a medical condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system. People with immunocompromise, including those living with HIV, have a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, including a higher risk of severe illness and death.

The Australian Government strongly recommends people with immunocompromise receive a COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca does not behave like a 'live vaccine'. The adenovirus carrier has been modified so that it cannot replicate or spread to other cells, and it cannot cause infection. It is safe in people with immunocompromise.

Clinical trials for COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca did not include people with immunocompromised but many people with such conditions have now been vaccinated worldwide. The results of a clinical trial of COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca given to people with stable HIV infection are expected soon. We do not know if COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca is as effective in people with immunocompromise compared to the rest of the population. It is possible that it might be less

effective, and so it is important to continue other preventative measures such as physical distancing after vaccination.

For more information on use of the vaccine in immunocompromised see: <u>COVID-19 vaccination</u> <u>decision guide for people with immunocompromised</u>.

Women who are pregnant or breastfeeding

Comirnaty (Pfizer) is the preferred vaccine in adults under 50 years of age, including women who are breastfeeding or pregnant. However, you can still have the COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca if Comirnaty is not available and if the benefits of vaccination outweigh the risks for you. You do not need to stop breastfeeding after vaccination.

Pregnant women are not routinely recommended to have COVID-19 vaccination. They can consider vaccination:

- if they are at higher risk of getting COVID-19, for example due to their occupation, or
- if they have risk factors for severe illness, for example due to pre-existing medical conditions.

If you are pregnant, your healthcare provider can help you to assess the benefits and risks of vaccination.

For more information on use of the vaccine in pregnancy and breastfeeding see: <u>COVID-19</u> vaccination decision guide for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or planning pregnancy.

People with a history of COVID-19

If you have ever had COVID-19 in the past, tell your immunisation provider. Your provider may advise to wait for up to six months after recovery before having a COVID-19 vaccine. If you have ongoing illness from COVID-19, discuss the best timing of vaccination with your treating doctor.

Either COVID-19 vaccine brand can be used in people with a past history of COVID-19

COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca and children

COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca has only been provisionally approved for use in people aged 18 years or older, and cannot be given to younger people. The risk of COVID-19, especially severe disease, in children is lower than in older adolescents and adults.

Vaccine safety and reporting adverse events

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) assesses all vaccines in Australia. This ensures that in order for a vaccine to be approved it is safe, effective and manufactured to a very high quality standard. A description of the process for approval of COVID-19 vaccines is available on the <u>TGA</u> website.

The safety of COVID-19 vaccines will be monitored continuously throughout the COVID-19 vaccination program. Suspected side effects can be reported to your vaccination provider or other healthcare professional. They will then make a formal report on your behalf to your state or territory health department or directly to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

If you would prefer to report it yourself, please visit the <u>TGA website</u> for information on how to report suspected side effects associated with COVID-19 vaccines.



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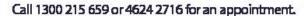
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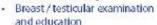
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Cervical Screening





Education and Information

Referrals





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





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Quilpie Cultural Society Workshops 2021.

6th – 7th February 2021 Self Funded Louise's Braid Quilpie with local Tutor Louise Hall Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083

19th – 22th March 2021 Sewing Get together Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083

19th – 24th May 2021 **Haffle Quilt** with "Cheryl and Friends" Quilpie Quilting Group organised by Jan McConnell making a Raffle Quilt to raise funds for Quilpie Cultural Society.

27th – 30th May RADF Furniture Restoration with Dean Timms Rep Josie Martyr 042718*69*84

19th – 20th June RADF **Western Watercolours** with John Morrison Rep Jo Pegler 46564942

25th – 28th June FRRR <mark>Upholstery</mark> with Tim Symons Rep Josie Martyr 0427/196984

July (date to be confirmed) RADF Embroidery with Cathy Sotiriou Rep Robyn Cherry 0428612566

31st July – 2st August RADF Glass Glorious Glass with tutor Alison Shaw Two day workshop – Monday for firing Rep Jane Mulligan 0428547400

20th – 23^{el} August 2021 RADF Fill's Fabicology with Fiona and Kelly Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083 21th – 22th August 2021 RADF (*Pending COVID*)

Pastel Techniques with Maxine Thompson in

Eromanga

Rep Jo Pegler 46564942

22^M – 25th October RADF Hying into Colours with Helen Godden Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083

Quilpie Cultural Society Workshops Dates to be decided

FRRR — Possibly Easter Bulbbles and Brush Strokes for adults and Busy Bees for kids with tutor Samantha Meurant Rep Jo Pegler 46564942

Photography with tutor to be advised — RADF Rep Lauren Gilligan

RADF — Two days Red Earth in Pastels with Lyn Barnes Rep Jo Pegier 46564942

RADF — One day Junior Pastels with Lyn Barnes Rep Jo Pegler 46564942

Quilpie Cultural Society Workshops 2022

18th – 21th March 2022 *RADF funding pending* Triple F – Fun, Fabric, Finish with Louise Hall Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083

21* – 24th October 2022 *RADF funding pending* 10 Degrees West with Fran Bulmer Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083





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