

# QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

## COUNCIL COMMUNITY NEWS

December 2021



### Merry Christmas

Council, management and staff of the Quilpie Shire Council would like to thank residents and ratepayers for their support in 2021 and look forward to working with the community in 2022.

Council wishes everyone across the Shire a happy and safe festive season.

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Well 2021 has certainly been an interesting year to say the least. Once again COVID has hovered over us all for a lot longer than we initially thought it would. The latest development will be the new vaccination mandate rules to be implemented on the 17th of this month. Council's position, and I believe this is generally reflected in the community, is that these measures will be almost impossible to police and will segregate our community. Of course, it is a state government directive and there is not a lot we can do about it but we have voiced our opposition to this and the concerns we share about these new restrictions on our way of life. The Quilpie Shire is at 89% fully vaccinated and should be at well over 90% in a few weeks so this community is certainly not against vaccinations.

To put things in perspective, as I have been trying to do since this pandemic started, the reason unvaccinated people won't be able to go in to their local pub or coffee shop after the 17th is to restrict the spread of the virus when it eventually comes in. As I understand it, a vaccinated person with the virus is contagious for 5 days and an unvaccinated person is contagious for 7.5 days. Yes, the unvaccinated will spread it for longer but not hugely. Being vaccinated doesn't stop you having the virus and spreading it. Also the unvaccinated are more likely to get sick and will probably be at home while the vaccinated probably won't be very sick (if at all) and are more likely to be out in the community.

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People I have spoken to have very legitimate reasons why they aren't vaccinated at this time and I am very uncomfortable about this group being ostracised from our community like this. Away from COVID 2021 has been a pretty exciting year for the shire. I don't think there has ever been a year where we have had so much media exposure. The scientific announcement of Australia's largest dinosaur, *Australotitan Cooperensis*, (aka Cooper) literally went all over the world and created enormous exposure for the shire. We then had great media on our events, i.e. Opera in the Outback, Golf Masters, etc. and, recently, have had international exposure again with the story on our Home Builders Grant. I can't stress how important getting this sort of exposure is. If those in power have never heard of you it is very difficult to get your issues addressed. It also helps to drive investment, tourism and encourages people to move here.

The recent media certainly had a major impact on the recent land auction at Curlew Estate with land selling for way above any previous sales. This was a great result and now we are hopeful that these blocks of land will see houses built on them over the next few years. If that happens and more people move here permanently to live then the whole process really will have been a success.

Throw in that 2021 was the best ever tourism season we have had with record visitor numbers and that we have had the best start to a wet season for many years and, all in all, it has been a pretty good year.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone all the best for the festive season and hope that you can spend some quality time with friends and family.

Kind Regards,

Stuart Mackenzie  
Mayor



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## Ordinary Council Meeting Wrap Up

The Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Friday 10 December 2021 and Special Meeting of Friday 26 November 2021 are available in full on Council's website: [www.quilpie.qld.gov.au](http://www.quilpie.qld.gov.au)

### Special Meeting Outcomes Friday 26 November:

- The 2020 – 2021 Annual Report was adopted as presented. A copy is available on Council's website. If you would like a paper copy of the report, please contact us at Council's Administration Office on 4656 0500.
- Shop Local Campaign is supported again this year, to encourage local residents and visitors to 'think local' with their shopping. Council provides financial support by offering all those who purchase in a participating store the opportunity to win local shopping vouchers comprising 2 voucher packs x \$500 and 10 voucher packs x \$100 to a total of \$2,000.

- Exclusion Fence Subsidy Scheme #6 was discussed, with the following applications approved:

Property Length Subsidy Amount:

Comongin 22kms \$55,000

Regleigh Station 17kms \$42,500

Greenmulla 13.5kms \$33,750

Canaway Downs 20kms \$50,000

Gumbardo 13kms \$32,500

TOTAL 85.5kms \$213,750

The remainder of the budget allocation will be awarded at Council's Ordinary Meeting on 10 December 2021.

- Council endorsed the Quilpie Shire Council Certified Agreement 2021; the voting ballot by staff to be conducted 9 and 10 December.



## Ordinary Meeting Outcomes Friday 10 December 2021.

• Quotations were accepted for the following plant and equipment:

- o RAV 4 from for Black Toyota for a total price of \$44,122.62 excluding GST, with the replaced vehicle being sold at auction
- o Shermac Service Trailer from SBK Solutions for a total price of \$72,300.00 excluding GST, with the replaced unit being sold at auction
- o Hino Town Services Truck from Widelands for a total price of \$52,097.81 excluding GST and accepted the trade-in value of \$15,454.55
- o 4WD Twin Cab Utility from Black Toyota for a total price of \$62,831 excluding GST, with the replaced vehicle being sold at auction
- o 4WD Twin Cab Utility from Black Toyota for a total price of \$62,831.00 excluding GST with the replaced vehicle being sold at auction

o Four x 4WD Twin Cab Utility from O'Briens Toyota for a total price of \$60,909.09 excluding GST. With the replaced vehicle being sold at auction

- Council accepted the request from Quilpie Swim Club for a cash donation to cover the operational costs for the weekly Sunday Morning Triathlon
- Council did not approve the request to agist horses at Bulloo Park rodeo yards
- The Mining Claim Application and Mining Claim Notice 300391 were noted
- An additional 25km of Exclusion fencing was announced to Tenham Station, with an accompanying budget amendment to increase the total subsidy for Round 6 to \$276.250
- The conversion of current lease on Lot 40 NK839916 to Freehold Tenure was noted
- A \$100 Shop Local Voucher was donated to Eromanga QCWA Christmas Hamper



Paul Michel (Pilot) and Alex Zollner Deputy CEO, Angel Flight visited Quilpie recently to meet with Council's CEO Justin Hancock and Mayor Stuart Mackenzie, to receive a cheque for \$14,438.17 donated this year from fund raising activities by Council Staff and Councillors. Since Council staff began their fund raising initiative in 2015, they have donated \$30,607.07 to this worthy charity which coordinates non-emergency flights to assist country people to access specialist medical treatment.



A cheque for \$14,438.17 was also presented to Jenny Hewson and Philippa Ware who operate the local charity Friends In Isolation, to help them continue to help Quilpie Shire people who find themselves in need of assistance during times when they are ill, and in need. This brings the total donated by Quilpie Shire Council staff and councillors to \$40,057.27.

In total, since 2015, Staff and Councillors have donated \$157,495.53 to various charities.



Reminder: Be thoughtful about how you dispose of litter. Our animals don't need to be included in the collection of your rubbish



## Engineering Services Works Update



Sealing of the widened shoulders on all three sections of the Quilpie-Charleville Road has now been completed.

A total of 9.34 km has been widened.

Eight culverts are now completed to assist with drainage of the road.

Final sealing to be completed by 12 December.

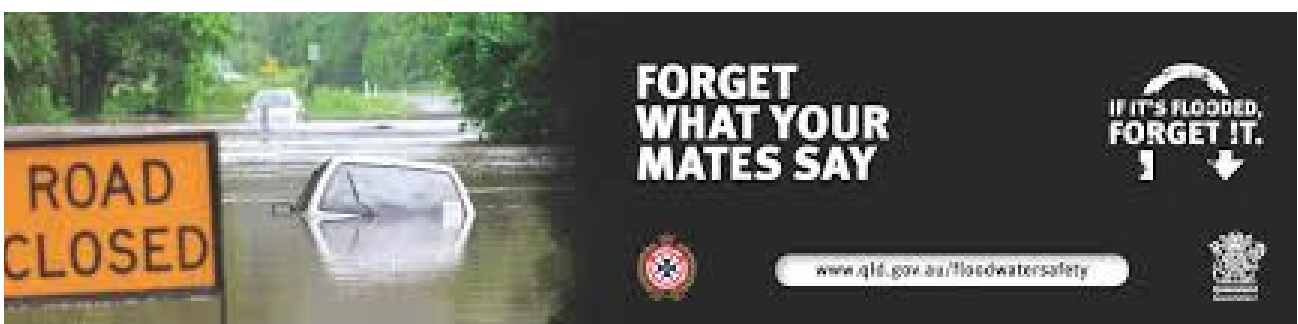
We've had some very welcome rain in the Shire during the past few weeks - rain gauges recording anywhere between 10 and 85 mls depending on the whim of nature!

This, together with generous rains falling in the north, has meant that we have had more than our share of road closures.

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!



## REX Wins new Queensland Regulated Route

Rex announced on November 21 2021 that it had won a competitive tender to service the Central 1 Route which connects the communities of Roma and Charleville to Brisbane. The Central 1 route is one of 7 regulated routes put out for tender in July this year by the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and is currently serviced by QantasLink.



Additionally, Rex has been re-awarded the 5 regulated routes that it is currently servicing. The 5 regulated routes are:

- Northern 1 Route from Townsville to Winton to Longreach and return;
- Northern 2 Route from Townsville to Hughenden to Richmond to Julia Creek to Mount Isa and return;
- Gulf Route from Cairns to Normanton to Mornington Island to Burketown to Doomadgee to Mount Isa and return;
- Western 1 Route from Brisbane to Toowoomba (Wellcamp) to St George to Cunnamulla to Thargomindah and return; and
- Western 2 Route from Brisbane to Toowoomba (Wellcamp) to Charleville to Quilpie to Windorah to Birdsville to Bedourie to Boulia to Mount Isa and return.

The new contracts commence on 1 January 2022 for a period of 5 years.

At this time the schedule / frequency of flights is still to be announced.



The Christmas angels have visited Quilpie's Brolga Street cattle







## PUBLIC NOTICE

### OFFICE CLOSURES – Christmas 2021

Residents are advised that Council closures over the Christmas Holidays are:

Administration Office, Library, Visitor Information Centre:

Thursday 23 December to Friday 7 January

Depot and Engineering Services:

Monday 20 December to Monday 3 January

#### After hours contacts are:

Roads/Works: Peter See Phone: 0452 387 617  
General: Justin Hancock Phone: 0448 816 827

2 December 2021

Justin Hancock  
Chief Executive Officer

(07) 4656 0500  
[www.quilpie.qld.gov.au](http://www.quilpie.qld.gov.au)

## COVID MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The latest Vaccination Mandate rules due to come in on the 17th December regarding business owners are causing a lot of concern in our community. Council's position is that we do not support them and believe it will cause enormous segregation in our community and will be almost impossible to police.

We are very mindful of our limited policing resources across the shire and those four police have already been under pressure due to assisting on border closures etc.

I know that individual businesses are concerned about their position come the 17th and I only can quote a letter from the Deputy Premier that I have been forwarded in response to the Local Government Association of Queensland submission to the government on behalf of all councils:

I quote: "I confirm that enforcement of any mandates is a matter for the Queensland Police Service. Business owners, for example, are not expected to assume this role and neither are local government authorities."

Council is very mindful of the difficult position you have been placed in but I do reiterate - it is not your responsibility! We are also very mindful of our police's position and do not wish to see them burdened any more than they already are!



## Quilpie Shire Council



## Christmas Lights Competition 2021

The Quilpie Shire Council Christmas Lights competition is on again and everyone across the Shire can enter!

### Quilpie Township (No nomination required)

BEST LIGHTS DISPLAY – PRIZE \$500

SPECTACULAR SENIOR AWARD – PRIZE \$250

FESTIVE FENCE – PRIZE \$250

BEST DECORATED BUSINESS AWARD – PRIZE \$350

CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND – GRAND PRIZE \$1200

### Eromanga and Adavale Townships (No nomination required)

BEST CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY EROMANGA – PRIZE \$500

BEST CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY ADAVALE – PRIZE \$500

CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND (SHIRE WIDE) – PRIZE \$1200

Judging across towns will take place the week commencing 14 December with winners announced at the Quilpie Combined Businesses Town Christmas Party 18 December.

### Residents not in the towns of Quilpie, Eromanga or Adavale – NOMINATE NOW!

OUTBACK CHRISTMAS DISPLAY – PRIZE \$500

CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND – PRIZE \$1200

Photos and nominations must be submitted by 5.00pm Wednesday 15 December. The winner will be announced on 17 December at the Quilpie Combined Businesses Town Christmas Party

Nomination forms for the Rural Properties are available by visiting our website [www.quilpie.qld.gov.au](http://www.quilpie.qld.gov.au) or give the office a call on

07 4656 0500.

You can submit your nominations and photos to [admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au) or post them to Council (PO Box 57, Quilpie QLD 4480).





# QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

## HOME OWNER GRANT

### HOW TO APPLY:

Post your completed original application form, supporting documents and signed contract to  
P O Box 57  
QUILPIE 4480  
Forms are available at  
[www.quilpie.qld.gov.au](http://www.quilpie.qld.gov.au)

### QUILPIE SHIRE

Quilpie Shire is located 1000kms West of Brisbane on the Warrego Way. Quilpie is the main business centre for the Shire and services the communities of Eromanga, Adavale, Toompine and Cheepie.



Population: 774

Quilpie town population is 595



Two supermarkets, butcher, bakery, newsagent, hairdressers, retail shops



Hospital, Medical Centre, Pharmacy



Two schools (Prep to Year 10), Early Learning Centre



Community Gym, Sporting ovals, tennis and basketball courts, free swimming pools and lots of open space for walking and riding bikes!



REX Airlines operate twice-weekly flights to Brisbane and Mount Isa.



### WHAT IS THE HOME OWNER GRANT

Quilpie Shire Council has developed this initiative to help new home owners to get their new home sooner. It is intended to augment and does not replace the support to home buyers offered by other levels of government.

This grant offers up to \$12,500 towards building your new home (Class 1a dwelling valued at less than \$750,000) and is paid per new home, not to each applicant for the same home. The grant applies to all township areas across Quilpie Shire - Adavale, Eromanga, Cheepie, Quilpie and Toompine.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE

New home owners in the Quilpie Shire are eligible for the grant.

The home must be a new house that has never been occupied as a place of residence. It may also be available for new homes that have been moved from one site to another.

You must reside in the home for at least the first six months, and you must be an Australian Citizen or a Permanent Resident.

### KEY INFORMATION

- ✓ The policy will cover new homes in Quilpie, Adavale, Eromanga, Toompine and Cheepie
- ✓ The grant is paid per home, not per applicant.
- ✓ This grant supports (but does not replace) what other levels of Government provide.
- ✓ Eligible applicants can apply for a one-off Grant of up to \$12,500 to offset expenses associated with building a NEW home in the Quilpie Shire.



#### USEFUL WEBSITES

[www.qld.gov.au](http://www.qld.gov.au)

[www.treasury.gov.au](http://www.treasury.gov.au)

[www.firsthome.gov.au](http://www.firsthome.gov.au)

[www.nhfc.gov.au](http://www.nhfc.gov.au)

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:



07 4656 0500



[admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au)



[www.quilpie.qld.gov.au](http://www.quilpie.qld.gov.au)



50 Brolga Street  
Quilpie, QLD Australia





## Nominations are now open for the 2022 Australia Day Awards

The Quilpie Shire Council Australia Day Awards celebrate the achievement and contribution of individuals and community groups in our region.

These awards are an opportunity to publicly acknowledge those who have made an outstanding contribution or an exceptional achievement. If you know of a person or community group dedicated to making the Quilpie Shire a better place, help us recognise their efforts and nominate them for a 2022 Australia Day Award.

The award categories include:

- > Citizen of the Year
- > Young Citizen of the Year
- > Community Group Award
- > Certificate of Appreciation Award

Nomination forms can be collected from Quilpie Shire Council Administration Office or downloaded from the Quilpie Shire Council Website – [www.quilpie.qld.gov](http://www.quilpie.qld.gov)

Nominations close at 12.00pm on Friday 17 December 2021.



**Australia Day**  
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



**Claim the date: Council's Community Australia Day Celebration will be held  
Friday 21 January 2022**



## Quilpie Shire Combined Emergency Services Christmas Party



Deputy Mayor Cr Jenny Hewson and Cr Roger Volz giving presents to the kids



Abby Martin receiving her award for Recognition of Service and Dedication to Quilpie Residents, from Cr Hewson and Shane Randall



Elvio Andrade receiving his award for Recognition of Service and Dedication to the Quilpie Shire SES, from Cr Bruce Paulsen

## Seniors Christmas Party was celebrated in the new Gryica Gardens Community Centre







## **Upgrade your smoke alarms today**

From 1 January 2022, landlords must install interconnected smoke alarms in residential rental properties.

When one goes off, they all go off, giving everyone extra time to escape.

All other dwellings must transition to full compliance by 2027.

Don't leave it to the last minute.

You could save a life.



## **Planning Your Holidays? Remember Your Pets!**

The holiday season is almost upon us, but for those with pets there are a few extra things to organise before you can go away: who will be taking care of your furry friends? Boarding kennels are a good option; your pets will be safely confined and have regular attention. Your pet will require up-to-date vaccinations to stay at commercial boarding facilities.

Unfortunately, most kennels require advance bookings for the busy Christmas-season with most booked out by August. Keep this in mind if you need to make last-minute plans. Also, boarding kennels might not be suitable if your pet is easily stressed by other animals or strange environments. If you decide to leave your pets at home, and don't have a trusted friend or neighbour to help, a pet-sitting service might be appropriate.

The pet-sitter would visit your house daily to provide food, company and enrichment. Some pets are stressed by changes in their routine so it's important to keep an eye on them to ensure they are eating, drinking, toileting and are otherwise okay in your absence. Still, you might prefer to holiday with your pets. There are lots of hotels, home-stays and camping sites that are pet-friendly and can be easily found online. However, you might need to book in advance. If your lucky pup is holidaying with you, there are still a few extra things to plan.

Make sure that your dog's vaccinations, worming and flea treatment is up to date. You might also need to arrange paralysis tick prevention, depending on your destination. Don't forget to pack their leash, food, doggy bags, and water bowls. If your pet takes any prescription medication take enough to last the holiday. Also, make sure your pet is safe while travelling in your car. Use an appropriate restraint, such as a harness or a crate. Your pet should be able to sit or lie down in a natural position while restrained. Never leave your dog unattended in a car. Dogs can die very quickly from heat stress, even in mild weather. Whether you are leaving or taking your pets with you, ensure your pets are microchipped and your contact details are correct on the microchip register so you can be contacted if need be. There are six microchip registers across Australia, so make sure the one your pets are recorded on is recognised nationally. Also, attach an ID tag with your contact details to your pet's collar. For more advice contact the RSPCA.



## 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)

### Signs of mild DEHYDRATION



- 1 *Thirstiness*
- 2 A dry mouth, lips and tongue
- 3 **HEADACHE**
- 4 Have urine that is a darker yellow than usual, and less of it
- 5 Light-headedness or dizziness

## Quilpie Swimming Pool

**Pool Hours**  
**13<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

| Day       | Morning            | Afternoon          |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Monday    | 6:00 am – 8:30 am  | 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm  |
| Tuesday   | 6:00am – 10:00 am  | 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm  |
| Wednesday | <b>CLOSED</b>      | 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm  |
| Thursday  | 6:00 am – 10:00 am | 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm  |
| Friday    | 6:00 am – 8:30 am  | 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm  |
| Saturday  | <b>CLOSED</b>      | 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm  |
| Sunday    | <b>CLOSED</b>      | 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm |

The pool will be closed on Christmas Day & New Years Day only.  
Boxing Day will be 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Hours subject to change.

**Ph: 4656 1201 or 0413 201 534**

Triathlons every  
Sunday at the  
Quilpie Pool  
8am Adults start,  
followed by kids  
200m swim,  
10km cycle,  
1.5km run or set  
your own goals.  
You will need a  
helmet and  
covered shoes,  
and make sure  
you follow traffic  
& road rules to  
keep everyone  
safe!

For more  
information  
please call Kerri  
0417 793 426



Minister Littleproud would like to make you aware of a new Federal Government funding program which has opened recently.

The Future Drought Fund Drought Resilient Soils and Landscapes Grants Program, opened on December 1, is a competitive grants process to promote and demonstrate land management practices that support drought resilience.

Minister Littleproud is confident that there are many land management practices that can help farms stay productive during, and recover quicker after, drought, and he wants to help bring these practices into the mainstream eg maintaining strong groundcover helps the soil absorb and hold more water for longer, and protects it from erosion and weeds.

The Federal Government wants to show that such practices can be effectively applied at a broad scale, and are looking for projects that fit this bill. These projects will provide demonstrations that farmers can learn and take confidence from, and apply on their own farm.

Applications close for this program on January 11, 2022, and more details, including guidelines, can be found at [Future Drought Fund: Drought Resilient Soils and Landscapes Grants Program | Community Grants Hub](#)



The Outback Gondwana Foundation has secured \$5,300 through the latest round of Community Heritage Grants, for a Preservation Needs Assessment of the Eromanga Natural History Museum Geoscience Collection.

The Outback Gondwana Foundation will use its second grant to bring a trained conservator to the Eromanga Natural History Museum, where staff and volunteers work to uncover and preserve mega and micro fauna from one of Australia's richest palaeontological sites.

"The Museum showcases the incredible diversity of Outback Australia's natural history and visitors get to experience displays from the tiniest fossils the size of a sugar grain to the mightiest dinosaurs Australia has ever seen," Mr Littleproud said.

The Community Heritage Grants program supports a wide range of organisations, particularly small, volunteer managed community groups, who otherwise would have no access to qualified heritage practitioners and very limited funding to appropriately care for their collections.



The Quilpie Club will receive \$11,985 towards installation of solar panels at the Club from the 'Powering Communities Program. Energy bills are often one of the biggest overheads for not-for-profit organisations," Mr Littleproud said.

"Whether it be a sports club, a community kindergarten or a community radio station, by helping to reduce power bills, the grants will ease the financial pressure these organisations face, so they can better focus on meeting the needs of their local communities."

Mr Littleproud acknowledged the valuable role of these social hubs in communities.

"We recognise many have done it tough during COVID-19 and this program will help them to do what they do best, which is serve and support the community."





### Participating Businesses

#### TOOMPINE

Toompine Pub

#### EROMANGA

Eromanga Natural History Museum  
Eromanga Royal Hotel

#### QUILPIE

All About Aquatics  
Channel Country Refrigeration  
Elders - Quilpie  
Elle's Newsagency  
G&T Mechanical  
Great Western Electrical  
Helen's Hair and Beauty  
Hewson Hall Electrical  
Imperial Hotel Motel  
Kev Richardson Welding  
Lowes Petroleum - Quilpie  
Lyn Barnes Gallery  
Meads Foodstore

#### NAB - Quilpie branch

Nutrien - Quilpie  
Off Shears Bakery  
Old Empire Cafe  
Outback Hair Studio  
Paulsen's Friendly Grocer  
Quilpie Butchery  
Quilpie Bowls Club  
Quilpie Country Collections  
Quilpie Hardware  
Quilpie Pharmacy  
Quilpie Post Office (Australia Post)  
Quilpie Shire Council  
Springall Mechanical  
Quilpie Visitor Information Centre  
Unstable Coffee

#### This promotion is organised by:

Quilpie Shire Council | ABN: 53 680 434 639  
PO Box 57 Quilpie, QLD, 4480 | P: 07 4656 0540



**\$2,000 worth of vouchers**  
**Shop local for your chance to win!**



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### Terms and Conditions

**Eligibility:** Entry is free and open to residents and visitors to the Quilpie Shire.

**Prize:** Support local business and you could win one of twelve (12) local shopping voucher prize packs! There are two \$500 prize packs and ten \$100 prize packs up for grabs! Vouchers will be issued in a mixture of denominations (\$20 and \$50 values).

**Voucher conditions:** The voucher contains the value which may only be used to purchase goods and services from a participating Quilpie Shire business by the listed expiry date. Please present the original voucher at the time of use and the amount will be deducted from your visit/purchase. No credit or change can be given on the unused portion of the Voucher. This voucher cannot be redeemed for cash or used to purchase takeaway alcohol or cigarettes.

**Entry:** To enter, you must spend \$20 or more in one transaction at a participating Quilpie Shire business. The purchase/s is required during the competition period - The competition starts on Change to Wednesday 10th November 2021 and concludes at Midnight on Wednesday 15th December 2021. Place your name and contact details on the back of the receipt and place in an entry box located at a participating business or drop into the box at Council's administration centre.

**Online entry:** If you need to keep your receipt simply enter online and if your name is drawn just make sure you can show the receipt when claiming your prize! To complete an online entry head to [www.quilpie.qld.gov.au](http://www.quilpie.qld.gov.au) and complete the online entry form. If you do not have access to enter online simply call or drop into Council's administration office and we will be happy to do it on your behalf, please bring your receipt with you as proof of spend.

**Prize draw:** The winners are selected randomly on Friday 17th December 2021 at the Business Community Christmas Party.

**Competition queries:** Any competition queries can be directed to [admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au)

**Privacy:** Quilpie Shire Council may use the name of the entrant specified on the entry Receipt and the details of the participating business delivering that entry receipt in promotional, marketing and publicity activities. The prize winners may be required to be part of the media promotion announcing the winning details of the competition.

#### This promotion is organised by:

Quilpie Shire Council | ABN: 53 680 434 639  
PO Box 57 Quilpie, QLD, 4480 | P: 07 4656 0540.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### St Matthew's Anglican Church

**Bishop Cam Venables will be  
holding a Christmas Service on  
Friday 17 December 2021 at  
5pm**

**ALL WELCOME**

For more information contact

Robyn Cherry

Warden

Mob 0428 612 566



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Quilpie Shire Council's

# 25 Days of Christmas

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Join in for late night shopping Friday 3rd December

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**TOYS \* TOYS \* TOYS**  
Great range of toys at Bi-Rite, Elle's Newsagency, Quilpie Post office and Quilpie Pharmacy

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Bi-rite, Elle's Newsagency & Country Collections open for late night shopping tonight

4

Christmas in the Gallery open every Saturday up until 22nd December from 9am-12pm

5

Relax after a busy week with a cuppa & pancakes from Unstable Coffee

6

Make sure to order all your Christmas Feast essentials from Paulsen's, Meads, Butcher & Bakery

7

Join in for late night shopping Thursday 9th December

8

Get Christmas party ready with new hair from Helen's Hair or Outback Hair Studio & new threads from Country Collections

9

Late night shopping tonight at Hardware, Quilpie Post Office, Elle's Newsagency, Bi-Rite & Country Collections

10

Don't forget your pets this Christmas. Grab all your pet essentials from Nutrien & Elders

11

**SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN:** Spend \$20 or more in a local business to go in the draw to win up to \$2000 in local vouchers

12

5 Sleeps until the town Christmas Party thanks to our fabulous local businesses

13

Remember to get tickets for the Christmas raffles from Mulga Mates & Quilpie Sport & Rec.

14

Let Springall's Mechanical and Gilby & Tonkin get your car in tip top shape before heading away! Plus new tyres from Quilpie Hardware

15

Last day to enter the shop local draw. Winners drawn at Town Christmas Party

16

Don't be disappointed this Christmas. Get your gas Cylinders filled at Quilpie Hardware or Elle's Newsagency

17

Celebrate tonight at the Town Christmas Party from 6pm

18

Grab lunch at the Imperial today and catch the drawing of Mulga Mates Christmas Raffle

19

You better start wrapping presents! Grab a coffee from The Old Empire Cafe or Eromanga Cafe to help motivate you!

20

Be sure to check local businesses Christmas trading hours to avoid disappointment

21

Have you got a New Years Resolution yet? Why not ask Quilpie Sport & Rec. about a Gym membership?

22

Today is your last day to get some handmade goodies from Christmas in the Gallery

23

Don't be caught out, make sure all your prescriptions are filled at the Pharmacy before Christmas Closure

24

Stock up your refreshment fridges from the Imperial, The Club or Eromanga Pub.

25

A very Merry Christmas to you from the Quilpie Shire Council



25 Days of Christmas is an initiative by the Quilpie Shire Council to promote and support shopping local in the Quilpie Shire. Be sure to follow the Quilpie Shire Council Facebook and Instagram pages for more information.

Please note Council's Administration office will be closed from 23rd December and reopen Monday 10th January 2022.

**GO  
LOCAL**

Keep Queensland going strong





first5  
forever

*Wriggle & Rhyme*

Sessions followed by

*Busy Kids Playtime*

**At the Quilpie Library**

**Every Tuesday from**

**10.30am – 11.30am**

*Stories, Rhymes, Songs & Play*

*For Children 0-5 Years*

*For further information call, Janet or Tracey on 46560550*

SESSIONS WILL NOT BE HELD DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



**QUILPIE SHIRE LIBRARY  
NEEDS YOUR HELP!**



If you have any *Novels for Adults* that you no longer need, please consider donating them to the Quilpie Library

We currently operate a 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Book Stall at the Library

Funds raised from sales are included in Council's 2021 Fundraiser

*'Angel Flight' & 'Friends in Isolation'*



Please drop any books at the Quilpie Shire Library  
Alternatively, phone or email the Library and we will arrange collection.

Phone Janet or Tracey – 46560550

Email: [library@quilpie.qld.gov.au](mailto:library@quilpie.qld.gov.au)



## Turkey and Mango Salad

**Serves:** 6

**Prep time:** 15 minutes

**Cook time:** 5-10 minutes



1 serve per portion

### Ingredients

- ½ cup sunflower and pumpkin seeds
- ¼ cup dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon honey
- ¼ cup apple cider vinegar
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 5 cups baby spinach
- 200g cherry tomatoes, halved
- ½ red onion, thinly sliced
- 500g cooked turkey breast, sliced or shaved
- 1 large mango, sliced
- ½ cup dried cranberries

### Method

HEAT a frypan over medium heat. Dry toast the sunflower and pumpkin seeds for 5 minutes or until golden. Set aside to cool.

COMBINE mustard, honey, vinegar, olive oil and pepper in a small jug to make the dressing.

COMBINE baby spinach, tomatoes and red onion in large salad bowl.

SPRINKLE turkey meat, mango, cranberries and seeds on top of salad vegetables.

DRIZZLE a small amount of dressing on salad and serve with remainder in small jug.



Everyday Food

*Recipe courtesy of the Country Kitchens team*

## CWA Country Kitchens



[qwcacountrykitchens.com.au](http://qwcacountrykitchens.com.au)

## QUILPIE MEDICAL PRACTICE

### SWHHS Visiting Specialists 2021

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Speech Therapist        | 8 December                                   |
| Occupational Therapist  | 8 December                                   |
| Dietician               | 8 December                                   |
| Physiotherapist         | 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> December |
| Diabetes Educator       | December                                     |
| Cardiac Nurse           | December                                     |
| Nurse Navigator         | December                                     |
| Mental Health Clinician | visits weekly - every Thursday               |

For more information please contact the SWHHS Quilpie on 07 46 560 100 or Quilpie Medical Practice on 07 46 561 158



## 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**



### It must be Christmas!

It's a crazy, busy, but hopefully joyful time of year, whether you join in the celebrations or not. Most of us usually eat too much, perhaps drink too much.....and mum has made plum pudding - so what can we do?

1. De-stress - take a deep breath, slowly in through your nose and out through your mouth, with your eyes closed if possible. When we're stressed we breathe quickly and shallowly – not enough oxygen getting around, and we reach for those sugary foods.

2. Practice the 19/21 rule - out of 21 meals a week, make 19 of them healthy, and this gives you 2 meals to indulge (not over indulge). \*

3. Eyeball your plate: -

- protein (meat, legumes, eggs, fish, chicken): the size and thickness of your palm
- carbohydrates (potato, sweet potato, pasta, rice, bread): the size of a clenched fist and
- fill up your plate with a good variety of colourful vegetables.

4. Drink water - always aim for eight glasses a day.

5. Drinkies tips:

- instead of a glass of wine - top half the glass with soda water or choose a non-alcoholic wine
- replace regular beer with low-carb beer and
- swap soft drinks for a splash of apple juice topped up with soda water for a low sugar fizz.



## Sporting News From the World of Cricket

The Quilpie Killer Whales are back!

11 November 2021

The Whales have successfully migrated back south after a spine tingling 9 wicket loss to the Teddies last weekend.

After winning the toss and electing to bat Dan Hoch and Jack Biddle entertained the packed house with some exquisite shotmaking. Word had quickly travelled around the streets of Tambo about this partnership and it wasn't long before streams of vehicles were entering the gates of this most prestigious ground. Sometimes figures do not truly indicate the brilliance of a team's performance and this was evident after this pair compiled 45 runs off 128 nude nuts. When Hoch was dismissed it became obvious what a great job this talented duo had accomplished. The Whales capitulated by losing 8-45 and were left beached on a total of just 91. An eye catching, boundary hitting, rearguard performance by Jeremy Grimm was something the selectors will note in their empty diaries.

Questions were asked when Tambo Captain Alex Turnbull appeared to feign injury and stop play while the team doctor tried valiantly to diagnose his non existent knee complaint. This came at a bad time for the Whales as we threatened to lift the run rate above 3 an over for the first time in the last 3 seasons.

Turnbull's actions became more suspicious when social media posted videos of him playing TWISTER at 3am on Sunday morning. This Warney like behaviour is sure to be mentioned when the match review panel meet next year. The Teddy Bears were wasting no time with the run chase and dismantled the Quilpie bowling with some disdainful batting. Captain Park had difficulty in finding ways in which to contain the early onslaught and is looking at making more changes to his X1 for this week's match against Railways. A huge Thanks to Harry Houghton for piloting this untalented group of cricketers half way around Australia for what was considered by some players as an encouraging result.

Onwards and Upwards!

Special Thanks to the Quilpie Shire Council Parks & Garden crew for the way John Waugh Park is being presented for our visiting teams -Best in the West!

QUILPIE KILLER WHALES LEFT STUNNED BY AUSTRALIAN SPORTS ANTI -DOPING AUTHORITY (ASADA) INVESTIGATION

15 November 2021

This latest scandal has come at a terrible time for the Whales as they battle their way out of a 3 year form slump. Club Lawyer Dennis Denuto has questioned ASADA about the alleged use of NON PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS (pretty bloody obvious) by arguing that "it is the vibe of the thing".

Denuto quickly turned the accusations onto the Railways Cricket Club who are suspiciously named "The GREEN MACHINE ". Great work Dennis!

This drama followed Saturday's enthralling encounter between these two great sides.

Railways won the toss (we can't even win that) and elected to bat in the favourable conditions. Captain Charlie Aitken would have been concerned about his young guns when they struggled to 6 for 125 after 19 immaculate overs. Malcolm Johnson joined Mr Francis at the crease and the pair pummeled the Whales to all parts of Suncaught Stadium. Residents 200 metres away could be seen putting their cars undercover, such was the ferocity and power of their stroke making. Fire Captain Roger Volz took the extraordinary step to declare a State of Emergency and had the towns sirens sounding to warn people of an impending disaster. Former player Damien McNair could only mutter the words, "F... Me!".

Mr Francis finished 153no and Malcolm beat his previous high score of 3 with an unbeaten 74.

Joe Tully was the pick of the Whales bowling attack but left for home sobbing uncontrollably, after dropping Mr Francis on 5. Gotta love cricket!

Sanchit Rathee showed some amazing skills in claiming 3-54 and Hong Kong Tom toiled manfully 2-56. Birthday boy McKenzie Haylock was hoping to celebrate his 18th Birthday with a win but instead suffered the biggest loss in cricket history.

Quilpie's response was fairly predictable,given that the run rate was 9 an over from the outset. Jack Biddle was the only player to show any real form with a well compiled 33. Jack very nearly lost his middle stump when Sandy McKenzie smashed a straight drive back down the pitch and hit him in a very vulnerable position.(photo attached)

We now turn our attention to this weekend's match against Cunnamulla and look forward to reversing our fortunes of the last few weeks.

Onwards and downwards!



## **POLICE NEWS:**

### **ROAD SAFETY:**

With the upcoming Xmas / New Year period we can expect an increase in traffic enforcement and Random Breath Testing patrols from both local and visiting officers. Disappointingly the other day I detected a local vehicle travelling at @150km/h coming off the Wanko Flat near the Napoleon Road turnoff. Travelling at that speed on our roads is inviting tragedy and not worth the time saved. I'm sure the person involved could have done without the \$1286 fine, losing eight demerit points and receiving a six month driver's license suspension from the Department of Transport and Main Roads. All open roads within Quilpie Shire (except for built up areas / roadworks etc) are 100km/h – not 110 or 120km/h.

It is also important to ensure you have your seatbelt on when driving your vehicle both in town and on the open roads. You literally have no chance of avoiding serious injury / death if you have traffic crash on an open highway and you are not wearing your seatbelt.

Police will focus on the Fatal Five major causes of Injury Traffic Crashes - SPEEDING, DRINK & DRUG DRIVING, SEATBELTS, DRIVER FATIGUE and DRIVER INATTENTION & DISTRACTION (Using your Phone whilst Driving). Avoid these and you will avoid an accident.

### **PROPERTY SECURITY:**

For those of you who are lucky enough to be heading away for the Christmas Holidays please ensure that that your property / house / vehicles are secured. We are pretty lucky in Quilpie that property crime is rare. That said we may have visitors coming to town over the Christmas / New Year period that may be inclined to take advantage of a lack of property security. Let your neighbours know if you will be away and they may be able to keep an eye on your place. LOCK IT or LOSE IT.

### **MOTORBIKES AROUND TOWN:**

With the end of the school year we will most likely see an increase in kids on motorbikes. Motorbikes should not be ridden on the roads in town. Sensible riding will not draw the attention of local officers. However if you are tearing down the street, kicking up dust or making noise around houses or the hospital where the night shift staff are trying to sleep you will draw our attention. The Police Powers & Responsibilities Act (Motorbike Noise) provides Police with the ability to impound motorcycles where they are causing a nuisance. If you are advised by Police or a member of the public you and your bike are causing a problem please heed the advice and take it away from the edge of town. There is a big town common for you to ride on.

### **POLICE STATION HOURS:**

Over the Xmas / New Year period office hours will be reduced with Heather enjoying well earned break. If you require anything from the office eg Logbook or Licence Renewal and the Police Station is closed please ring the QUILPIE POLICE STATION PHONE NUMBER 4656 8181. This will divert to the station mobile phone and arrangements can be made to for an officer to attend.

Be SENSIBLE Be SAFE and Merry Christmas to all.  
Brendan / Mark & Heather



NBN Muster truck will be at the Quilpie Combined Businesses Town Christmas Party on Friday 17th December providing information about NBN options you may be able to access



# QUILPIE COMBINED BUSINESSES TOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY

**FRIDAY | DECEMBER 17| 6.30PM**

**BROLGA STREET, QUILPIE**

We're wrapping up 2021 with  
a street party!

**FREE BBQ DINNER  
BAR WITH BEER, WINE  
& CORDIAL**

*Night will feature the drawing  
of the shop local campaign  
vouchers!*

**This event is provided free to the  
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ALL ABOUT AQUATICS  
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CAMRANDALE TRANSPORT  
CHANNEL COUNTRY REFRIGERATION  
COSTELLO TRANSPORT  
COUNTRY COLLECTIONS  
ELLES NEWSAGENCY  
GILBY & TONKIN MECHANICAL  
GRANT DANIEL LONG (GDL)  
HEWSONHALL BI'RITE ELECTRICAL  
HOCH PASTORAL CO.  
IMPERIAL HOTEL  
KEV RICHARDSON WELDING  
LOWES PETROLEUM

LYN BARNES OUTBACK ART  
MEADS FOODWORKS  
NAB - QUILPIE  
NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS  
O.C. HEAVY VEHICLE REPAIRS  
OFFSHEARS BAKERY  
OLD EMPIRE CAFE  
OUTBACK HAIR STUDIO  
PAULSEN BROS FRIENDLY GROCER  
QUILPIE BUTCHERY  
QUILPIE HARDWARE  
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