QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL COUNCIL COMMUNITY NEWS January 2022



CEO'S MESSAGE

As we leave 2021, it appears that we have entered a new set of challenges in 2022 with the widespread Omicron variant now moving throughout the State and Country. To date the Shire has seen relatively low numbers, with those experiencing symptoms taking the advice of Queensland Health and getting tested immediately. As we navigate this challenging time, Council intends to provide full services to the community and has established plans to ensure continual delivery of essential services such as garbage collection, water and sewerage services etc.

The recent rainfall has been a welcomed sight, although patchy, with roads becoming cut in all directions from Quilpie due to flooding. The public is reminded that if it's flooded, forget it, and also avoid travelling on gravel roads after rain to limit any damage that may be caused. Council maintains over 2,000km of roads within the Shire, and while grant funding for damage sustained by flooding is available to Council, damage caused by vehicles travelling on wet roads is not, ultimately causing the rate payers to foot the bill for this damage.

Council have seen a busy start to the 2021/2022 financial year with a number of key project delivered in the past 6 months, this includes:

- New footpaths in Boonkai and Jabiru Street;
- Eromanga Hall Toilet rebuilding and addition of disabled facilities;
- Upgrade to Cricket Pitch Cover and Speakers at John Waugh Park;
- Additional Sealing to the Quilpie-Adavale Red Road4.6 km, Onion Creek Road 3 km, and resealing of Kyabra Road, Mt Margaret Road, Stanley Street (Toompine), Burt Street (Eromanga) and Jabiru Street;
- Quilpie Water Main Upgrade (Jabiru St from Buln Buln to Chipu street);
- Gyrica Gardens Multi-Function Centre; and
- Widening of 9.2 km of the Quilpie-Charleville Road for Transport and Main Roads

There are still plenty more projects on the horizon to be completed within the next 6 months, these include:

- Electronic Notice Boards in Quilpie, Toompine, Eromanga and Adavale;
- Baldy Top and River Walk beautification;
- Toompine Playground and Shade;
- · Bi-centennial Park Upgrade;
- Quilpie Driver Reviver (Behind VIC);
- · Quilpie-Adavale Red Road Lookout;
- Concrete Floodways on Cooma Road; and
- Eromanga Water Treatment Plant Upgrade.

As we plan to the future, Council has also commenced the development of a Quilpie Main Masterplan, Street Quilpie Aquatic Centre Masterplan and 2022-2027 Corporate Plan. Schedules are currently being developed to host public meetings in regards to these projects in order to receive public feedback. These projects are key to developing the future focus for the Shire and community input is encouraged so please make the time to attend if you can.

Best wishes for the New Year

Regards

Justin Hancock

CEO

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Ordinary Council Meeting Wrap Up

The Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Tuesday 18 January 2022 are available in full on Council's website: www.quilpie.qld.gov.au

Ordinary Council Meeting Outcomes Tuesday 18 January 2022

- · Council received a report from the Western Oueensland Priority Network. One of the priorities of the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WOAC) is the development of a Western Queensland Priority Roads Network to add to advocacy resources when engaging both State and Federal Governments. To date some work has been done within the three Regional Road Transport Technical Groups (RRGTCs) on priority road networks for regions. The WOAC wish coordinate and align this work to enable a Western priority network across Queensland to be developed. This will provide a powerful statement for election and other campaign advocacy.
- Council discussed support for the Outback Gondwana Foundation (OGF) Building Better Regions funding Round 6 application. Council previously provided a financial commitment of \$500,000 and In-Kind commitment of \$100,000 for staff time for administration tasks, engineering and project management support, and use of equipment towards the Building Better Regions Fund Round 5 application lodged by the OGF. The OGF wrote to Council on 31 December 2021 seeking the same commitment towards the Building Better Regions Fund Round 6 application which was approved.
- · Council has been working with external service providers to improve internet infrastructure within the Shire. opportunity has arisen which Council could partner with NBN to access funding under the Regional Connectivity Program Round 2 to provide fibre to the premises services in Quilpie. Council resolved to provide a cash commitment up \$277,000 towards the Regional Connectivity Program Round 2 application.

- Council received correspondence from the Quilpie Sporting Clays Club Inc on 8 December 2021 requesting support for three major projects; shade, canteen facilities; and weather proof road access. Council resolved to support reviewing vehicular access for the Quilpie Sporting Clays Club Inc. and continue to assist the club in seeking funding opportunities.
- Discussion was held with reference to the proposed changes to the Small Mining Act, and its impact on the local opal mining industry. Council resolved to write a letter of support to the Minister Resources and Mines to highlight the importance of opal mining to the Shire, and to express concerns with proposed changes to the Small Mining Act.
- Cr Hewson moved a vote of thanks to staff and businesses that participated and contributed to the successful Shop Local and Street Party Christmas Promotion
- Director Corporate and Community Services advised that commencing in January a medical doctor would be housed permanently in Quilpie, providing medical services on a fortnightly basis, with a rotating roster of two other doctors attending on the alternating fortnights.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at 9.30am Friday 18 February 2022 at the Quilpie Shire Council Board Room.

The Minutes and Agendas of Council meetings are available in full on Council's web site www.quilpie.gld.gov.au



Engineering Services Works Update







As of 6.00am Monday 24 January 2022 the new transfer station will begin operation at the Quilpie Dump.All general dumping will then be into the large white transfer bins.

Metals, white goods and green waste will be dumped at the designated and signed areas within the transfer station complex.

If you have large amounts of tyres, green waste, animal carcasses or animal waste, or earth fill to dispose of, you will need to make an appointment to enter the dump complex. The same applies to the disposal of asbestos waste. To make an appointment you should contact 07 46560500 or the Town Services supervisor 0408749849.This is only available Monday to Friday from 6.00 a.m. to Sunset. The area is under 24 hour

live

video

the operations begin.

Scavengers will be warned and then prosecuted once

surveillance.



We've had some nice rains over most of the Shire recently, and once again we have had to close some roads to traffic due to wet conditions. While this may be an inconvenience in the short term, we do it for your own safety, and to ensure safe roads all year round for locals and visitors.

Please make sure you check local weather conditions and forecasts before travelling www.bom.gov.au

Severe damage can occur to roads when people drive on closed or wet gravel roads. This is not only dangerous for drivers and their passengers, but can also be costly for our Shire to repair the damage.

Penalties may apply to those who choose to ignore 'Road Closed' signs.

Council asks that you please consider residents who live in Quilpie Shire, and depend on these roads all year round. we make every effort to minimise delays, and appreciate your patience and assistance when roads are closed.

Quilpie Shire Council road crew have been praised this week for their exceptional work on the Lochabie Road, with the surface being compared to a mirror. It was also mentioned that apart from doing an outstanding job on the road, the crew were heard communicating respectfully to each other, displaying Council's Values of respect, communication, fun & humour, pride, trust and teamwork. Now we are hoping that no one will drive on the road while it's damp and wreck all that good work!

QUILPIE JOB VACANCIES

Quilpie Shire Council is seeking a fulltime Payroll/HR Officer.

If you have high level numeracy and communication skills, together with attention to detail and the ability to maintain highly confidential information, then this could be the job for you.

While experience in a similar role would be ideal, training can be provided for an inexperienced applicant.

For more information, please see www.quilpie.qld.gov.au

Applications close 4pm 28 January 2022.

Quilpie Shire Council is seeking an experienced Truck Driver / Multi-Skilled Plant Operator to safely and efficiently carry out road construction and maintenance activities and other miscellaneous works. The employee will be responsible for servicing and correctly maintaining plant, ensuring that any plant defects are promptly reported.

For more information, please see www.quilpie.qld.gov.au Applications close 4pm 31 January 2022.



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





\$500 - Irene Schaepman \$500 - Lorraine Mathieson \$100 - Grace woods \$100 - Barbara Scott \$100 - Ben Hall (Nutrien) \$100 - Jenny Anderson \$100 - Cathy Truss \$100 - Norman Harris \$100 - Brad Moran \$100 - Vicki Weeks \$100 - Melissa Green \$100 - Darren Haylock A huge congratulations to all the lucky winners



WINNERS OF SHOP LOCAL VOUCHERS KINDLY DONATED BY PROTERRA GROUP

\$100 - Brett Baker \$100 - Sharee Mudd \$100 - Stephanie McKellar \$100 - Sonia McNall \$100 - Anthony Bladwell

Congratulations to the lucky winners and thank you to Proterra Group for their generous donation.



Thank you to all the businesses who supported the 2021 event.

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HOCH PASTORAL CO.

IMPERIAL HOTEL

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 QUILPIE MOTOR INN QUILPIE PHARMACY SPRINGALL MECHANICAL STEVE BONSEY TRANSPORT UNSTABLE COFFEE WESTLINK

KEV RICHARDSON WELDING



Thank you also to the many volunteers and staff from Mulga Mates Centre for ensuring it was a festive event!



V: 17 December 2021





Results

Festive Fence Lights Display Mick & Melanie Crack

Alisha Moody & Gordon Heinemann

Spectacular Seniors Lights Display Gail & John Haylock

Marie Paulsen

Best Decorated Business Lights Display Quilpie Butchery

Best Christmas Lights Display — Quilpie Ellie & Dan Springall

Brian & Vicki Weeks

Best Christmas Lights Display – Eromanga Kimberley Walker

Festive Spirit Awards Kerry Thompson

Sonia & Al McNall
Peter & Julie See
Rebecca Heinemann

Certificate of Appreciation / Special Mention Ruby Andrews

Christmas Wonderland Grand Prize (Shire Wide) Narelle Mandusiak – Adavale

Council thanks everyone who went to the effort of putting up lights and decorations to foster the Christmas Spirit within Quilpie Shire and would like to wish all a Merry







Celebrate Australia Day



With Us!





Traditional Dance & Smoking Ceremony

FRIDAY 21st JANUARY 2022

BULLOO PARK 5.00pm

Australia Day Awards Presentations BBQ & Bar



Your Councillors

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HOW TO APPLY:

Post your completed original application form, supporting documents and signed contract to P O Box 57 **OUILPIE 4480** Forms are available at 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.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:



07 4656 0500

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.



WEBSITES

www.qld.gov.au www.treasury.gov.au www.firsthome.gov.au

www.nhfic.gov.au

admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au www.quilpie.gld.gov.au



50 Brolga Street Quilpie, QLD Australia





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. The life you save could be your own.





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)





Triathlons every Sunday at the **Quilpie Pool** 8am Adults start. followed by kids 200m swim. 10km cycle, 1.5km run or set vour own goals. Your will need a helmet and covered shoes. and make sure vou follow traffic & road rules to keep everyone safe! For more information please call Kerri 0417 793 426





1pm - 2pm

Supplied by





Wriggle & Khyme

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!



no longer need, please consider donating them to the Quilpie Library

We currently operate a 2nd Hand Book Stall at the Library

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

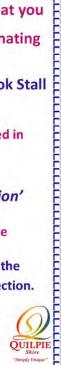
'Angel Flight' & 'Friends in Isolation'



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







We should enjoy a wide variety of nutritious foods from the five food groups every day.

Checking your portion size is not just about the total amount of food you eat. It is also about the types of foods you eat and making sure you are eating the right amount for your age, gender, activity level and stage of life.

Ensure you are getting enough vegetables, fruits and grains, as well as meat and milk products and/or their alternatives.

Limit foods that are not essential for your health, such as takeaway foods, sugary drinks, cakes, biscuits and sweets.









CWA Country Kitchens







SWHHS Visiting Specialists Dates - 2022

Podiatrist 2nd & 3rd February

Physiotherapist

24th January 7th, 8th & 21st February

Speech Pathologist

25th January 22nd February

Dietitian

25th January 22nd February

Occupational Therapist

25th January 22nd February

Child Health Nurse

18th & 19th January 15th & 16th February

Diabetes Educator

February

Cardio Nurse

February March

Mental Health

Every Thursday

True Outreach Clinic

TBC



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



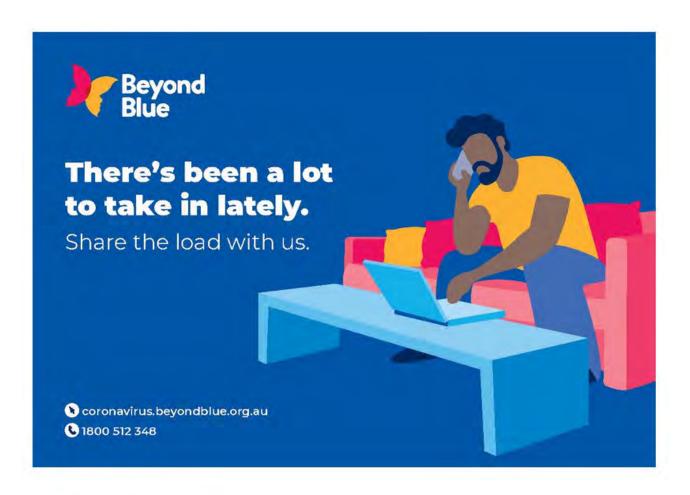
St Matthew's Anglican Church Jumble Sale

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Jumble Sale held in the Church Hall has been closed. No further donations can be accepted.

St Matthew's would like to thank the following for their steadfast support:

- The Quilpie Shire Council, who have made staff available to provide support in many ways.
 - The Quilpie HACC coordinator, Tina Johnston.
- The many volunteers who have given time and effort over the years.
- The customers and wider community who have supported us.
- The local courier, Anne Bannerman, who has assisted with the delivery of excess stock to Charleville.

Authorised by Robyn Cherry





Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service

With so much to take in lately, you might be feeling a little overwhelmed or even completely out of your depth.

If you're feeling unsure about how to cope, or who to turn to, we're here to help.

- C Talk it through with us
 - Our trained counsellors are here to support you over the phone, It's free and available 24/7. 1800 512 348
- Online support and information

Our website provides regularly updated information, advice and strategies to help you manage your wellbeing and mental health during this time. It also provides free 24/7 webchat with our trained counsellors.

coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au

Suicide and crisis support

For immediate support, call Lifeline 13 11 14

If you are in an emergency or at immediate risk of harm to yourself or others, please call 000

Funded by





If you are due for your booster shot, please call 1800 844 886 to make an appointment for the next vaccine clinic in Quilpie.



Is your community group, organisation or business planning an event in the Quilpie Shire in 2022?

Let the Visitor Information Centre know the details of your event to be included in our Shire events calendar.

BONUS: Let us know of your events early to take advantage of free advertising through our social media and digital marketing platforms.

> Send to: tourism@quilpie.qld.gov.au or call 46 560 540





Get ready for the single-use plastic items ban starting on 1 September 2021

Designed to be used just once, and then thrown away, many single-use plastic items are part of the growing issue of plastic waste and pollution.

- Single-use plastic items included in the ban:
- straws: regular straws, flexible straws, straws with a scoop, cocktail straws and bubble tea straws

 cutlery: knives, forks, spoons, teaspoons, sample tasting spoons, spoons, chopsticks, splayds and sp
- stirrers; hot or cold drink stirrers, swizzle expanded polystyrene takeaway food sticks and hot or cold food stirrers containers and cups.

- · plates and bowls including single-use expanded polystyrene plates

All Queensland businesses and not-for-profit organisations will be required to stop supplying the banned single-use plastic items after the ban begins, including supermarkets, cafes, hotels and takeaway food shops.

However, certain businesses can still supply the banned items after the ban has started to ensure that Queenslanders with disability or healthcare needs can still access them.



Learn more at www.qld.gov.au/plasticsban







10 things you can do to get ready for COVID-19



1. Get vaccinated

If you are fully vaccinated (two doses), you are less likely to go to hospital, get seriously ill, or die from COVID-19.



2. Get a booster shot

Check with your health worker or doctor when you can get your booster shot.



3. Talk to your health worker or specialist

Make an appointment to see your health worker, doctor or specialist if you have any health concerns or conditions.



4. Use your Check In Qld app wherever you go

It's the quickest way to know if you've been exposed.



Link your proof of vaccination to your Check In Qld app, or print it out

You'll need this at cafes, pubs, sports venues and cinemas.



6. Get tested - no matter how mild your symptoms are

You MUST stay home after your test until you get your result. Find your closest COVID-19 testing and fever clinics at www.qld.gov.au/health/covid19/testing



7. Mask up

Carry a mask with you at all times, even if they aren't mandatory. Use it when you can't keep 1.5 metres away from others.



8. Sign up for health alerts

Visit https://www.health.qld.gov.au/news-events/ newsletter to keep up to date with all COVID-19 information.



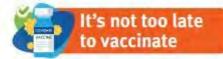
9. Complete a COVID Care Plan

Be prepared in case you need to go to hospital.



10. Prepare a Get COVID-Ready Kit

In case you need to isolate at home.



Prepare a Get COVID-Ready Kit

If you get COVID-19, you will need to isolate at home until you are told you can leave.



Check items off as you prepare....

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You will need:

- A thermometer
- Pain relief
- Your regular medications
- A plan for who can look after your children, pets, or people in your care if you have to go to hospital
- Masks, hand sanitiser and gloves
- A plan for how you'll get food and essentials for two weeks such as frozen meals, pet food, nappies and baby formula
- Phone numbers for people outside your home you can call for help
- Stay-at-home activities

Where to get more help?



Scan the code to see where else you can get help and more information

