



# ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday 18 January 2022  
commencing at 9.30am

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom  
50 Brolga Street, Quilpie

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## Ordinary Meeting of Council

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12 January 2022

The Mayor and Council Members  
Quilpie Shire Council  
QUILPIE QLD 4480

Dear Members

Notice is hereby given that a Pre Meeting Briefing will be held in the Council Boardroom, on **Tuesday 18 January 2022**, commencing at **8.30 am**.

Notice is also hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of the Quilpie Shire Council will be held at the Council Chambers, on **Tuesday 18 January 2022**, commencing at **9.30am**.

The agenda for the ordinary meeting is attached for your information

Yours faithfully

Justin Hancock  
Chief Executive Officer





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- 1 OPENING OF MEETING**
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- 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER 2021**

**IX: 220254**

**Author: Lorraine Mathieson, Executive Assistant / Grants Officer**

**Attachments: 1. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 December 2021**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 December 2021 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.



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# Ordinary Meeting of Council

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## MINUTES

Friday 10 December 2021

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom  
50 Brolga Street, Quilpie



**MINUTES OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL BOARDROOM, 50 BROLGA STREET, QUILPIE  
ON FRIDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2021 AT 9.30AM**

**1 OPENING OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.29am.

**2 ATTENDANCE**

Cr Stuart Mackenzie (Mayor), Cr Jenny Hewson (Deputy Mayor), Cr Lyn Barnes, Cr Bruce Paulsen, Cr Roger Volz

**In Attendance:** Mr Justin Hancock (Chief Executive Officer) attended from 1.10pm, Ms Lisa Hamlyn (Director Corporate and Community Services), Mr Peter See (Director Engineering Services)

**3 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4 CONDOLENCES**

Condolences were extended to Justin Hancock, CEO, on the passing of his grandmother, and to the family of Bill Hall.

**5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Chapter 5B of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act) requires Councillors to declare a Prescribed or Declarable Conflict of Interest. The Declaration is to be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, before the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Cr Mackenzie Declared a Prescribed Interest in Agenda Item 14.3 Exclusion Fence Subsidy Scheme.

**6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2021**

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC036-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

1. That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 November 2021 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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**6.2 SPECIAL MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER**

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC037-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Bruce Paulsen

1. That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 26 November 2021 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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**7 ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Nil

**8 MAYORAL REPORT**

- 10/11/21 OQTA Meeting Brisbane
- 11/11/21 State Tourism Awards Brisbane – 3 local nominations
- 19/11/21 SWQROC Meeting (Zoom)
- 22/11/21 RDA Meeting (Zoom)
- 25/11/21 DDMG Vaccination Meeting (Zoom)
- 26/11/21 Community Business Development Meeting Quilpie
- 26/11/21 Special Council Meeting Quilpie
- 2/12/21 State College Awards night
- 6/12/21 SWQROC Meeting Thargomindah
- 7/12/21 SWQWSA Meeting Thargomindah
- 7/12/21 SWRRTG Meeting Thargomindah

At 10:00 am, Cr Stuart Mackenzie left the meeting. Cr Hewson assumed the Chair.



## 9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Details	Date of Meeting	Location	Mackenzie	Hewson	Paulsen	Volz	Barnes
Ordinary Council Meeting	10-Dec-21	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
Outback Queensland Tourism Association	10-Nov-21	Brisbane	1				
State Tourism Awards	11-Nov-21	Brisbane	1				
LGAQ Gasfields Commission	18-Nov-21	Zoom					1
Remembrance Day	11-Nov-21	Quilpie		1	1	1	1
CAN Meeting	16-Nov-21	Quilpie		1			
SWQ Regional Organisation of Councils	19-Nov-21	Zoom	1				
Exclusion Fence Application Review	19-Nov-21	Quilpie		1	1	1	1
St Finbarr's School Fete	19-Nov-21	Quilpie		1	1	1	1
RDA Meeting	22-Nov-21	Zoom	1				
Golf Club Meeting	22-Nov-21	Quilpie			1	1	
DDMG Vaccination Meeting	25-Nov-21	Zoom	1				
Quilpie Diggers Race Club Meeting	25-Nov-21	Quilpie			1		1
Special Council Meeting	26-Nov-21	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
Business Development Meeting	26-Nov-21	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
Quilpie & District Swimming Carnival	26-Nov-21	Quilpie				1	
Emergency Services Christmas Dinner	27-Nov-21	Quilpie		1	1	1	1
Seniors Christmas Lunch	29-Nov-21	Quilpie		1			
St Finbarr's School Awards	01-Dec-21	Quilpie		1		1	
Eromanga School Awards	01-Dec-21	Eromanga	1	1			1
Dept Tourism Innovation and Sport	02-Dec-21	Quilpie			1		
Quilpie State College Awards	02-Dec-21	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
SWQ Regional Organisation of Councils	06-Dec-21	Thargomindah	1				
SWQ Water & Sewerage Alliance	07-Dec-21	Thargomindah	1				
South West Region Road and Transport Group	07-Dec-21	Thargomindah	1				
South West Waste Group Meeting	07-Dec-21	Teams				1	
Seniors Christmas Party	08-Dec-21	Quilpie		1	1		1
Late Night Shopping	09-Dec-21	Quilpie		1	1	1	

## 10 OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORTS

### 10.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

#### 10.1.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is a summary of works carried out by the Engineering Services Directorate during November 2021.

Noted

#### 10.1.2 WATER AND SEWERAGE STATUS REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide a summary of activities in the Water and Sewerage Branch.

Noted

**10.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORTS****10.2.1 PEST AND LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT OFFICER - MONTHLY STATUS REPORT.****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Pest and Livestock Management Officer's portfolio.

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Noted

**10.2.2 DIRECTOR OF CORPPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - MONTHLY STATUS REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Director of Corporate & Community Services portfolio.

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Noted

**10.2.3 NDIS COORDINATORS REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to inform and update Council on NDIS activities and programs.

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**10.3 FINANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS****10.3.1 FINANCE SERVICES MONTHLY STATUS REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is to provide Council with a summary of the cheques issued for month ending 30 November 2021

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Noted

**10.4 GOVERNANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS****10.4.1 TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY STATUS REPORT**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to update Council on Tourism and Economic Development activities.

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Noted

**10.4.2 GOVERNANCE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides a summary of activities from Grants Officer and HR Manager.

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**10.4.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - MONTHLY STATUS REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Chief Executive Officer's portfolio.

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Noted

**11 ENGINEERING SERVICES****11.1 RFQ18 21-22 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) HYBRID ELECTRIC SUV****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Quotes for supply and delivery of one (1) Toyota RAV4 HEV were called through Vendor Panel. Widelands Group, Neale O'Brien's Thargomindah Motors and Black Toyota were invited to Quote. Two suppliers submitted offers. Neale O'Brien's Thargomindah Motors, declined to quote.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC038-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council:

- 1) receives the report and accepts the quote from for Black Toyota for a total price of \$44,122.62 excluding GST; and
- 2) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to dispose of Unit #4 via Auction.

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**11.2 T17 21-22 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) WORKSHOP SERVICE TRAILER****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Quotes for supply and delivery of one (1) Services Trailer were called through Vendor Panel. SBK Solutions, ORH Truck Solutions, Sitech Construction Systems, Duratank Group were invited to quote.

Two suppliers submitted offers, Sitech Construction Systems and ORH Truck Solutions declined to tender.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC039-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council:

- 1) receives the report and accepts the quote for SBK Solutions for a Shermac Service Trailer, for a total price of \$72,300.00 excluding GST; and
- 2) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to dispose of Unit #56 via auction.

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**11.3 T18 21-22 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 4500KG TOWN SERVICE TRUCK****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Quotes for supply and delivery of one (1) Town Services Truck were called through Vendor Panel. Widelands Group, Daimler Trucks and Black Truck and Ag were invited to quote.

Two suppliers submitted offers. Black Truck and Ag declined to tender.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC040-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council:

- 1) receives the report and accepts the quote from Widelands for a total price of \$52,097.81 excluding GST; and
- 2) accepts the trade-in value of \$15,454.55.

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**11.4 T16 21-22 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 4WD TWIN CAB UTILITY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Quotes for supply and delivery of one (1) 4WD Twin Cab Utility were called through Vendor Panel. Widelands Group, Black Toyota, O'Briens Toyota, South West Ford, and Black Truck and Ag were invited to quote.

Four suppliers submitted offers. Black Truck and Ag declined to Tender. South West Ford have revoked their offer as they are unable to supply.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC041-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

- 1) receives the report and accepts the quote for one (1) 4WD Twin Cab Utility from Black Toyota for a total price of \$62,831 excluding GST; and
- 2) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to dispose of Unit #1110 via auction.

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**11.5 T15 21-22 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 4WD TWIN CAB UTILITY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Quotes for supply and delivery of one (1) 4WD Twin Cab Utility were called through Vendor Panel. Widelands Group, Black Toyota, O'Briens Toyota, South West Ford, and Black Truck and Ag were invited to quote.

Four suppliers submitted offers, Black Truck and Ag declined to Tender. South West Ford have revoked their offer as they are unable to supply.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC042-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council:

- 1) receives the report and accepts the quote for Black Toyota for a total price of \$62,831.00 excluding GST; and
- 2) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to dispose of Unit #1108 via auction.

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At 10:40 am, Cr Stuart Mackenzie returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

**11.6 T14 21-22 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 4WD EXTRA CAB UTILITY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Quotes for supply and delivery of one (1) 4WD Extra Cab Utility were called through Vendor Panel. Widelands Group, Black Toyota, O'Briens Toyota, South West Ford, and Black Truck and Ag were invited to quote.

Three suppliers submitted offers, Black Truck and Ag declined to Tender. Widelands failed to respond in time, South West Ford have revoked their offer as they are unable to supply.

**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC043-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

- 1) receives the report and accepts the quote for O'Briens Toyota for a total price of \$60,909.09 excluding GST; and
- 2) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to dispose of Unit #1109 via auction.

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**11.7 T13 21-22 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 4WD EXTRA CAB UTILITY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Quotes for supply and delivery of one (1) 4WD Extra Cab Utility were called through Vendor Panel. Widelands Group, Black Toyota, O'Briens Toyota, South West Ford, and Black Truck and Ag were invited to quote.

Four suppliers submitted offers, Black Truck and Ag declined to tender. South West Ford have revoked their offer as they are unable to supply.

**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC044-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

- 1) receives the report and accepts the quote for O'Briens Toyota for a total price of \$60,909.09 excluding GST; and
- 2) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to dispose of Unit #1104 via auction.

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**11.8 T12 21-22 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 4WD EXTRA CAB UTILITY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Quotes for supply and delivery of one (1) 4WD Extra Cab Utility were called through Vendor Panel. Widelands Group, Black Toyota, O'Briens Toyota, South West Ford, and Black Truck and Ag were invited to quote.

Four suppliers submitted offers, Black Truck and Ag declined to tender. South West Ford have revoked their offer as they are unable to supply.

**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC045-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council:

- 1) receives the report and accepts the quote for O'Briens Toyota for a total price of \$60,909.09 excluding GST; and
- 2) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to dispose of Unit #1103 via auction.

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**11.9 T11 21-22 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 4WD EXTRA CAB UTILITY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Quotes for supply and delivery of one (1) 4WD Extra Cab Utility were called through Vendor Panel. Widelands Group, Black Toyota, O'Briens Toyota, South West Ford, and Black Truck and Ag were invited to quote.

Four suppliers submitted offers, Black Truck and Ag declined to tender. South West Ford have revoked their offer as they are unable to supply.

**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC046-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council:

- 1) receives the report and accepts the quote for O'Briens Toyota for a total price of \$60,909.09 excluding GST; and
- 2) authorise the Chief Executive Officer to dispose of Unit #93 via auction.

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**12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES****12.1 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE APPLICATION - QUILPIE SWIM CLUB**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request from the Quilpie Swim Club for a cash donation of \$528 to cover operational costs for the weekly Sunday Morning Triathlon being held at the Quilpie Swimming Pool.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC047-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council approves the request received from the Quilpie Swim Club for a cash donation of \$528 to cover operational costs for the weekly Sunday Morning Triathlon being held at the Quilpie Swimming Pool.

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**12.2 REQUEST TO AGIST HORSES AT BULLOO PARK****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request received from Emily Gill to agist three horses at Bulloo Park rodeo yards from 4 December 2021 to 3 September 2022. Emily Gill has requested to house these three horses at Bulloo Park for the purpose of training said horses for the 2022 Polocrosse season.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC048-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council does not approve the request received from Emily Gill to agist three horses at Bulloo Park rodeo yards from 4 December 2021 to 3 September 2022.

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**13 FINANCE****13.1 FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT MONTH ENDING 30 NOVEMBER 2021****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present Council with the monthly financial report

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC049-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council receive the Finance Report for the period ending 30 November 2021.

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**14 GOVERNANCE****14.1 MINING CLAIM NOTICE 300391 - MICHAEL JOHN BENNETT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to note the issuance of a Mining Claim Application Certificate for Mining Claim No. 300391.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC050-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council note the Mining Claim Application and the Mining Claim Notice 300391 by Michael John Bennett.

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At 12:18 pm, Cr Jenny Hewson left the meeting.

**14.2 REQUEST FOR CONSENT FOR PERMIT TO OCCUPY 0/240978****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is to provide Council an opportunity to consider whether Council should give consent - as the relevant road manager - for Permit to Occupy 0/240978 to be issued by Department of Resources.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC051-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council authorises the CEO to complete and execute Part C – Form LA30 for Permit to Occupy 0/240978.

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At 12:20 pm, Cr Jenny Hewson returned to the meeting.

Cr Stuart Mackenzie declared he has a prescribed conflict of interest (as defined by sections 150EG, 150EH and 150EI of the *Local Government Act 2009*) in matters regarding the Plevna Downs property.

Cr Stuart Mackenzie is an owner of the property Plevna Downs. The property stands to gain a financial benefit depending on the outcome of the matter.

Cr Stuart Mackenzie advised that in accordance with legislative requirements he would leave the meeting while the matter is discussed.

At 12:26 pm, Cr Stuart Mackenzie left the meeting. Cr Hewson assumed the Chair.

**14.3 EXCLUSION FENCE SUBSIDY SCHEME (#6) - ADDITIONAL**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the applications received under the latest Exclusion Fence Subsidy Scheme.

**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC052-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council

- 1) approve the following applications under the Exclusion Fence Subsidy Scheme #6; and

Property	Length	Subsidy Amount
Tenham Station	25	\$62,500
TOTAL	25	\$62,500

- 2) amend the budget to \$276,250 to reflect the increase in funding awarded.

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At 12:36 pm, Cr Stuart Mackenzie returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.37pm and resumed at 1.52pm.

At 12.37pm Mr Ben Lodge, Land Regeneration Group entered the meeting and delivered an presentation regarding measurement of soil carbon and land management trials.

At 12:59 pm, Cr Bruce Paulsen left the meeting.

At 1.10pm Justin Hancock, CEO entered the meeting.

At 1.48pm Mr Ben Lodge left the meeting.

**15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS****RESOLUTION NO: (QSC053-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Act 2012 at 1.54pm:

**15.1 Request for Views - Conversion of Lease to Freehold Lot 40 on NK839916**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - i of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC054-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

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That the meeting move out of closed session at 2.00pm.

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## **15.1 REQUEST FOR VIEWS - CONVERSION OF LEASE TO FREEHOLD LOT 40 ON NK839916**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Department of Resources is considering an application for conversion to freehold of the lease located in the area of Quilpie Shire Council.

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### **RESOLUTION NO: (QSC055-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council notes the report on the conversion of current lease on Lot 40 on NK839916 to Freehold Tenure.

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## **16 LATE ITEMS**

### **16.1 QCWA CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATION**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request from the Eromanga QCWA to donate something towards their annual Christmas Hamper draw. All proceeds donated to the CWA care of the RFDS clinic. The Christmas Hamper will be drawn on 18 December at the Royal Hotel, Eromanga.

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### **RESOLUTION NO: (QSC056-12-21)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council approves to donate \$100 as a Shop Local Voucher towards the Eromanga QCWA Christmas Hamper.

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## **17 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Councillors were invited to raise any matters they wished to discuss. Matters raised included:

- Cr Hewson and Cr Barnes: noted that the Hospital is in need of more facilities, particularly aged care. To be raised at the next CAN Meeting
- Cr Hewson noted regarding the Gyrica Gardens Community Centre that some activities could be planned to use the space
- Cr Volz noted that data ports will be required for the new connections anticipated at Curlew Estate
- Cr Volz noted that rubbish had been left at Seco Crossing

- Cr Volz commented that the Shire Hall facilities were excellent for the College presentation night
- Cr Barnes was approached by a rate payer regarding expansion of kindergarten/day care facilities in Quilpie
- Cr Barnes: Continuing discussions with ratepayer regarding ongoing postal issues
- Cr Barnes: Discussions with business people regarding COVID regulations
- Cr Mackenzie raised the issue of COVID vaccination requirements post 17 December, noting that 96% of people in the community have received a vaccination.

## 18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday 18 January 2022 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street, Quilpie commencing at .

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.33pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Friday, 10 December 2021.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 18 January 2022.

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Cr Stuart Mackenzie

**Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council**

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Date

**7 ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Nil

**8 MAYORAL REPORT**

**9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS**

**10 OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORTS****10.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES STATUS REPORTS****10.1.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES STATUS REPORT****IX: 219863****Author: Peter See, Director Engineering Services****Attachments: 1. Task List****KEY OUTCOME**

Nil

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an overview of the work in Engineering Services during the month of December 2021.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Nil

**OPERATIONAL UPDATE****Roads****RMPC**

Vegetation pest management on the TMR network is being done by Andrew Byrne.

Heavy formation grading has been completed on the Quilpie-Adavale Red Road.

**Main Roads TIDS**

Designs for the next financial year have been submitted to TMR. Initial work is underway to determine the gravel pits to be used next financial year.

**Main Roads Widening Contract Quilpie-Charleville Road (REEF)**

All works on all three sections are fully sealed. Two flood ways will have a second seal in late February. TMR have applied a variation to contract to widen one floodway which was initially overlooked. This work will be done in January 2022 when the gang returns from leave.

**Flood Damage Repairs**

Extensive rain in December closed down works on Humbern Road and roads north of Adavale. All works ceased for the holiday period on 9 December. The works returned around 4 January 2022.

There is no Proterra Group report this month due to the closedown.

**Roads to Recovery**

All works are complete.

**General Roads**

As of 17/12/21, the South Comongin crossing of the Bulloo River on the Quilpie-Thargomindah road has been closed for 48 days since 25/12/20. Information on closures is continually fed back to TMR.

TMR have indicated that they may assist with maintenance of Napoleon and Old Charleville Roads. On site meetings will be held in January 2022.

**Council Buildings and Facilities**

Quotations are being complied for renovation of the Galah street house once the current staff vacate. Works will include painting, floor coverings, fencing and bathroom renovation.

Council recently hired the Murweh Shire Cherry Picker platform to carry out some works. This is hired on an hourly rate when used only and is a good example of cooperation between council staff in both centres. It complements the use of Murweh Shire's Jet patcher truck.

**Waste**

Large volumes of waste are being deposited in the Eromanga dump. A mobile camera will be located at the dump in January to determine where the waste is emanating from.

There is no outcome as yet on the Workplace Health and Safety Queensland investigation.

**Water and Sewerage**

The water supply and sewerage connections to the new visitor information centre toilets are complete. Irrigation lines will be placed in January 2020.

**Plant and Workshop**

The new Caterpillar smooth drum/pad foot roller has been delivered.

The auto electrician has ceased work.

The new diesel fitter apprentice has been appointed.

**Town Services**

Most town services staff took leave over the Christmas-New Year break. This was different to previous years with only three staff working. This was to ensure a backlog of excessive leave was reduced.

**CONSULTATION (Internal/External)**

N/A

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**FINANCIAL AND REVENUE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

Meeting Date	Delegated Officer	Resolution No	Subject	Action	Comments	Status	Date Completed
9-Nov-21	DES	GB	Street lighting, Eromanga	Check street lighting between Hall and Motel			
9-Nov-21	DES	GB	Gates on John Waugh Park	Check that public gates on John Waugh Park need maintenance	work order placed	Commenced	
12-Oct-21	DES	GB	Seal area at western end of VIC park	Provide information regarding possibility of sealing area at western end of VIC park	investigation and pricing underway	Commenced	
20-Aug-21	DES	GB	Secco Road Naming	Council agreed to name the un-named road Secco Rd as it is colloquially known			
11-Jun-21	DES	GB	RV Dump point at John Waugh Park	Provide concrete apron surrounding dump point and additional water tap.	Discussed with Council. To be reconstructed in Quarrior Street outside John Waugh Park and opposite Caravan Park.	Commenced	
11-Jun-21	DES	GB	Cultural Society rooms	Investigate renovating kitchen and bathrooms at the Cultural Society rooms	Inspected and report given to CEO	Commenced	
11-Jun-21	DES	GB	Tourism Sign, Grey Range	Investigate installation of a tourism sign at the watershed at the top of Grey Range	signs need to be relocated away from the crest as this is a very poor traffic safety site.	Commenced	
14-May-21	DES	GB	CCTV Cameras	Investigate installing CCTV cameras at playground areas in Eromanga and Quilpie	noted		
14-May-21	DES	GB	Screens at Bulloo Park	Install screens and intercom at Bulloo Park to interconnect all areas	noted		
08-Apr-21	DES	GB	Lop trees	Lop trees on the Diamantina Development Rd near the Whynot - Common boundary to improve safety / vision	works ordered to be carried out.	Commenced	
12-Mar-21	DES	2/03/2021	Review options for Eromanga waste facility	That Council receive the Redleaf Environmental report and amend the material change of use application to remove any future expansion option, and move towards establishing the current site as a waste transfer station subject to future budget considerations.	Draft planning application ready. Major clean up works carried out in November 2021	Commenced	
12-Mar-21	DES	GB	Amenities, Admin Centre Quilpie	Maintenance - refurbishment requested to Amenities Block, Admin Centre, Quilpie	Budget of \$10,000 provided. Works to be programmed	Commenced	
16-Dec-20	DES	GB	Upgrade of Bicentennial Park	That Council authorise the following works for the upgrade of Bicentennial Park: • Shade Shelter; • Replacement of Softfall; • Swing Sets; • Monorail; • Trampoline; • Removal of existing outdoor gym equipment. The works will be funded to a maximum amount of \$125,000.00 in this current financial year with the balance to be funded from the 2021-2022 budget.	Quotations underway. Exercise equipment area has been demolished. Mono rail and soft fall ordered	Commenced	
09-Oct-20	DES	GB	Speed signs	move speed sign from western end of town	will be investigated however this will require TMR approval. Request sent 13/11/20. Followed up 3 March 2021. TMR have not yet considered the request. Chased up again 11/05/21	Commenced	
09-Oct-20	DES	GB	Weighbridge	Find plans and applications - where is project at	Funding application was rejected. General design and layout in place. Fulton Trotter appointed by Council to design concepts	Commenced	
12-Jun-20	DES	GB	Plaque for New Bore	Plaque for New Bore displaying date, depth and information re layers and materials	Bore logs received. Signs being designed by Manager	In progress	
17-Apr-20	Director Engineering		Loading Ramp	Is the loading ramp at Eromanga damaged (near wash down bay)	Has been inspected. Will be repaired when concrete crew is available but may be in 2022 by current work backlog	In progress	
13-Mar-20	Director Engineering	GB	Creeks	Need some creek name signage (especially main roads).	need further information as to locations	Not commenced	



## 10.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

### 10.2.1 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

**IX:** 220262

**Author:** Lisa Hamlyn, Director Corporate and Community Services

**Attachments:** Nil

#### KEY OUTCOME

Nil

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Director of Corporate & Community Services portfolio.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Meeting Date	Subject	Action	Comments	Status
9 Nov 2021	LGAQ Small Business Friendly Council	Apply to LGAQ to participate in their Small Business Friendly Council initiative.	Liaising with Manager of Tourism & Economic Development	Commenced
9 Jul 2021	Queens Jubilee	Create an event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2 June 22	Need to establish size of event and budget to enable further planning.	Commenced

#### OPERATIONAL UPDATE

##### Condolences

A Condolence Card was forwarded the families of Mr John (Jack) King, former Acting Chief Executive Officer and Mrs Beryl Pegler.

##### Christmas Lights Competition

The annual Quilpie Christmas Lights Competition was well supported with some amazing lights displays in Quilpie, Eromanga and Adavale. The deserving winners are listed below:

Festive Fence Lights Display	Mick & Melanie Crack	Alisha Moody
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	
The Christmas Special	Philippa & Geoff Ware	

Festive Spirit Awards

Kerry Thompson

Sonia & Al McNall

Peter & Julie See

Rebecca Heinemann

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

Special Mention to Ruby Andrews and her Christmas light display at Gyrica Gardens.

Thank you to all Quilpie Shire residents for displaying festive spirit and participating in the Christmas Lights Competition 2021 and the judges whose job was certainly not easy.

#### ANZAC Day 2022

An ADF Ceremonial Request Form has been submitted for Council's ANZAC Day Services.

#### **CONSULTATION (Internal/External)**

CEO

Councillors

Various Staff

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

NA

#### **FINANCIAL AND REVENUE IMPLICATIONS**

NA

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

As per Council's Risk Management Policy

**10.2.2 PEST AND LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATOR MONTHLY STATUS REPORT**

**IX:** 220268

**Author:** Damien McNair, Pest & Livestock Management Coordinator

**Attachments:** Nil

**KEY OUTCOME**

Nil

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Pest and Livestock Management Officer's portfolio.

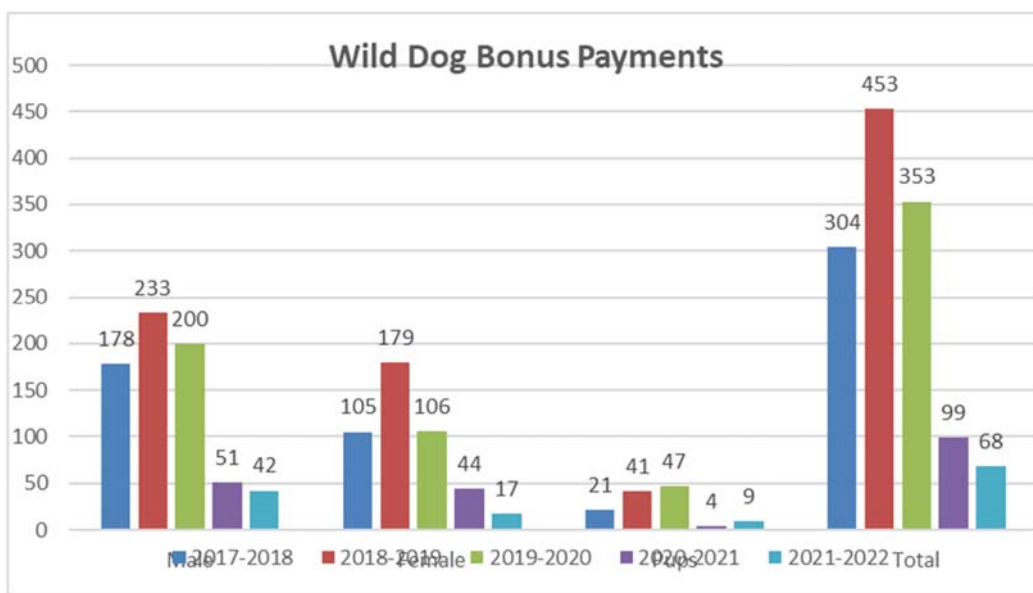
**ACTION ITEMS**

Nil

**OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

Wild Dog Scalps Present to Council – 01/07/2021 to 31/12/2021

<u>Property</u>	<u>No of Scalps</u>			<u>Amount of Payment</u>
	Male	Female	Pups	
Armoobilla	2	2	-	\$200.00
Greenmulla	5	1	-	\$300.00
Varna	2	2	3	\$350.00
Bronte	20	7	1	\$1400.00
Mt Howitt	13	5	5	\$1150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$3400.00</b>



### Commons and Reserves

<u>Reserve</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Quilpie Common	Good	7 January 2022
Dillons Well Reserve	Bore good. Feed coverage on ground (poor). Cattle on agistment.	4 January 2022
Warrabin Lane	Warrabin tank full. Coolabah tank still low. Good ground cover.	7 January 2022
Eromanga Common	Bore good. Bookies tank full. Good general ground cover.	4 January 2022
Adavale Common		

### Weed Control

Quilpie Airport	13 L Chemical	600L Diesel
Eromanga Airport	13 L Chemical	600L Diesel

### **CONSULTATION (Internal/External)**

Supervisor / Management

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

NA

**FINANCIAL AND REVENUE IMPLICATIONS**

NA

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

As per Council's Risk Management Policy

**10.2.3 HEALTH PROMOTIONS OFFICER OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORT**

**IX: 220283**

**Author: Michelle Donohue, Health Promotions Officer**

**Attachments: Nil**

**KEY OUTCOME**

Nil

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To provide Council with a quarterly report on the health promotions activities with the Shire.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Community Activities and Seniors Program

**October**

- Aqua sessions for Seniors commenced
- Men's Group
- Queensland Mental Health Week Event – Reminiscing morning for seniors
- Children from Mulga Mates engaged with the seniors for a craft morning
- Catch up Copa at CWAATSICH Aboriginal Health
- Seniors Trip to Eromanga Natural History Museum
- Largest Fitter for Life Class for seniors – Zoom session by Gymnastics Queensland
- After School Craft sessions at the library once a week during school term for children aged 5-9 years
- Youth Centre once a week during school term for children aged 10-16 years
- First 5 Forever Program at library –provided a fruit platter
- Eromanga State School – fruit once a week for school swimming

**November**

- After School Activities
- Youth Centre
- Aqua for seniors
- Men's Group
- Seniors Monthly Luncheon
- Visiting Vital Health Physiotherapist – Exercise session for seniors
- Remembrance Day Service – Seniors laid a wreath
- First 5 Forever Program – provided a fruit platter
- Mental Health & Wellbeing – TradeMutt Shirt Day

**December**

- After School Activities

- Youth Centre
- Aqua for seniors
- Seniors Craft Group – Christmas table decorations and 3 were delivered to Aged Care patients in the Quilpie hospital
- Visiting Physiotherapist - Exercise sessions with Seniors
- Seniors Christmas Party held at Gyrica Gardens Multi-Purpose Centre
- Seniors Morning Tea – Empire Café

Program	Attendance	Month
Seniors	118	October
Seniors	119	November
Seniors	83	December

## OPERATIONAL UPDATE

### HEALTH PROMOTIONS

Aqua sessions with swimming instructor, Alina Graham are going well for the seniors in the community. Aqua will finish for the festive season and will start back in 2022.

I have been providing Eromanga State School with fruit for school swimming each week during the school term. Thanks to Alina Graham, for delivering the fruit to the children. The children have enjoyed the fruit each week.

As a Healthy Initiative under the Health Promotions Program, I provided a fruit platter for the Forever 5 Program at the library once a fortnight during October and November. Janet Foley, Librarian said the children enjoyed the fruit, as this was the first time providing fruit to the Forever 5 Program.

Visiting Physiotherapist from Vital Health, Roma held a group exercise session with the seniors in November and December. We hope to continue group sessions in 2022.

Ron Murphy, Massage Therapist visited Quilpie in November and was fully booked over the three days whilst here in Quilpie. Ron will be returning in February 2022.

A Mental Health and Wellbeing morning tea was held in November for the Councillors and Staff. The Staff and Councillors had the opportunity to wear their TradeMutt Shirts to promote awareness of mental health in the workplace & community. This was through the Health Promotions Program, which is funded by Western Queensland Primary Health Network. It was great to see everyone wearing the shirts on the day. As a workplace initiative it was approved that we would conduct "Feel Good Fridays" and all staff will wear their TradeMutt Shirts.

During Queensland Mental Health Week, there was a Reminiscing morning for seniors. I invited SWHHS Mental Health Clinician, Lia Campbell from Charleville to attend. Lia shared some tips on maintaining our mental health and I shared information through the network to all staff.

I am still receiving emails from Western Queensland Primary Health Network (WQPHN) and South West Health Service (SWHHS) continues to provide regular updates on COVID-19 and other health issues to share throughout the network and the community and Queensland Health with updates on COVID-19.

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

Attendance numbers for the After School Activities are still up and down but the children are still enjoying the craft and the fruit provided for afternoon tea. Thanks to Tracey Nicholls, Library Assistant for assisting when required with the Craft Activities and to Janet Foley, Librarian for providing a space in the library to hold the craft sessions. To finish up for the year we had Christmas games and party food for the children.

Program	Attendance	Month
After School Craft	14	October
After School Craft	23	November

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Youth Centre Group have enjoyed coming to the CWA hall on Wednesday afternoons. They look forward to the afternoon tea each week. A Christmas Break-up was on Wednesday 1 December with party food and Christmas games. The Youth Centre has now finished for the year and will start back in February 2022.

Program	Attendance	Month
Youth Centre	37	October
Youth Centre	38	November
Youth Centre	13	December

### STAFF

- Nicola Tully and I completed First Aid training in November
- I attended a CAN meeting on Tuesday 16 November
- Nicola Tully and I assisted Janet Hennessy and Tracey Nicholls with Halloween at the Library and the Christmas Capers for the 0-5 years at Bulloo Park
- Thanks to Delma Quinn for volunteering her time during the year at the Youth Centre. The children have appreciated having Delma assist at the Youth Centre. Delma has received a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift voucher for volunteering. Delma is looking forward to volunteering again in 2022.
- Thanks to Nicola Tully for her assistance with the HPO Program and the community noticeboards in displaying information regarding what is happening in the community and finding quotes to share to the community.
- I received a scholarship to attend the Channel Country Ladies Day in Quilpie in October.
- I attended the St. Finbarr's School and Quilpie State College Awards Nights.

### **CONSULTATION (Internal/External)**

Programs developed with the Director of Corporate and Community Services

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

### **FINANCIAL AND REVENUE IMPLICATIONS**

Programs operate within Budget.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

In accordance with Council's Risk Management Policy.



**10.2.4 LIBRARY STATUS REPORT****IX: 220285****Author: Janet Hennessy, Librarian****Attachments: Nil****KEY OUTCOME**

Nil

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Library portfolio.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Nil

**OPERATIONAL UPDATE**General Information

It has been a very busy few months at the Library with lots of visitors and activities happening.

Quilpie Library staff were instructed by State Library of Queensland to remove 640 books from our shelves and to delete them from the Aurora system. A list of the titles to be removed was provided by SLQ and were books that were over 10 years old or hadn't been loaned for over two years.

Statistics

Visitor numbers, computer & iPad usage and Wi-Fi stats increased during the last 3 months. The majority of our visitors are still local, predominately Mums and their young children. School age children are visiting the Library each day to use the iPads. It is very rewarding to see the residents of our Shire and visitors to the region appreciating and utilizing the Library and its facilities.

Visitor numbers have also increased due to the events and activities hosted at the Library.

Examinations

Examinations for students who study externally remain cancelled due to COVID-19.

Activities /Events

Quilpie Library staff hosted a Halloween Party on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October. The event was an outstanding success with 61 children and 28 adults attending. We plan to host another Halloween Party in 2022 but have decided we will hold it at Bulloo Park as the Library was very overcrowded with so many attendees. A special thank you to Lisa Hamlyn, Michelle Donohue and Nicola Tully who assisted Tracey Nicholls and myself on the Sunday. All people who worked at the party did so on a volunteer basis.

First 5 Forever Sessions have continued every Tuesday morning and our Christmas Break up Party was held at Bulloo Park on the 7<sup>th</sup> December. This event was also a fantastic success with 34 children and 26 adults attending. Thanks to Michelle Donahue, Nicola Tully and Laetitia Tasker for dressing in Christmas costumes and assisting us with preparations, decorating and working on the day.

Also many thanks to Cr Roger Volz who stepped up to the role of Santa Claus. Roger and Michelle Donohue (Mrs. Santa) did an amazing job with distributing the treat bags and reindeer food. The assistance of all who assisted was greatly appreciated.

HPO Michelle Donohue brought her Seniors group to the Library to play cards and have afternoon tea on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. It is always an absolute delight to have the seniors visit.

The mothers of the children who attend our F5F Sessions organized a Morning Tea Send Off at the Library on 9<sup>th</sup> December for Mel Moran and her daughter Olivia.

### History

I continue to receive many requests for historical information, which I always endeavour to supply.

### Visiting Services

Two staff members from Centrelink visited the Library on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Their primary aim with visiting was to ascertain if there was a need for face to face consultations in Quilpie. A number of people made appointments and were assisted with various different matters. We are hoping that Centrelink continues the visits every three months.

David Horrigan who is the Agent & Access Point Program support Officer also visited on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. David's main purpose for visiting was to check that everything was working correctly in the Centrelink Access Booth and to discuss with library staff regarding any issues we may have encountered.

RESQ utilized the spare office at the Library on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November to conduct appointments with local clients.

### Cemetery / Funerals

Nil

### Staff

No Changes

### **CONSULTATION (Internal/External)**

Staff

Councillors

Community

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

NA

### **FINANCIAL AND REVENUE IMPLICATIONS**

NA

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

According to Council's Risk Management Policy

**10.3 FINANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS**

Late Report

#### **10.4 GOVERNANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS**

##### **10.4.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - MONTHLY STATUS REPORT**

**IX: 220234**

**Author: Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer**

**Attachments: Nil**

#### **KEY OUTCOME**

Nil

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Chief Executive Officer's portfolio.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

All actions raised in the November Council Meeting have been actioned.

Monthly Meetings:

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Status</b>
20-Aug-21	SWQROC funding for recycling	Progress requested regarding SWQROC recycling funding	Recycling initiatives to progress through SWQROC Waste Group	Commenced
9-Jul-21	Internet Outage	Write to gain clarification of issues and to seek information regarding alternative providers	Meeting with Telstra was scheduled in Quilpie for 8 December, however this was cancelled due to recent rain. Meeting to be undertaken via Teams.	Commenced
11-Jun-21	Quilpie Airport planning	Undertake community consultation regarding changes to airport	Budget approved for the 2021/2022 period, draft design completed, community consultation to commence prior to works being undertaken.	Ongoing
08-Apr-21	Send letter to BOM requesting automatic weather recording station	That a letter be sent to the Minister and the Bureau of Meteorology requesting an automatic weather recording station be installed in Quilpie Shire.	A response was received from Hon David Littleproud MP, Federal Member for Maranoa. This matter is ongoing and Council will continue to pursue this infrastructure.	Ongoing
08-Apr-21	Eromanga bean pump	That the beam pump adjacent to the road near Eromanga could be renovated and made into a working pump as a tribute to the oil and gas industry in the shire.	Beam pump has been reassembled. Council to explore potential of signage on history of Oil and Gas in the Shire.	Ongoing

Meeting Date	Subject	Action	Comments	Status
12-Mar-21	Increase number of councillors	Investigate the potential of appointing additional councillors		Not Commenced
19-Jan-21	Opening of Eromanga Natural History Museum	That Council ratify to conduct an opening for the Eromanga Natural History Museum - Stage 2 Phase one and allocate up to \$30,000 in the 2020/2021 budget to cover this acknowledgement event	2022 Parliamentary sitting dates have been released, potential opening dates are being identified.	Ongoing
16-Dec-20	Learn and Earn Centre	That Council continue to look for appropriate funding to progress the idea of a Learn and Earn Centre	CB Solutions prepared a planning document	Ongoing
16-Dec-20	Toompine Bore	Look into funding re water announced by David Littleproud	Application submitted under BOR Round 6.	Ongoing
12-Nov-20	Strategic Plan for Exclusion Fence	Liaise with Craig Allison - to include a map	Draft map has been completed – additional work required to identify all privately constructed fencing.	Ongoing
12-Nov-20	Map	Map to landholders in regards to exclusion fencing for the next 5 yrs.	Map provided further amendments to be made	Ongoing
11-Sep-20	Race Track	Follow up with Peter See re options	Screening complete – Additional funding to be sourced for additional sand required for the track.	Commenced
14-Aug-20	Adavale Bore Cooling Pond	That Council receive the report and offer to pay 50% of the material costs to the approximate value of \$17,000 to rehabilitate/upgrade the cooling pond and grid subject to the following conditions:	Letter sent. Draft agreement prepared. Waiting to hear from property owner	Ongoing
14-Aug-20	Weighbridge	Further discussion to be held with interested party	Referred to Fulton Trotter	Ongoing

## OPERATIONAL UPDATE

### Monthly Meetings:

Date	Event	Location
6-7 December	SWQROC Meeting	Thargomindah
10 December	Ordinary Meeting	Quilpie
17 December	Combined Business Christmas Party	Quilpie

Operational Update

Old Depot Development – Soil testing commenced on 10 January 2022.

Curlew Estate Houses – Revised designs have been provided with a rendered finish. Carports to remain on the northern side of the dwelling due to the land configuration, however the houses will be repositioned further back as to reduce any overlapping with the carport.

John Waugh Park (Aquatic) Master Plan – Request for Quote closed on 10 December, 2 companies declined to provide a quote, 1 company reviewed the document but did not provide a response, works awarded to CUSP.

Remote Connectivity Program – Council are working with NBN to provide an application under the Remote Connectivity Program to provide fibre to the premises services in Quilpie. Applications close on 27 January 2022.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Event	Location
18 January	Ordinary Meeting	Quilpie
17 February	QTC Councillor Workshop	Quilpie
18 February	Ordinary Meeting	Quilpie
9-11 March	Western Queensland Alliance of Councils	Charleville
11 March	Ordinary Meeting	Quilpie
23 March	ENHM & Gyrica MFC Official Opening	Quilpie/ Eromanga
24-25 March	DDSWQCOM	Cunnamulla
19 April	Ordinary Meeting	Quilpie
17 May	Ordinary Meeting	Quilpie
20-22 June	Australian Local Government Association - National General Assembly	Canberra
21 June	Ordinary Meeting	Quilpie

**CONSULTATION (Internal/External)**

Councillors

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**FINANCIAL AND REVENUE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Low Risk – Within standard operations

**11 ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**11.1 PROPOSED STRATEGIC ROADS: WESTERN QUEENSLAND ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS**

**IX:** 219862

**Author:** Peter See, Director Engineering Services

**Attachments:** Nil

**KEY OUTCOME**

**Key Outcome:** 4. Built Environment

**Key Initiative:** 4.1.8 Lobby the Department of Transport & Main Roads to upgrade and raise the South Comongin Crossing (Bulloo River) on the Quilpie-Thargomindah Road.

4.1.9 Lobby the Department of Transport and Main Roads to upgrade the Quilpie-Adavale Red Road.

4.1.3 Upgrade identified sections of Old Charleville Road to a sealed standard

4.1.4 Upgrade identified sections of Old Charleville Road to a sealed standard

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

One of the priorities of the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) 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 and Transport Technical Groups (RRGTCs) on priority road networks for the regions. The WQAC wish to coordinate and align this work to enable a priority network across Western Queensland to be developed. This will provide a powerful statement for election and other campaign advocacy.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive the report and endorse the Western Queensland Priority Roads Network.

**BACKGROUND**

At the South West Regional Road and Transport Group meeting held on 7/12/21, the members discussed which high level strategic priority roads should be forwarded to the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils to assist with the development of an advocacy plan for the upcoming Federal election. It was resolved at the meeting that the proposed strategic roads formulated by the South West Regional Road and Transport Group Technical Committee be forward to individual Councils for feedback and input.

**REPORT**

A draft of the priority road network to enable connection into the other regional networks in Western Queensland has been prepared for the Technical Committees to review. This was done on 7/12/21.

In formulating the priority Road network, the following documents have been utilised to assist development:

- IQ-RAP
- South-West Regional Transport Plan
- SWRRTG Strategic Plan

A diagram displaying the following priority roads is displayed below:

- Priority One Roads (Red) – Provide major National transport routes for freight, tourism and connecting communities
- Priority Two Roads (Pink) – Provide inter-regional connections for connecting communities, tourism and safer roads

The SWRRTG Technical Committee discussed the strategic network, with the exception of TMR representatives, who did not wish to participate in the discussion. The Technical Committee resolved to recommend the diagram below to represent a high-level summary of the SWRRTG strategic priority roads that had linkages to adopted strategic documents.

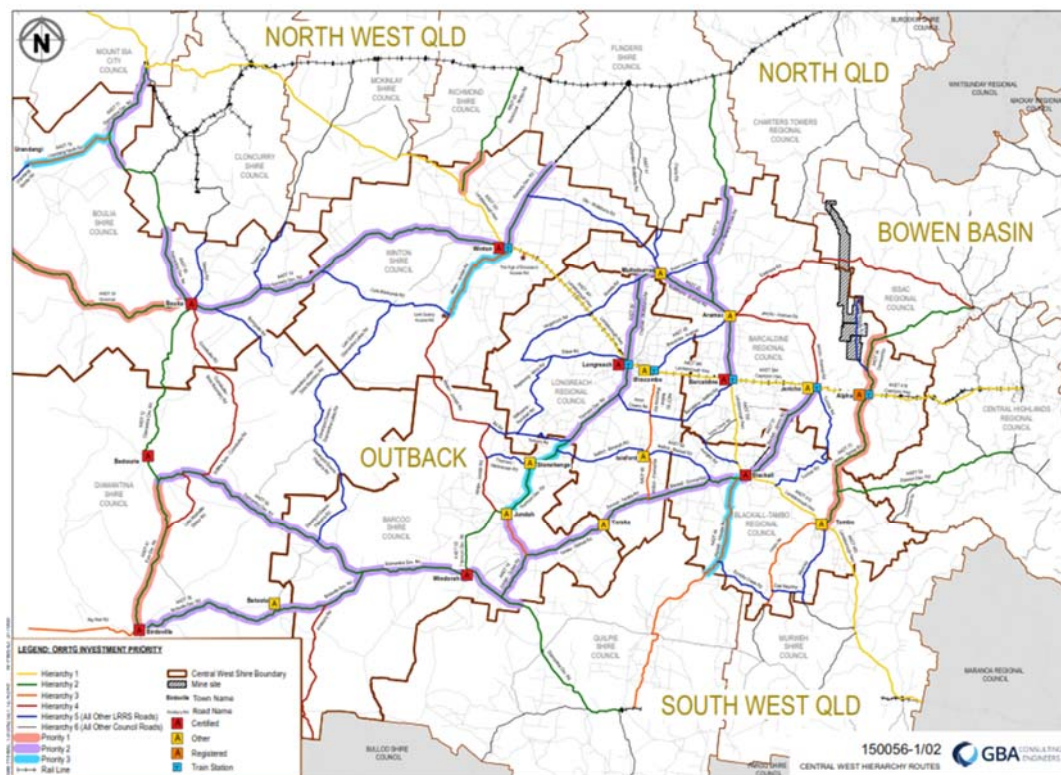
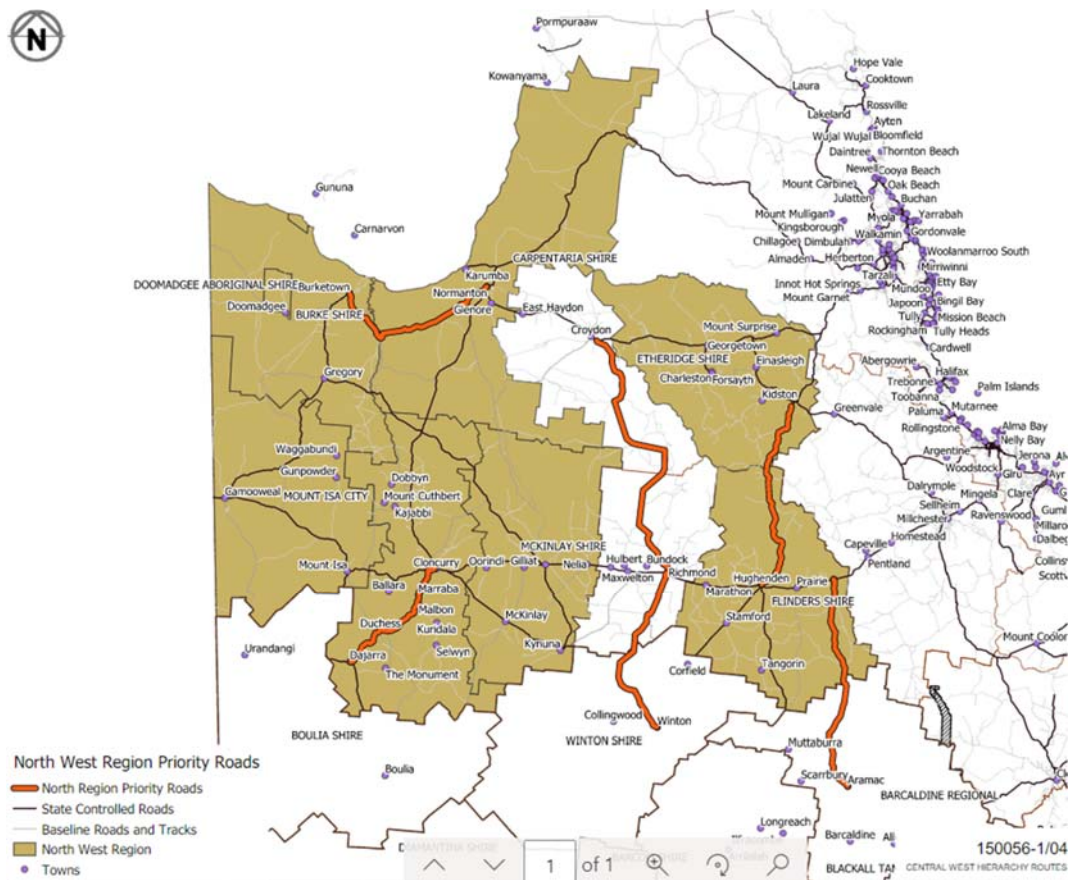
**Note:** Paroo Shire Council requested by email dated 23/11/21, that the following roads be given consideration for including in the WQAC high level strategic priority road network.

- Job's Gate Road
- Eulo-Toompine Road
- Hungerford Road



To assist the SWRRTG the draft strategic priority roads for the WQAC strategic road network are shown below for the other two regional road groups.





**CONSULTATION (Internal/External)**

Nil, other than discussions held by the RRGTC elected members.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**POLICY AND LEGISLATION**

The proposed Strategic Road plan will be used to lobby State and Federal governments.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed Strategic Road plan will be used to lobby State and Federal governments to obtain funding.

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Nil

**13 FINANCE**

Late Report

**14 GOVERNANCE****14.1 OPERATIONAL PLAN 21-22 SECOND QTR ASSESSMENT****IX:** 220128**Author:** Sanchit Rathee, Manager Governance and Compliance**Attachments:** 1. 2021-22 Operational Plan (2nd Qtr)**KEY OUTCOME****Key Outcome:** 1. Governance**Key Initiative:** 1.1.1 Develop and implement risk management assessment and reporting frameworks.**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report will present the second quarter assessment of the 2021/22 Operational Plan to Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Council notes the second quarter assessment for the 2021/22 Operational Plan.

**BACKGROUND**

Council's Operational Plan is the detailed business and organizational planning document and forms the basis of Council's annual budget. The plan translates our community's needs, expectations and aspirations into action.

The Operational Plan is monitored on an on-going basis to ensure Council is achieving the outcomes for the financial year.

*Section 174 of the Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the Chief Executive Officer to present a written assessment of the local government's progress towards implementing the annual operational plan at meetings of the local government held at regular intervals of no more than three months.

The second quarter assessment of the 2021/22 Operational Plan is provided as **Attachment A**.

**CONSULTATION (Internal/External)**

The assessment was completed in consultation with the Senior Leadership Team.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

As per Section 127 of the Local Government Regulation (noted in the background section of the report).

**POLICY AND LEGISLATION**

*Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*

*Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

As detailed in the Council's budget for the financial year.

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

N/A



# QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

## OPERATIONAL PLAN

2021-2022



*Adavale*

*Cheepie*

*Eromanga*

*Quilpie*

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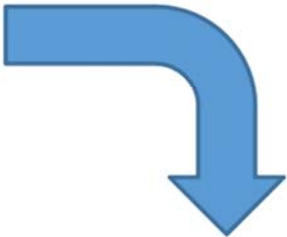


Introduction

The Quilpie Shire Council’s Operational Plan is an important element of Council’s overall strategic framework. This plan links relevant operational activities proposed for the 2021/2022 financial year directly to Council’s 5 year Corporate Plan and to the 2021/2022 budget.

Council’s Corporate Plan 2017 – 2022 identifies two foundation elements and four building blocks.

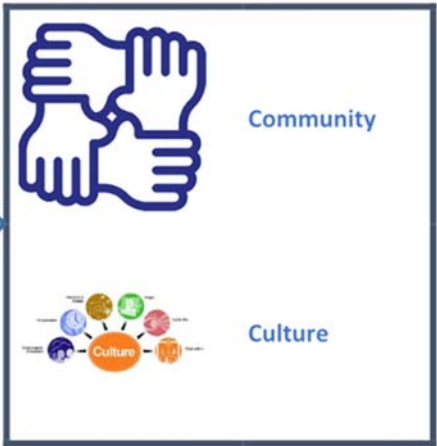
The Foundations:



The Building Blocks:



The basis of all Council actions:





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**Operational Plan 2021 – 2022**

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**About the Operational Plan**

Our Operational Plan and Budget set the direction for the 2021/2022 financial year and identify how we will measure our performance. The Operational Plan is a one-year plan that details the day to day operations of council to deliver its services to the community, building and delivering on the Corporate Plan. The development of Council's Operational Plan is a legislative requirement of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*. Legislation requires that the annual Operational Plan and Budget be consistent.

Council's budget outlines the financial plan to deliver the services and activities in the corporate and operational plan. The budget is also informed by the Council's long-term asset management plan and the long-term financial plan which guide Council's financial sustainability for the next ten years.

Council's Budget and Operational Plan have been developed consistent with the following local government principles prescribed in the *Local Government Act 2009*:

- Transparent and effective processes and decision making in the public interest;
- Ethical and legal behaviour of councillors and local government employees;
- Sustainable development and management of assets and infrastructure, and delivery of effective services;
- Good governance of, and by, local government;
- Democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement.

**Aligning the Operational Plan to the Budget**

The Budget and Operational Plan are structured in line with the services and projects delivered by council.

**Managing Operational Risks**

The operational planning process includes management of Council's strategic and operational risks. Council's commitment to risk management is outlined in the Enterprise Risk Management Policy.

In 2021/2022, Council will progress the implementation of its Corporate Plan 2017/2022 and its risk management strategy.

**Measuring our Performance**

Regular reporting provides Council with the opportunity to ensure services are delivered in a timely manner and within allocated resources. It also enables council to be more responsive to significant changes in the operating environment that can impact on organisational capacity to deliver our services. To this end this Operational Plan will be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

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Operations and Support

## 1 Foundation 1: Governance



Quilpie Shire Council aspires to be recognised as a highly regarded and reputable organisation. We have an obligation to show leadership and engage with the community, operate according to the law, ensure professional and ethical standards and plan services to meet the needs of current and future generations. Good governance will allow Council to achieve these goals and build community trust and pride in our organisation.

### 1.1 Enhance IT infrastructure systems and upgrade Council's capability in the digital world

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Undertake an audit and development of a business case to transition Council to a cloud based organisation.	CEO	01/07/21	30/06/22	Works order in relation to the project executed. To be completed early next calendar year.	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: red;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: yellow;"></div>		

### 1.2 Investigate a new Corporate Management (Software) system

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Undertake a restructure of the Chart of Account in Council's existing Corporate Management System.	Manager Finance and Administration	01/07/21	30/06/22	Yet to Commence – Council are awaiting the appointment of a new Manager Finance & Administration prior to commencing this project.	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: red;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: red;"></div>		

### 1.3 Undertake a skills gap analysis and succession planning

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Undertake the recruitment for all vacant positions identified in the new organisational structure.	CEO	01/07/21	30/06/22	Ongoing – Recruitment of all executive positions has commenced.	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: yellow;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: yellow;"></div>		
Undertake a skills gap analysis on the organisation	HR Officer	01/07/21	30/06/22	Yet to commence due to focus on EB Negotiations and other HR projects.	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: red;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: red;"></div>		

### 1.4 Develop corporate, business and information systems and processes that support the organisation

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Implement InfoCouncil to support Council meeting reports and agendas.	CEO	01/07/21	30/09/21	Completed.	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div>		

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### 1.5 Maintain and improve staff housing to assist in attracting and retaining staff

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Tender to construct 2 x 4 Bedroom Dwellings in Quilpie and 1 x 3 Bedroom Dwelling in Eromanga.	DES	01/07/21	31/09/22	Contracts signed with the builder for the Eromanga House. Work to commence in Jan and finish in June. Design phase ongoing for the 2 Quilpie Houses. Tender Process to commence in the new year.				

### 1.6 Identify opportunities for elected members' ongoing professional development

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Undertake financial literacy training for Elected Members in conjunction with the QTC.	CEO	01/07/21	30/06/22	QTC Financial Literacy Training scheduled for Charleville cancelled – future training planned via Zoom/ Teams with the proposed date to be in February 2022.				

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## 2 Foundation 2: Finance



Quilpie Shire Council maintains a strong financial position. We have an obligation to ensure Council remains financially sustainable now and for future generations. We will undertake our financial management activities responsibly, in line with legislative requirements and strive to meet best practice performance.

### 2.1 Undertake a review of Council's utility charges

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Undertake a review of Council's utility charges	Manager Finance and Administration	01/10/21	30/04/21	Yet to Commence – Council are awaiting the appointment of a new Manager Finance & Administration prior to commencing this project.	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		

### 2.2 Optimise Council's revenue, based on realistic and equitable policies and practices

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Undertake a review of Council's Fees and Charges to optimise the potential of full cost recovery for services.	Manager Finance and Administration	01/10/21	30/04/21	Yet to Commence – Council are awaiting the appointment of a new Manager Finance & Administration prior to commencing this project.	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		



### 3 Foundation 3: Natural Environment



Quilpie Shire Council has a local, regional and global responsibility to current and future generations to protect and enhance the quality of our environment. Preserving our natural environment will ensure that the unique biodiversity of the far southwest is maintained. In planning for the future, Council will lead by example in valuing, promoting and protecting the ecological values of the region and try to influence key environmental issues such as climate change, waste management and healthy waterways.

#### 3.1 Develop a Biosecurity Management Plan

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Finalise and implement the Invasive Pest Control Scheme	Director Corp & Comm Services	01/07/21	30/06/22	Final round of reminder letters sent to landholders in September 2021. Finalisation and implementation of the scheme is still ongoing.				

#### 4 Foundation 4: Built Environment



Well planned, effectively staged and delivered infrastructure is critical to support growth and to ensure transport and communications are effective and efficient. When providing infrastructure, it is critical that it is designed, operated and maintained to minimise lifecycle costs. Infrastructure should assist our communities by providing a "liveable" and safe environment. In challenging economic times, successful key partnerships and a range of funding options will be critical.

##### 4.1 Lobby the Department of Transport and Main Roads to upgrade the Quilpie-Adavale Red Road

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Undertake sealing of chainage 40.0 km – 46.3 km on Quilpie-Adavale Red Road.	Director Engineering Services	01/09/21	28/02/22	Completed on 16 November 2021.				

##### 4.2 Plan for the replacement of the Quilpie Swimming Pool Complex

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Undertake the master plan for the Quilpie Aquatic Centre	CEO	01/07/21	30/06/22	Request for Quotes closed and subsequently awarded for the master plan. Community consultation to be commenced by the contractor at the end of January 2022.				

##### 4.3 Develop strategies for improving internet capacity, connectivity and mobile phone coverage across the shire

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Develop a business case to support funding applications to improve upon the current internet and mobile coverage within the Shire.	CEO	01/07/21	30/06/22	Council is working with NBN to develop application under the Regional Connectivity Program Round 2. Business case for the community wi-fi and council CCTV to be established to alleviate pressure on 4G networks during peak season times.				

## 5 Foundation 5: Economy



Our quality of life is dependent on a strong economic base. This economic base can only be sustained and grown by sustaining traditional businesses, supporting existing businesses and encouraging new businesses. To do this we must work together as a community to identify, promote and activate new initiatives whilst protecting those lifestyle and community traits that we value.

## 5.1 Review and continue to implement the Economic Development Strategy

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Implement opportunities and strategies identified as part of the South West Prospectus.	Manager Tourism & Economic Dev.	01/07/21	30/06/22	Marketing Plan Stage 2 with LUCID and EDAC Group was completed.  Funding approved for next stage of marketing. Opportunities will be explored on an as required basis.				

## 5.2 Lobby government for improved facilities at Hell Hole National Park and promote the park as a key tourism feature

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Improve signage to Hell Hole George and continue to advocate for a Toilet Block and Shade Structure.	Manager Tourism & Economic Dev.	01/07/21	30/06/22	Onsite meeting with the Department of Environment and Science scheduled in the new year.  Signage completed.				

## 5.3 Increase energy efficiency and the use of alternative energy within Council and undertake a feasibility study into geothermal energy options

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Undertake the development of an Energy Management Plan.	CEO	01/07/21	30/06/22	A draft scope has been developed for the Energy Management Plan and is scheduled to be released in Q3.				



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**6 Foundation 6: Social**

Our communities have a long and proud history. Changing times and often harsh conditions have necessitated a deep resilience. To continue to thrive, our communities need to be cohesive and strong, our people supportive and engaged, our towns attractive and liveable.

### 6.1 Develop Baldy Top including access, aesthetics & amenity with options including walkways / steps, waterfall / water habitat, performance stage, signage and lighting

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Undertake beautification of Baldy Top including additional walkways and lighting.	Director Engineering Services	01/07/21	31/03/21	Project plan agreed. Project delayed due to the relevant crews being redirected to work on the Charleville Road.				

### 6.2 Provide community and local organisations with access to grants and funding for community events and celebrations

Action	Responsible Person	Start Date	End Date	Status	Result Q1	Result Q2	Result Q3	Result Q4
Identify and promote grants available to community groups and not-for-profit organisations within the Shire.	Director Corp & Comm Services	01/07/21	30/06/22	As of 20 December 2021, the amount of grants that have been applied for and accepted are: Community Grants – 8 RADF – 3 Events - 3				

**14.2 OUTBACK GONDWANA FOUNDATION - BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND ROUND 6****IX: 220239****Author: Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer****Attachments: 1. OGF Application Information****KEY OUTCOME****Key Outcome:** 5. Economy**Key Initiative:** 5.1.7 Lobby government and assist the Outback Gondwana Foundation in the future expansion of the Eromanga Natural History Museum.**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Quilpie Shire 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 Outback Gondwana Foundation. The OGF wrote to Council on 31 December 2021 seeking the same commitment towards the Building Better Regions Fund Round 6 application.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council:
  - (a) Provide a cash commitment of \$500,000 towards the Outback Gondwana Foundation Building Better Regions Fund Round 6 application;
  - (b) Provide an in-kind commitment of \$100,000 towards the Outback Gondwana Foundation Building Better Regions Fund Round 6 application in the form of contribution of staff time for administration tasks, engineering and project management support, and use of equipment;
  - (c) Provide a Letter of Support; and
  - (d) Provide an Authority to Undertake the Project at 1 Dinosaur Drive, Eromanga QLD 4480.

**BACKGROUND**

In early 2021, the Outback Gondwana Foundation undertook an application under the Building Better Regions Fund Round 5 program. The project is seeking funding to complete Stage 2 of the Eromanga Natural History (ENHM), building three dinosaur galleries with supporting amenities and plant rooms, totalling 1,1792 square metres. It will join the front visitor reception to the live viewing galleries at the rear to complete Stage 2 to allow the ENHM to function as a fully operational museum from one main building. These galleries will allow the Museum to realise the potential of its world-class dinosaur exhibitions of one of the world's largest (and Australia's largest) dinosaurs, *Australotitan Cooperensis*. The entire 30m x 6.5m life sized skeleton waits in storage at the Eromanga Natural History Museum until its gallery is funded and built, denying the museum the opportunity to deliver the economic benefits this exhibition will bring to Australia.

The total project cost as part of the BBRF Round 6 Application is \$9.4 Million, with \$8.8 Million to be requested from the BBRF Funding. Of this, the OGF have requested the following contribution from Council:

Quilpie Shire Council will contribute cash to the project in the following instalments:

- 2022-23: \$500,000.

Quilpie Shire Council will contribute \$100,000 in-kind support in the form of contribution of staff time for administration tasks, engineering and project management support, and use of equipment. The value of this in-kind support has been calculated as follows:

- Administration support \$20,000
- Engineering advice \$30,000
- Project management support \$50,000.

The direct addition of \$9.4 million into the project for SWQROC would result in a total estimated rise in regional gross domestic output of \$13.86 million. This would be an estimated \$21.93 million added to Australia's gross domestic output.

The OGF have also requested that Council provide a letter of support to accompany the application and an authority to undertake the project as the Land is owned by Council and leased to OGF.

#### **CONSULTATION (Internal/External)**

Robyn Mackenzie – Museum Director, ENHM

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

#### **POLICY AND LEGISLATION**

The support requested is in line with the BBRF Funding guidelines.

#### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

A financial allocation of \$500,000 was made in the 2021/2022 Capital Budget. This commitment would need to be reflected in the 2022/2023 Capital Budget.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Low Risk



## PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Eromanga Natural History Museum (ENHM) vision was initiated in 2004 after the discovery of the internationally significant Eromanga dinosaur fossil fields and later followed by the Eulo megafauna and microfauna fossil fields and many other fossil sites. The region is now one of the richest and diverse fossil localities in Australia. The ENHM collections are founded on these sites and are the largest Australian dinosaur and megafauna collections held in an accredited museum in their region of discovery.

Strategically located in the heart of the Australian outback this premier museum is the closest dinosaur and natural history museum to all the state capital cities in Australia. It is connected by sealed state roads in all directions, and in 3 years will be the major Queensland attraction on the newly fully sealed Strzelecki Track which will provide direct access for Adelaide and Perth visitors, tapping into up to 60,000 travellers on this interstate highway and bringing new visitation into the state. Upgrades in coming months to the Quilpie airport and current refuelling facilities will facilitate large commercial flights and charters. The ENHM is on the direct flight paths to Lake Eyre and Uluru, combined with a fully sealed, fenced and dash 8 capable Eromanga airport 2 kms from the ENHM and its 4-star luxury accommodation, makes this museum one of the most exciting and accessible destinations in the Outback!

Many may still be unfamiliar with South West Queensland's compelling natural beauty of the inland rivers, lakes, weathered mountain ranges, channel country, endless horizons and now as promoted by National Geographic, Australia's most exciting dinosaur discovery. To them a new natural history museum in the Australian Outback, in an area with low local population density, currently not on a major highway and in a region previously not well known as a tourism destination, may not make sense. The reality is quite the contrary, this an iconic Australian Natural History Museum which just happens to be located in the heart of Australia, will be on a major highway in 3 years and is now one of the highest tourism growth areas and fast becoming a 'must see' on everyone's bucket list. The journey or the road trip to this new destination are all important parts of the experience, bringing the economic and social benefits vital to these remote communities.

The ENHM is a catalyst museum for all Australia, bringing benefits similar to what the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame (ASHOF) brought 32 years ago before tourism was an industry for Central West Queensland (CWQ). Like the ENHM, ASHOF brought thousands of new visitors into the area to enable the CWQ attractions we see today confidently establish and thrive. In just 5 years, we are seeing new tourism businesses and partnerships growing across the country because of the continuing development of the ENHM and its international and domestic appeal.

## BBRF R6 PROJECT

The project is seeking funding to complete Stage 2 of the Eromanga Natural History (ENHM), building three dinosaur galleries with supporting amenities and plant rooms, totalling 1,1792 square metres. It will join the front visitor reception to the live viewing galleries at the rear to complete Stage 2 to allow the ENHM to function as a fully operational museum from one main building. These galleries will allow the Museum to realise the potential of its world-class dinosaur exhibitions of one of the world's largest (and Australia's largest) dinosaurs, *Australotitan cooperensis*. The entire 30m x 6.5m life sized skeleton waits in storage at the Eromanga Natural History Museum until its gallery is funded and built, denying the museum the opportunity to deliver the economic benefits this exhibition will bring to Australia.

Funding this project now will ensure the Museum is best placed to showcase some of Australia's most significant dinosaur discoveries to international and domestic visitors. The new galleries planned for the ENHM are an example of the sort of activity that will ensure that Australia will be able to deliver high-quality tourism products and experiences now and into the future, elevating Australia's tourism experiences and in particular in time for the 2032 Olympics.

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The project will deliver significant economic and social benefits not just locally but more broadly throughout the South West Queensland region and across the country. Dinosaur tourism is universal, and with a discovery as globally significant as *Australotitan cooperensis*, the world now knows Australia has some seriously large and exciting dinosaurs and they will demand to see them. The scientific announcement was worth \$53 million dollars in media value alone, and this new dinosaur is now recognised by National Geographic as the 2<sup>nd</sup> most amazing dinosaur discovery in the world for 2021.

The ENHM has seen an average of 45% growth over the past 5 years since it was opened to the public and at least 100% increase in visitation in the past 12 months. Employment at the ENHM will increase from 12 to 22 jobs in the next 5 years, drive regional economic growth, create additional jobs in the region and in the wider Australian economy and help mitigate the effects of Covid-19 and drought in the South West Queensland region.

This project has a strong international focus and is critical for the success of the rapidly developing dinosaur tourism opportunities, designed to help broaden the benefits of paleotourism across the entire country.

**Project Economic Impact** – Construction & Heritage Industry figures only, data sourced from NIEIR 2021. Tourism Industry figures were not available but would add significantly to the jobs and output shown below. For now I have included direct jobs created at the ENHM for the Tourism Industry below. I am unable to produce the Tourism Industry indirect jobs and output until more figures become available from NIEIR and we finish updating the CBA.

Total BBRF R6 project \$9.4 million (BBRF R6 request \$8.8 million)

#### **Tourism Industry Direct Jobs (ENHM):**

2022 - 6.7 FTE (12 headcount)

2025 – 13 FTE (22 headcount)

**This would be an additional 10 direct jobs (5.6 FTE)**

**Construction & Heritage Industry Jobs Direct & Indirect:** Economic impact for jobs in construction and heritage from the project in the South West Qld Region Organisations of Councils (SWQROC) would lead to an extra 29 local jobs and a combination of all direct, industrial and consumption effects would result in an estimated increase of 45 jobs. **This would be an additional 74 jobs to the wider Australian economy.**

**TOTAL DIRECT & INDIRECT JOBS CREATED DURING THE PROJECT PERIOD 79.6 FTE**

**Construction & Heritage Industry Output:** The direct addition of \$9.4 million into the project for SWQROC would result in a total estimated rise in output of \$13.86 million. **This would be an estimated \$21.93 million added to Australia's output.**

Robyn Mackenzie  
Museum Director, ENHM  
29/12/2021

**14.3 REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM ROUND 2 - JOINT APPLICATION****IX: 220265****Author: Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer****Attachments: Nil****KEY OUTCOME**

**Key Outcome:** 1. Governance

**Key Initiative:** 1.1.4 Enhance IT infrastructure systems and upgrade Council's capability in the digital world.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has been working with external service providers to improve internet infrastructure within the Shire. An 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.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council provide a cash commitment up to \$277,000 towards the Regional Connectivity Program Round 2 application.

**BACKGROUND**

The Regional Connectivity Program (the RCP) is a grants program funding the delivery of 'place-based' telecommunications infrastructure projects to improve digital connectivity across regional, rural and remote Australia. Round 2 of the RCP is providing up to \$112 million (GST inclusive), including approximately \$45 million (GST inclusive) of dedicated funding for projects in Northern Australia under the Connecting Northern Australia initiative.

Council have been working with external service providers to identify infrastructure upgrades which will improve current connectivity deficiencies faced within the Shire. Council have been approached by NBN to provide a Fibre to the Premises solution which will enable high speed internet to be available to approximately 462 premises within the township of Quilpie. This project will also form the backbone for potential further extensions of the network into the future.

Applications for the RCP Round 2 close on 27 January 2022, NBN and Council are working together to develop the application which will seek to have funding provided by the RCP, NBN and Council towards the project. To support a strong application, it has been asked that Council provide a cash contribution of \$277,000 which equates to roughly 5% of the overall project cost. This contribution equates to 6% of Councils General Rates Revenue, which is a significant contribution to a vital project.

It should also be noted that the State Government have shown support of this project and the regional benefits it will bring.

**CONSULTATION (Internal/External)**

Grant Higgs – NBN Community Engagement Manager

Karen Grimm – Manager Tourism & Economic Development.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**POLICY AND LEGISLATION**

This application will meet all of the criteria of the funding guidelines.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

A allocation of \$277,000 will need to be included as part of the 2022/2023 budget.

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Low Risk

**15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

**16 LATE ITEMS**

16.1 FINANCE STATUS REPORT

16.2 FINANCE MONTHLY REPORT

**17 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**18 MEETING DATES**