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# Ordinary Meeting of Council

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## MINUTES

Tuesday 18 January 2022

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 TUESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2022 AT 9.30AM**

**1 OPENING OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.28am.

**2 ATTENDANCE**

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

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

**3 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4 CONDOLENCES**

Noted the passing of Mr John (Jack) King, former Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr Alan Groves, Ms Kelsey Bell, and Mrs Beryl Pegler.

**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 Conflict of Interest in Item 14.2, Outback Gondwana Foundation – Building Better Regions Fund Round 6.

**6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER 2021**

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC001-01-22)**

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

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

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**7 ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Nil

**8 MAYORAL REPORT**

- 13/12/21 Outback Queensland Tourist Authority Meeting (Zoom)
- 14/12/21 QTIC Meeting (Zoom)
- 14/12/21 Lake Eyre Basin Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting (Zoom) representing Agforce
- 17/12/21 Wild Dog Barrier Fence Review Meeting
- 12/01/22 RDA Governance Meetings (Zoom)
- 17/1/22 South West Health Meeting

**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
Staff Christmas Party	10-Dec-21	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
Outback Queensland Tourism Association	13-Dec-21	Zoom	1				
Christmas Lights Judging	13-Dec-21	Quilpie		1		1	
QTIC	14-Dec-21	Zoom	1				
Lake Eyre Basin Stakeholder Advisory Group	14-Dec-21	Zoom	1				
Local Business Christmas Street Party	17-Dec-21	Quilpie		1	1	1	
WDBF Review Meeting	17-Dec-21	Zoom	1				
Regional Development Australia Governance	12-Jan-22	Zoom	1				

**10 OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORTS****10.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES STATUS REPORTS****10.1.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES STATUS REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

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Noted

**10.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORTS****10.2.1 DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE 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

**10.2.2 PEST AND LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATOR 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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**10.2.3 HEALTH PROMOTIONS OFFICER OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

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Noted

**10.2.4 LIBRARY STATUS REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

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Noted

**10.3 FINANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS**

Late Report

**10.4 GOVERNANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS****10.4.1 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 PROPOSED STRATEGIC ROADS: WESTERN QUEENSLAND ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS**

**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.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC002-01-22)**

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Jenny Hewson

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

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**12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Nil

**13 FINANCE**

Late Report

**14 GOVERNANCE****14.1 OPERATIONAL PLAN 21-22 SECOND QTR ASSESSMENT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC003-01-22)**

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

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

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Cr 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 Outback Gondwana Foundation (OGF).

Cr Stuart Mackenzie is Chair of the OGF. The OGF stands to gain a financial benefit depending on the outcome of the matter.

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

At 10:47 am, Cr Stuart Mackenzie left the meeting.

Cr Jenny Hewson assumed the Chair.

**14.2 OUTBACK GONDWANA FOUNDATION - BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND ROUND 6****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.

**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC004-01-22)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

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.

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At 10:49 am, Cr Stuart Mackenzie returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

**14.3 REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM ROUND 2 - JOINT APPLICATION****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.

**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC005-01-22)**

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Jenny Hewson

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

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**15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

**16 LATE ITEMS****16.1 FINANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is to provide Council with a summary of the cheques issued for month ending 31 December 2021.

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Noted.

**16.2 FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT MONTH ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC006-01-22)**

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council receive the Finance Report for the period ending 31 December 2021.

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**16.3 QUILPIE SPORTING CLAYS CLUB REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC007-01-22)**

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

For Council to support reviewing vehicular access for the Quilpie Sporting Clays Club Inc. and continue to assist the club in seeking funding opportunities.

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**17 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

- Cr Volz met with Director Engineering Services to inspect Black Rd maintenance.
- Cr Volz noted that the RV friendly sign in at the town entrance was in poor condition.
- Cr Volz requested that drone signs should be separate to town signs.
- Cr Paulsen asked if a lighting project could be installed at Baldy Top.
- Cr Barnes spoke about liaising with small miners.



**MOTION****RESOLUTION NO: (QSC008-01-22)**

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council 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.

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- Cr Barnes held discussions regarding a permanent dental service
- Cr Barnes noted that her preferred location for the electronic noticeboard in Quilpie was beside the Visitor Information Centre, rather than beside the Town Hall.
- Cr Barnes asked for an update on the Bulloo Park Race track. Director Engineering Services advised that he had met with the President of Quilpie Diggers Race Club, Sam Bartlett during the week. A new stormwater pipe was being installed across track today, and the track will be graded to correct level in relation to the running rail. Queensland Racing will be visiting in February to ensure the track is in order for the Quilpie Cup to be held on Saturday 30 April.
- Cr Mackenzie noted that Ergon had no recorded message operating regarding the recent power outage, so people did not know the duration of the outage. CEO to follow up via the Disaster Management Group.
- Cr Hewson thanked 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.

**18 MEETING DATES**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Friday 18 February 2022 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street, Quilpie commencing at 9.30am.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12.38pm.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Tuesday, 18 January 2022.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday, 18 February 2022.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

**Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council**

18/02/2022  
Date