Quilpie Shire Council

Community News

August 2022



Our home, our communities, your Quilpie Shire Council

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Roads

Local Government has always been regarded as being about "roads, rates and rubbish" and although it is much more about economic development and advocacy now the three 'R's are still a large part of what we do. As a rural rate payer I still believe that the property's access road is the most important thing that the council is responsible for and it is the one thing rural landholders will comment on the most and with the most passion.

It is the 'main' roads, however, that are the most important because everyone uses them and the whole social and economic fabric of our community can't exist without them. The Diamantina Development Road (Charleville to Windorah) is our main highway and our most important and busiest road. It is the most discussed and most complained about road by a country mile. I, as mayor, and council generally, has consistently advocated for improvements to this road time after time, year after year. At times you feel like you are bashing your head against a brick wall but we are actually making progress, albeit slowly!

If you think back to the Charleville - Ouilpie Road to how it was ten years ago there is a lot more full eight metre width pavement now and many causeways have been upgraded and widened. I think back to a meeting I had with the Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Director General ten years ago and he said "It won't happen overnight but we will get there in time". TMR have just announced a \$2M spend on the section of road between the Tobermory Road and the Eromanga Road turnoffs. This section has a number of blind hills and narrow causeways and it is heartening to see this upgrade happening.

The moral of the story is - you have to be consistent and persistent in your message. We didn't start asking for something different after five years or when nothing seemed to be happening. We have banged on about road and causeway widening for а decade and when the money is there it is an easy decision for TMR to know where to spend it. Our engineering staff have also

been very proactive in this space. We should all appreciate this latest project coming on the back of the number of widening projects between Quilpie and Charleville over recent years. So thank you TMR! Your Outback Adventure

Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)

I don't need to remind anyone of the disease threats at the moment and we need to include Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) in the well discussion as as acknowledging the impact the Varroa Mite is having on the bee industry. Council and the wider council organisations I sit on have all expressed our concerns in correspondence to the responsible ministers and the state and federal departments are certainly taking the issues very seriously, probably more so than they appeared to be a few months ago.

the Possibly most important presentation I have seen was from an experienced biosecurity officer who had been dealing with these threats for decades. He indicated that the threat from LSD is higher than FMD simply because it is carried by mosquitos. He did stress that FMD already exists in most of Asia, Africa and South America and that everything Australia has done to date has worked and there is no reason why it won't continue to work. The highest risk of it getting in to the country is still in illegal food products, a much higher risk than on someone's shoes. He did give confidence me some in the security in place but the risk of FMD is something I have been

aware of all my life so at least this latest scare will galvanise our government agencies to mitigate the risk that is always there and to reinforce to everyone what the horrendous consequences will be if these diseases ever get into the country.

From a local perspective it has highlighted the need to put more emphasis on our feral pig control and our future baiting programs should reflect that.









As everyone would be aware we have been without a doctor in Quilpie for extended periods this year – sixty days without a doctor up to the beginning of August. Council has been in discussions with South West Health and Rural Health operators trying to find a solution. We have discovered some issues which may have contributed to the problem and we will work with SWHHS to alleviate them. We are looking at all options at the moment.

I would stress however that we only hear glowing reports about the hospital and the RFDS provides a terrific service as well.

At least COVID is slowly disappearing from the vernacular, the sooner the better if you ask me. After the first few months of the pandemic when it became apparent that the risks weren't going to be as bad as first thought. I have always felt that the whole thing was overblown and I stand by that. Over the course of human history it has been established that fear is the easiest way, maybe the only way, to get large populations to do what you want them to do.

That happened with COVID and is also happening with climate change. The level of fear doesn't always reflect the actual risk but it allows populations to be imposed persuaded to accept conditions that they normally wouldn't. In some European countries now people are being told to not set their air coolers below 27 degrees as power networks come under pressure and prices skyrocket. That's what is coming here unfortunately.

Anyway let's be positive and enjoy the lovely season. Our rural commodities are holding up, our gas and oil industry is powering on, all our businesses are busy and our tourists are here in good numbers enjoying our world and why wouldn't they? There is no better place to be!!

Kind regards, Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor





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The Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 16 August 2022 are available in full on Council's website: www.quilpie.qld.gov.au

- In accordance with Local Government Regulations. Council approved sole supplier arrangements for various items, where Council is satisfied that there is only one supplier reasonable available to provide the goods and services listed, or because of the specialised or confidential nature of the services sought. Appropriately delegated staff authorised are to form contractual arrangements with various entities where Council's requirements are consistent with the scope of sole supplier the arrangements. Sole suppliers will be reviewed on а quarterly basis.
- In accordance with S228(9) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolved not to accept any tender submissions received for Tender T21 21-22 Construction of Two (2) x Four (4) Bedroom Houses.
- New annual residential tenancy lease agreements were entered into for the two residential properties in the town of Quilpie – Pegler Street and Galah Street – with Ergon Energy Corporation Limited
- Council adopted a Tender Consideration Plan for the supply and delivery of two x four bedroom & two x five bedroom houses from Hoek Modular Homes, to the value of \$2,037,000.

- All departments of Council (excluding limited critical services) will close down for the Christmas / New Year period as of close of business on Friday 16 December 2022, with normal operations to recommence on Tuesday 03 January 2023.
- A contract was awarded for the provision of Property Management Services for Quilpie Shire Council to Grant Daniel & Long Pty Ltd trading as Nutrien Harcourts GDL (ABN 15 077 478 801) for the period of two years with an option to extend for one year (2+1).

Council received this message from the Hamlyn Family, to our community

SO VERY	Brett, Lisa, Codee & Cooper would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone in our very
grateful	special community for your kind wishes, prayers, love and overwhelming support over the past months.
INCREDIBLY	We are all so happy to be home and surrounded by our amazing family and friends, which is
thankful	incredibly positive in supporting Brett's rehabilitation.
UNBELIEVABLY	Please accept this as our personal thanks.
blessed	Thank Lyon



Works are progressing on sealing the next section of the Red Road. Works Adavale commenced with Council staff and contract plant to seal the first 5 kilometres of the road. The first seal is due around 16 September weather permitting. Council is aiming to seal the 5 km and a further 1.3 km by the middle of November. Once this work is completed, the first 12.6 km will be sealed. This will leave only 16.7km of gravel to seal in future works. This will make the trip from Quilpie to Adavale much easier, and provide safer access for caravans to visit Adavale to enjoy the delights of the town.



Works are underway to lay two town blocks of water main in Quarrion Street. This work will be done over the next two months. Some disruptions to driveways will occur occasionally.

Council asks for you to take care when driving in Quarrion Street, and apologises for any inconvenience caused by the disruptions to the water supply.



Works have begun on relocating the pedestrian crossing from the corner of Buln Buln and Jabiru Streets to a safer position further west on Buln Buln Street. Please take care when driving in the area.

The refurbished Bicentennial Park playground was opened with a lunch time celebration on Tuesday 16 August. The children and adults attending enjoyed the ceremony and playing on the new equipment. No children were harmed in the cutting of the cake.





JOIN OUR TEAM EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AND GRANTS OFFICER



Executive Assistant and Grants Officer (Full- time) \$68,739 - \$78,948 per annum (plus applicable allowances) How to apply: Refer to Council's website www.quilpie.qld.gov.au Closing date: Friday 9th September 2022 Quilpie Shire Council is seeking an Executive Assistant to the CEO, and Grants Officer. This could be your next career step - it's a challenging and fulfilling role that sees you making a worthwhile contribution to the community.

Council is willing to train the right applicant - if you have good written and oral communication skills, ability to multi-task and problem solve, this could be the job for you. Join a fantastic team with professional leadership in our vibrant little town.

The Hon David Littleproud (MP) has announced the 2022-23 Volunteer Grants

Volunteer Grants are about strengthening communities by increasing participation in volunteering.

The objectives of Volunteer Grants are to:

 Help community organisations to support the efforts of Australia's volunteers;

 Help community organisations to support the inclusion of vulnerable people through volunteering; and

• Encourage, support and increase participation in volunteering.

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 will be available to eligible not-for-profit community organisations to support the efforts of their volunteers.

More informatiion is available from Council's Grants Officer on 07 4656 0500.



Community Grants Hub

Families and Communities Program 2022–23 Volunteer Grants Grant Opportunity Guidelines

Opening date:	15 November 2022
Closing date and time:	9.00 pm AEDT on 5 December 2022
Commonwealth policy entity:	Department of Social Services
Administering entities	Community Grants Hub
Enquiries:	If you have any questions, contact
	Community Grants Hub
	Phone: 1800 020 283 (option 1)
	Email: support@communitygrants.gov.au
	Questions should be sent no later than 5.00 pm AEDT on
	28 November 2022
Date guidelines released:	12 August 2022
Type of grant opportunity:	Closed non-competitive

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Skilling Queenslanders for Work Tender Writing Support & Information



Ruins of old bush pubs in the Eromanga District: (iv) The Tally Ho

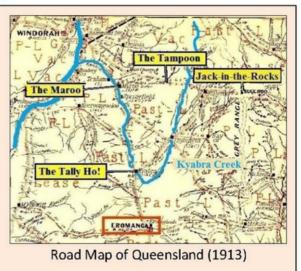
Rob Savory

General Introduction

There are ruins of four old bush pubs within the Eromanga District. They are all associated with old coach roads and/or stock routes.

- Jack-in-the-Rocks and <u>The Tampoon</u> pub were located beside the Adavale-Windorah road.
- <u>The Maroo</u> and <u>The Tally Ho!</u> were located beside Kyabra Creek, on the stock route from Windorah to Eromanga.

These pubs were built at various times between about 1884 and 1913. After some years, they all closed due to lack of business (with the advent of motorised trucking) or as a result of an accidental fire. After each the pub had closed, it was stripped bare of outbuildings, windmills and any reusable timber and roofing iron. Certainly the neighbouring property owners were right into 'recycling' long before it became the trendy word it is today.



Ruins of the Tally Ho Pub and Post Office



The Tally Ho pub & post office was a humble building measuring just 33 ft x 29 ft. After the pub closed down due to lack of patronage, all the reusable building materials were stripped and salvaged. Even the three rows of support posts were broken off and removed. Over the past 100 years, the site has been swept bare by the periodic flooding of Kyabra Creek (seen in the background).



No doubt water entered the pub every time Kyabra Creek flooded. It appears that one licensee decided to rebuild the pub on two rock pads located just to the north. These stand 2 ft above the floodplain.

Time line of events

- 1868 Arrival of John Costello at Kyabra Creek (Kings in Grass Castles).
- 1877 Surveyor George Watson marks the site of TOWN RES, straddling Kyabra Creek.
- 1880 Kyabra Township Reserve is proclaimed (GG. Vol 26, page 1011).

RESERVE FOR TOWNSHIP PURPOSES ON KYABRA CREEK, GREGORY SOUTH DISTRICT. Resumed from the Loch Derg Run. Area, 2 square miles.

- 1881 The first Cobb & Co coach service from Thargomindah to Kyabra HS.
- 1882 The first Cobb & Co coach service from Adavale to Kyabra HS, via Jack-in-the-Rocks.
- 1887 The Tally Ho Hotel is built on Township Reserve; the pub is registered as a Postal Receiving Office.
- **1889** English lady traveller Constance Ellis records her journey by stagecoach through Far Southwest Queensland. The map in the flyleaf of her book 'I Seek Adventure' shows part of her journey including the Tally Ho.



1895 Road survey, Thargomingah to Tally Ho Hotel via Mount Margaret and Eromanga undertaken by H G Blakeney.



- 1896 Stock Route No.5 is proclaimed: Farrear's Creek to Hungerford via Windorah, Kyabra, Eromanga, Mount Margaret and Thargomindah (GG. Vol 66, page 597).
- **1905** The Cobb & Co coach from Thargomindah to the Tally Ho / Kyabra is discontinued.

	KYABRA TALLY HO_LICENSED VICTUALLERS TO 1900
License i	ssued Thargomindah
1887	J.C. Henderson
1888-9	William McGill t/f
1890-1	John Merryfield name changed to TALLY HO
1882-3	Hermann Rabig t/f
1883-5	John Darcey t/f
1885	Percival Brown t/f
1885-7	J.C. Henderson name changed to KYABRA
1888-90	John Merryfield
1891-2	Mary McKillop
1893-6	Richard B. Pitt
1896	C.H.F. Brier t/f
1896-9	William Holman t/f
1899	M.A. Davidson

Licensees of the Tally Ho / Kyabra Hotel

Note: These ruins are now located on 'Burkobulla'. Access only with prior permission from the Landowner.

Acknowledgements:

Steve Pitt (His great-grandfather was Richard B. Pitt and his great-grandmother was Mary McKillop; Date of marriage 18-09-1892). Also Damon Hahn, Bill Kitson and Kaye Nardella ... all have added value to this article.





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MINI BULLS

WIDELAND GROUR QUILPIE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER **OVER** 9TH \$7,000 IN PRIZE MONEY **BULLS BY** BUNN BUCKING BULLS **BULLOO PARK OPEN BULL RIDE** 6PM - MIDNIGHT NOVICE BULL RIDE VISIT PRORODEO.COM.AU

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Small Business Friendly Program Charter signing

Friday 23rd September 2022 Brolga Street, Quilpie





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5-6 Sept | Blackall (QLD)





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Blackall BeefUp Forum Tuesday 6 September 2022

Venue:	Blackall Saleyards - 164 Evora Road Blackall QLD 4472	
Time:	Tuesday 8.00am to 6.00pm followed by drinks and dinner	
Cost:	MLA Members \$25. Non-members \$50.	- 53
Contact:	Rosie Peace	- E
	P: 08 8942 3388	2.53
	E: <u>beefup@associatedadvertising.com.au</u>	- 150
Local Contact:	Robyn Adams - Phone 46510939 or 0447 179 974	
Book/RSVP	By Monday 29 August 2022 please	

https://bit.ly/3NgJkgZ (Click on link to go direct to MLA booking site, or scan QR code above) Direct Link:

Join us for the Blackall BeefUp Forum to hear about the latest in regional and world-leading research and technologies for the northern beef industry.

- · Gain insights on improving livestock, land, and business performance.
- Connect with other producers, advisors, and researchers. ٠
- Hear about how new practices and technologies are being used on-property in your region. ٠ . Find out about the programs, tools and resources available to you.

The Blackall BeefUp Forum focussing on FEMALES, FERTILITY, FEED & THE FUTURE and features: Market Update from MLA

- Industry Update on FMD
- GIRL POWER PROJECT Update regional MLA Producer Demonstration Site Project With stud cattle in the ring, classifying to improve fertility and productivity of the self-replacing breeder herds

Lambert Bull and Infusion Sale

The day before the BeefUp Forum is the Lambert Bull and Infusion sale. Monday 5 September 2022

Blackall Salevards - 164 Evora Road Blackall OLD 4472





- relief and reproductive diseases . Access to MLA tools and resources
- Give Input into the Producer Workshop
- . Many trade stands to visit Barista Bar Sessions for real coffees
- Dinner and networking drinks.





The Memorial pays tribute to Lance Corporal Stjepan 'Rick' Milosevic, Sapper James Martin and Private Robert Poate all killed on operations in Baluchi Valley Afghanistan on 29 August 2012. This week marks the 10th anniversary of their deaths. A rogue Afghan soldier killed them in what was referred to as a "green on blue" incident.

At the time of his passing, Lance Corporal Milosevic was a Crew Commander of both a Bushmaster Protected Mobility Vehicle and ASLAV (Australian Light Armoured Vehicle).

Army comrades and the families of those soldiers who fell alongside him travelled from as far as Darwin, Canberra and Victoria to attend the service.

The location for the memorial is significant for locals and Lance Corporal Milosevic's family alike, with many using the destination as a rest point, or a party destination, on the way back to town.

"It's a high point; once you come down off the jump-up, you're not far from Quilpie; you're 50 kilometres from home," Mayor of the Quilpie Shire Council Stuart Mackenzie said.

Rick is remembered with love and respect by his community.



Keeping Quilpie 'Simply Unique'

Overgrown Allotments

An overgrown property, whether residential or commercial, which in the opinion of an authorised council officer may:

- attract or harbour reptiles or vermin; or
- seriously affect the visual amenity of the allotment

An overgrown property can be both a nuisance and a danger to neighbours and the community. Please note that all residents have a responsibility to keep their properties neat and tidy to improve the appearance of our community, remove places for vermin and reptiles to breed and reduce health risks.

Council is required to give the owner reasonable time to clear the overgrown material. If this is unsuccessful, Council may give warning of an intent to enter the property and clear it. The costs of clearing a block of overgrown vegetation will be the responsibility of the owner or occupier of the land. Please be aware that this process takes time.

Should you be aware of an overgrown property please report it to Council to investigate and action.

Unsightly properties

Unsightly properties can occur when objects or materials are brought onto or allowed to accumulate on residential or commercial property which results in seriously affecting the aesthetic of the local community. Materials generally classified as unsightly include discarded or disused machinery, second-hand materials and similar objects, as well as derelict vehicles, old whitegoods, building materials and household waste.

Responsibilities of residents

Keeping your yard free from overgrown vegetation and objects makes our residential streets more visually appealing for everyone. Here are a few tips on good ways to keep order in your home:

- Store goods out of sight in your garage and shed.
- Ensure you put your rubbish out for collection each week.
- Store objects and materials out of view and neatly stacked off the ground to ensure they do not harbour vermin.
- Dispose of old vehicles and machinery some metal recyclers may collect and remove them free of charge.
- Cut or slash your grass regularly (whether dead or alive)
- Grass on larger properties is not expected to be maintained to the extent of a lawn in the township area.

• Organise for someone to come and maintain your yard if you are going away for a period of time.













SEP 9TH WIDELAND GROUP AG & TECH DAY & RODEO

9AM - MIDNIGHT BULLOO PARK QUILPIE

WEEKEND PASS ADULT - \$25 CHILD - \$15 UNDER 5 - FREE



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Janet or Tracey on 46560550

eKindy



What is eKindy?



eKindy offers an at home kindergarten program for children who are living in rural and remote areas, travelling or medically unable to attend a local early childhood service, in the year before Prep. The program, delivered through BrisbaneSDE, is supported by qualified early childhood teachers and covers 15 hours of kindergarten for 40 weeks a year (school terms only).

eKindy focuses on playing to learn and is a flexible program that can be used in many different in ways to meet the needs of your child and family! Click here for more information about getting your child set for Prep For more information:

https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/enrolments/ekindy



OUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

OUTH CENTRE at CWA HALI 10 - 16 Years



WEDNESDAYS 3.15 - 4.15pm AFTERNOON TEA INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GAMES

Contact: Michelle Donohue Mob 0427 243 055 Sessions will not be held during School Holidays

QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

AFTERSCHOOL CRAFT ACTIVITIES at CWA H 5 - 9 Years





Contact: Michelle Donohue Mob 0427 243 055 Sessions will not be held during School Holidays



Thursday 8 September 2022

R U OK? Day is Thursday 8 September 2022. It's our national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK? ' and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they care about might be struggling with life. https://www.ruok.org.au



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

To be eligible you will need: Health Care Card; Pension Concession Card; Commonwealth Seniors Health Card; Queensland Seniors Card or a Veterans Affairs Card. You can be seen as a Fee-Paying patient for emergencies or other care if there is no access to a Private Dentist in your area.

> Call 1300 215 659 or 46 24 2716 South West Oral Health Service



SWHHS Visiting Specialists Dates

2022

Podiatrist

Physiotherapist

Speech Pathologist

Occupational Therapist

Dietitian

14th & 15th September 12th & 13th October

5th, 19th & 20th September 4th, 17th & 18th October

6th September 4th October

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13th & 14th September 18th & 19th October

Diabetes Educator

Child Health Nurse

Cardio Nurse

September October

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October

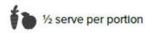
Mental Health

Every Thursday

Referral required for Visiting Specialists Contact Quilpie Medical Practice 07 4656 1158

Pumpkin and Date Wholemeal Scones

Serves: 10 Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 15-20 minutes



Ingredients

1 egg 2 tablespoons butter, softened ¼ cup sugar 1 cup of cooked mashed pumpkin, cooled ¾ cup of milk (or slightly more) 2 cups wholemeal self-raising flour 2 cups self-raising flour 1 cup of dates, chopped

Method

PREHEAT oven to 200°C. BEAT the egg, butter, sugar, pumpkin and milk together. ADD the flours and dates. STIR with a knife or spatula until just combined. It makes a soft, moist, sticky dough. PLACE on a well-floured surface and gently pat the dough out to a thickness of 20mm to 25mm. CUT with a scone cutter and place on a tray lined with baking paper. BAKE in preheated oven for 15 to 20 minutes. REMOVE from tray and cool on a rack.







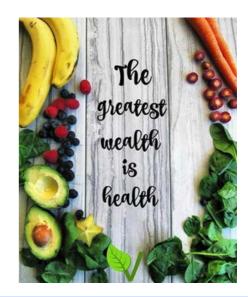
Discretionary Food

QCWA Centenary Ball on 6 August commemorated 100 years of CWA giving to Queensland Communities. Many thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to the celebration. If you would like to join CWA contact Lorraine on 04198702576





Women's Health Week, 5-11 September 2022, is a timely reminder for women to take positive and practical steps to being healthy in mind and body. For more information on how to celebrate Women's Health Week visit www.womenshealthweek.com.au



OFFICIAL AFTER PARTY AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH QUILPIE DIGGERS RACE CLUB

