

Quilpie Shire Council Council Community News

February 2023



Our home, our communities, your Quilpie Shire Council.

Your Outback Adventure.

Laughter Guaranteed

Free Comedy Night

Comedians | Live Music | Friday 17 March 2023 Bulloo Park 6pm



Australia Day celebrations were held at Bulloo Park on Friday 27 January 2023 with an Awards presentation, dinner and live music.

2023 Australia Day Award winners are:

Citizen of the year

Cameron Welk



Community Group Award

Quilpie Golf Club & Quilpie Sport & Recreation Inc.



Certificates of Appreciation

Sallyann Challenor,



Josie Bowen



Donna Bonsey



Janelle Jarzembski (not present)

Australia Day Award Nomination Acknowledgments

Community Group – Quilpie Junior and Senior Rugby League



Community Group – QSC Fundraising



Citizen of the Year – Mary McNair





Ordinary Council Meeting Wrap Up

Meeting Held on Monday 16 January 2023

Outcomes

Tuesday 16 January 2023

- Request for Quote L12 22-23 for the supply and delivery of one (1) 4WD Backhoe was awarded to Construction Equipment Australia for the amount of \$243,181.82 Ex GST.
- A request was made to Council to install a grid on Keeroongooloo Road. Council supported the request, on the condition that Keeroongooloo purchase the grid, and Council will install and maintain the grid into the future in line with the current Grid Policy.
- A request was also made to replace an existing gate on Colac Road with a grid. This gate being close to a rail crossing, Council supported the request. Landholder will purchase the grid and Council will install and maintain the grid as per current Council Grid Policy.



- Council resolved to adopt the Recovery of Overdue Rates and Charges Policy.
- Council endorsed the recommendation of the Local Government Remuneration Commission to apply from 1 July 2022 as follows:
Mayor \$114,801
Deputy Mayor \$66,231
Councillor \$57,400 (a base payment of \$38,266.67 and a meeting fee of \$1,594.44 per calendar month).
- Council noted the second quarter update for the 2022/23 Operational Plan.
- Discussion was held regarding the issue of vandalism to property occurring in Quilpie at present.
- Council received an enquiry regarding the pound paddock. Policy is currently under review.
- Ficus trees at Mural Park are to be moved, possibly to Bulloo Park, as they're struggling in their current position.
- Bull rushes at dam will be cleaned out when suitable machinery becomes available.



Successful Backhoe Tender



The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at 9.30am Tuesday 21 February 2023 at the Quilpie Shire Council Board Room. The Minutes and Agendas of Council meetings are available in full on Council's web site www.quilpie.qld.gov.au





Engineering Services Works Update

The Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Tuesday 16 January 2023 are available in full on Council's website: www.quilpie.qld.gov.au



More rain in early February again led to road closures. This led to the Quilpie-Windorah Road being closed to all traffic beyond the Cooper Developmental Road intersection. Load limits were imposed on the Adavale-Charleville and Adavale - Cheepie Roads.

An extra flood camera is now operational at the 3 Mile floodway just outside Quilpie on the Diamantina Developmental Road.

Sealing of the Quilpie-Adavale Red Road is due around 15 February. Some repair works will also be done on the Adavale Link Road at the same time.

The new house at 16 Donald Street, Eromanga, was handed over to Council on 28 January. The plumbing staff began work on connection on 30 January. The local electrician will hook up electricity as soon as possible.

Brian Weeks and Jeremy Grimm did the fireworks for Australia Day. Quilpie is very fortunate that Brian is a qualified pyrotechnician and he and Jeremy provide their services at these events free of charge.

The Concrete and Structures crew have repaired paving throughout Brolga Street as a wet weather project.

Grading works on the Adavale-Blackall are near complete

Initial earthworks for the Adavale transfer station are underway.





Job Vacancies and General Information

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

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

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

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

Winners of the 2022 Shop Local Campaign

\$500 - Jess Gilby	\$100 - Aaron Marsh
\$500 - Rex Bonsey	\$100 - Anita Toner
\$100 - Caragh Fretwell	\$100 - Kathryn Castles
\$100 - Reece Lander	\$100 - Whitney Springall
\$100 - Allan Newman	\$100 - Tony Lander
\$100 - Aaron Marsh	\$100 - Selwyn Wharton

Winners of the \$500 worth of vouchers supplied by Proterra Group

\$100 - Ken Clark	 
\$100 - Laura Hagan	
\$100 - Billy Russell	
\$100 - Dominic Varley	
\$100 - Kacey Davie	



QUILPIE JOB VACANCIES

Quilpie Shire Council has a number of positions vacant at present.

Tourism Officer

If you enjoy interacting with people and you are seeking a casual role during the peak visitor season (March – October) at Queensland's best visitor information centre, Then this could be the job for you

Town Services Labourer

If you are seeking a role with job security, additional employment entitlements such as 12% superannuation, 9 day fortnight, 5 weeks annual leave and sick leave, in addition to training and career progression opportunities, this you should consider a role working for Council.

For more information on any of these vacancies, please go to www.quilpie.qld.gov.au

NIGHTS LINEUP

MARK MCCONVILLE
SCOTTY MACK
STEVE ALLISON

COMEDY NIGHT ROUND 2

TICKETS FREE

BULLOO PARK - QUILPIE
DINNER INCLUDED IN ONLINE TICKET
SUPERVISED MOVIES FOR CHILDREN IN PAVILION

LAUGHTER GUARANTEED | BAR AVAILABLE

DON'T MISS OUT AS BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

 <https://outbacktickets.com.au/event/17681>

KIDS BRING PILLOW & BLANKET

MONEY RAISED TO QUILPIE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Bar open at 6:00 PM | 17 March 2023

*GOLF TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE UP UNTIL 10th MARCH


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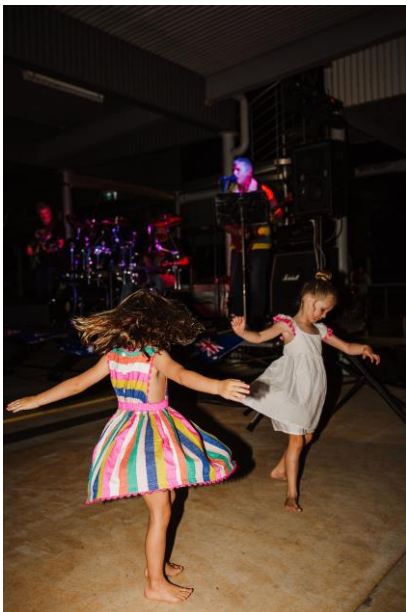
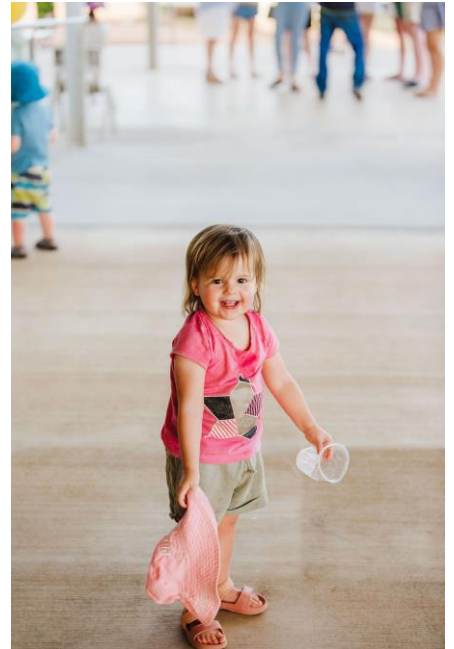
DANCE like an ANIMAL

THURSDAY MARCH 30
Quilpie Shire Hall
10.00am
suitable for children up to 11 years
No Booking Required

Kids you won't want to miss this show




Australia Day





Toompine Hall, Quilpie Thargomindah Road, TOOMPINE

Wednesday 8 March 2023 10:00am - 2:00pm

Join AgForce and a line-up of industry experts, for an information day designed to educate and update attendees on a range of important topics, including:

- » Pimelea R&D and methane reduction in rangeland cattle.
- » Grazing Futures Livestock Business Resilience Project
- » Toxic weed & plant identifications.
- » New regulations for pest vertebrate poisons.
- » Suppressing Pimelea establishment.
- » The benefits of using bentonite dry lick to manage Pimelea symptoms.
- » Benchmarking carbon and biodiversity with AgCarE.

Guest speakers:

- » Dianne Ouwerkerk - DAF
- » Jenny Milson - Rangelands Scientist
- » DAF
- » Marie Vitelli - AgForce
- » Dr Greg Leach - AgForce



Attendees are encouraged to bring any plant or weed along that you are curious to identify (in a closed bag).

Lunch and morning tea is provided, and everyone is welcome to attend this free event!



RSVP: Wednesday 1 March 2023

*Register at Eventbrite stating any special dietary requirements

agforce-swq-industry-update-quilpie.eventbrite.com.au

Proudly supported by:



Enquiries: AgForce SWQ Regional Manager, Kerrie Cribb:

0418 485 501 cribbk@agforceqld.org.au

* Any COVID-19 restrictions current at the time will apply to this event



BENEFITS OF WORKING FOR COUNCIL:

- Job Stability & Security with a 9 day Fortnight
- 12% Employer Superannuation Contribution
- 5 weeks Annual Leave & 11-15 days Sick Leave per year
- Employee Health & Wellbeing Benefits
- Salary Packaging Options including Novated Car Lease
- Great Training, Professional Development & Career Progression Opportunities

How to apply: Refer to Council's website www.quilpie.qld.gov.au or Phone 07 4656 0500

EASTER SERVICE AT ST MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH IN QUILPIE



An Easter Service will be held at St Matthew's Anglican Church in Quilpie on Tuesday 4th April at 6:00pm. The Reverend Di Murphy will be preaching.



Mayor Stuart Mackenzie

Your Quilpie Shire Council Councillor's



Deputy Mayor
Cr Jenny Hewson
Portfolios – Health and
Community Services



Cr Roger Volz
Portfolios – Arts,
Culture and Tourism



Cr Bruce Paulsen
Portfolios – Sport,
Recreation and Youth



Cr Lyn Barnes
Portfolio – Business
Development

February 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 10:30am CWA Hall Tai Chi	2 9:00am Aqua with Alina 2:00pm CWA Hall Healthy Minds	3	4	5
6 9:00am Aqua with Alina	7 2:00pm Craft & Chat CWA Hall	8 10:30am CWA Hall Tai Chi	9 9:00am Aqua with Alina 2:00pm CWA Hall Healthy Minds	10	11	12
13 9:00am Aqua with Alina	14 2:00pm Craft & Chat Library Valentine's Day	15 10:00am Gyrca Gardens Men's Group	16 9:00am Aqua with Alina 2:00pm CWA Hall Healthy Minds	17	18	19
20 9:00am Aqua with Alina	21 9:30am CWA Hall Macramé Workshop (Fully Booked)	22 10:30am CWA Hall Bingo	23 9:00am Aqua with Alina 2:00pm CWA Hall Healthy Minds	24	25	26
27 9:00am Aqua with Alina	28 12:00pm Luncheon Imperial Hotel RSVP 24/02/23					DO MORE of what makes you HAPPY!

Be suicide aware with CALM care

1/2 Day
Virtual Workshop
\$20

Learn the simple steps of checking in with someone who might not be doing so well and need your help. A conversation can save a life.



ICALM CARE
Calm conversations can save lives

Suicide is preventable...

Oftentimes there are subtle signs that someone is struggling with life and when these feelings become unbearable, they may start thinking that suicide is their only option. This half-day CALM C-A-R-E program teaches you how to be suicide aware and recognise when someone may be thinking about ending their life. This workshop will help you recognise the subtle warning signs that are often missed or overlooked, how to approach them, make a connection and know what to say. Above all it will equip you to confidently put your hand up when someone is signalling the need care. This is an evidence and lived experience informed program.

You Will Learn

- ✓ How to approach the person and make a connection.
- ✓ How to determine if suicide is in their thoughts.
- ✓ What to do about it, to ensure the person's

safety is addressed and they are protected from suicide.

- ✓ How to use the 'Calm Care' app so that support is ongoing for the person as they work through their pain and distress.

You Will Receive

- ✓ A 16-page booklet packed with information and examples of helpful responses and practical questions to ask at any stage of the conversation.
- ✓ A list of all relevant National helplines and websites in Australia.
- ✓ Access to the 'Calm Care' app which provides the person you are supporting with a tool they can use when they are feeling vulnerable to connect to supports, and provide automated SMS messaging

when they are in crisis.

- ✓ A printed certificate of attendance.
- ✓ Access to materials on the website to further your learning and development.
- ✓ This is an evidence-informed program that is based on the very latest research and is focussed on providing life-saving connections for someone when they are feeling their most vulnerable.

REGISTER ONLINE



SUICIDE PROGRAMS
Calm conversations can save lives.
www.suicideprograms.com.au

www.suicideprograms.com.au/workshop/calm-care-suicide-awareness/
Dates: 1st March & 14th April, 9am-12:30pm
Email: admin@suicideprograms.com.au
Phone: (07)3077 6536; Mobile: 0433 121 999

Funded By:
Queensland Mental Health Commission



Be well - Stay Well

Half-Day virtual Workshop \$20

TRACC
Building Resilient Networks Through Connected Communities

Flourishing Model

Our world is constantly changing, challenging and uncertain. Learn new ideas and strategies to achieve wellbeing and why to strive for wellbeing rather than happiness.

Well-being is a complex combination of a person's physical, mental and emotional health and their social and economic circumstances. We are constantly bombarded with tips on how to be happy, but this constant striving to achieve happiness rather than well-being has been proven to make us less satisfied with who and where we are. Recognising that when life is challenging, doing the things we know are important for our health are often the first to be let go. This course will look at the well-being continuum and explore new theories and ideas on how to build our resilience and self care.

You Will Learn

- ✓ The difference between burnout, compassion fatigue and moral injury.
- ✓ The definition of well-being and it's see-saw nature
- ✓ Where you are on the continuum of well-being and identify your personal strengths and challenges
- ✓ Why standard self care strategies don't work
- ✓ The myth of happiness and why it makes us unhappy
- ✓ How to become more emotionally agile and so adapt to challenges and obstacles
- ✓ A 24-page Workbook covering all content as well as a personalised well-being plan.
- ✓ Reading material to further your learning and development
- ✓ About the concepts of psychological distancing and radical acceptance and how to implement these into your daily routines.
- ✓ The neurobiological benefits of breathe and how to breathe to benefit exploring mindfulness
- ✓ About the fight, flight, freeze response and why we respond to emotional threats the same way we respond to saber tooth tigers.
- ✓ To develop your how personalised well-being plan and ways to incorporate it into your daily living
- ✓ A printed certificate of attendance
- ✓ Presented by fully accredited and qualified trainers
- ✓ An Australian developed program underpinned with therapeutic strategies that are proven to work

SUICIDE PROGRAMS
Calm conversations can save lives.
www.suicideprograms.com.au

www.suicideprograms.com.au/workshop/be-well-stay-well/
Dates: 24th March & 22nd May, 9am-12:30pm
E: admin@suicideprograms.com.au
P: (07)3077 6536; M: 0433 121 999

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMUNITY BUDGET MEETINGS

Residents of the Quilpie Shire are advised that there will be a series of public meetings held for the community to contribute to the development of the Quilpie Shire Council
2023/2024 Budget

Meetings will be held:

9:30am Tue 28 Feb	Eromanga Hall
9:30am Wed 1 March	Toompine Hall
2:30pm Wed 1 March	Adavale Hall
6:00pm Wed 1 March	Quilpie Hall Supper Room

Councillors and senior staff will be available to discuss various issues, concerns and suggestions from community members.

Public consultation is essential and all Quilpie Shire residents are encouraged to attend the meeting in their area.

18 January 2023

Justin Hancock

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Chief Executive Officer

www.quilpie.qld.gov.au

