

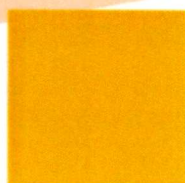
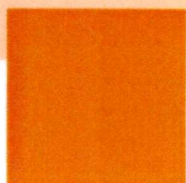
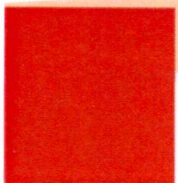


Special Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Tuesday 30 May 2023

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom
50 Brolga Street, Quilpie



**MINUTES OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL BOARDROOM, 50 BROLGA STREET, QUILPIE
ON TUESDAY, 30 MAY 2023 AT 08:30AM**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8:39am.

2 ATTENDANCE

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

In Attendance: Mr Justin Hancock (Chief Executive Officer), Mr Peter See (Director Engineering Services) and Wanda Loveday (Secretariat)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 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 next Council meeting.

Nil

5 ENGINEERING SERVICES

5.1 SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND WATER AND SEWERAGE ALLIANCE TENDER FOR SWQWSA 230035.10 RESERVOIR INSPECTION & ASSESSMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Quilpie Shire Council acts as the Chair of the Southwest Queensland Water and Sewerage Alliance (SWQWSA) and acts as the Group's banker and administrative centre. The Mayor Chairs the Elected members and the Director of Engineering Services chairs the Technical Group.

The SWQWSA was successful in obtaining a Grant to assess and prioritise future water and sewerage projects across the area of the Alliance made up of the six Councils. Initial data collection has been carried out by GBA Engineers. The next step is to carry out asset condition assessments. Tenders were called by GBA Engineers, and an analysis of the tenders has been carried out. This report recommends the award of the contract.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC076-05-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

- 1) Accept the report on behalf of the SWQWSA: and
- 2) Award the tender SWQWSA 230035.10 Reservoir Inspection & Assessment to **Waters Marine Pty Ltd** for a total amount of \$105,500.00 excluding GST.

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5.2 SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND WATER AND SEWERAGE ALLIANCE TENDER FOR SWQWSA 230035.12 SEWER PUMP STATION INSPECTION & ASSESSMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The SWQWSA was successful in obtaining a Grant to assess and prioritise future water and sewerage projects across the area of the Alliance made up of the six Councils. Initial data collection has been carried out by GBA Engineers. The next step is to carry out asset condition assessments. Tenders were called by GBA Engineers, and an analysis of the tenders has been carried out. This report recommends the award of the contract.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC077-05-23)

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council:

- 1) Accept the report on behalf of the SWQWSA; and
- 2) Award tender SWQWSA 230035.12 Sewer Pump Station Inspection & Assessment to **Insight Asset Services Pty Ltd** for a total amount of \$55,000.00 excluding GST.

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5.3 SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND WATER AND SEWERAGE ALLIANCE TENDER FOR SWQWSA 230035.7 DRINKING WATER TESTING & ASSESSMENT OF WATER QUALITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The SWQWSA was successful in obtaining a Grant to assess and prioritise future water and sewerage projects across the area of the Alliance made up of the six Councils. Initial data collection has been carried out by GBA Engineers. The next step is to carry out asset condition assessments. Tenders were called by GBA Engineers, and an analysis of the tenders has been carried out. This report recommends the award of the contract.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC078-05-23)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council:

- 1) accept the report on behalf of the SWQWSA; and
- 2) award tender SWQWSA 230035.7 - Drinking Water Testing & Assessment of Water Quality to **MJM Environmental Pty Ltd** for a total amount of \$73,250.00 excluding GST.

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5.4 SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND WATER AND SEWERAGE ALLIANCE TENDER FOR SWQWSA 230035.8 SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT INSPECTION & ASSESSMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The SWQWSA was successful in obtaining a Grant to assess and prioritise future water and sewerage projects across the area of the Alliance made up of the six Councils. Initial data collection has been carried out by GBA Engineers. The next step is to carry out asset condition assessments. Tenders were called by GBA Engineers, and an analysis of the tenders has been carried out. This report recommends the award of the contract.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC079-05-23)

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council:

- 1) accept the report on behalf of the SWQWSA; and
- 2) award tender SWQWSA 230035.8 Sewage Treatment Plant Inspection & Assessment to **MJM Environmental Pty Ltd** for a total amount of \$36,590.00 excluding GST.

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5.5 RFT02 22-23 CONSTRUCTION OF THE TOOMPINE ARTESIAN BORE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a grant from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning to install an artesian bore and associated works at Toompine. This will replace an existing nearby bore. Tenders have been called by Council and closed on 5 May 2023. This report makes a recommendation to award the tender.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC080-05-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

- a) Award RFT02 22-23 Construction of Toompine Artesian Bore to **Drill Engineering & Pastoral Co. PTY. LTD** for an amount of \$465,553.55 excluding GST; and
- b) Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise and execute all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement policy.

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6 GOVERNANCE

6.1 DESIGNATED AREA MIGRATION AGREEMENT - DARLING DOWNS AND SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is for Council to consider supporting Regional Development Australia to engage a Migration Consultant to progress a Designated Area Migration Agreement Business Case for the Darling Downs and South West Queensland region.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC081-05-23)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

1. That Council:

- (a) Support the engagement of a Migration Consultant to progress a Designated Area Migration Agreement Business Case for the Darling Downs and South West Queensland region;
- (b) Financially contribute up to \$2,060.06 towards the project; and
- (c) Delegate authority to the Mayor and/ or CEO to notify Regional Development Australia - Darling Downs and South West of this decision on 9 June 2023 in St George at the Darling Downs and South West Queensland Council of Mayors meeting.

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7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION

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:

7.1 Outback Car Hire Proposal – The Tourism Group

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - g 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 negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

7.2 2022/23 Budget Review

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - c 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 the local government's budget.

MOTION

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC082-05-23)

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That Council move into closed session at 9:21am.

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MOTION

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC083-05-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council move out of closed session at 9:58am.

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7.1 OUTBACK CAR HIRE PROPOSAL – THE TOURISM GROUP**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report tables a proposal from The Tourism Group (TTG) for the Quilpie Shire Council to consider partnering with the group and two other Councils – Balonne and Paroo – in the South West Region to create a regional car hire service.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC084-05-23)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

1. That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report regarding the Outback Car Rental Scheme and the proposed contractual arrangements with The Tourism Group; and
- (b) participate in a three-year trial of the Outback Car Hire Service proposed by The Tourism Group, subject to an annual review; and
- (c) in conjunction with Balonne Shire Council and Paroo Shire Council, authorise the CEO to:
 - (i) Make a submission to the Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning to grant an exemption to the Participating Councils from complying with the procedures under section 227 of the Local Government Regulation 2012; and
 - (ii) Make a submission to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission seeking approval for the Participating Councils to engage in a collective bargaining activity in accordance with the Competition and Consumer Act 2010.
- (d) Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract.

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7.2 2022/23 BUDGET REVIEW**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with S170 (3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the local government may, by resolution, amend the budget for a financial year at any time before the end of the financial year.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC085-05-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Note that the budget has been prepared on an accrual basis and is consistent with the Corporate Plan and annual Operational Plan.
2. Approve the 2022/23 budget amendments (operational and capital) which are outlined in the report.
3. Approve the revised financial statements for the 2022/23 budget amendments and the following report attachments:
 - (a) Revised Budget Financial Statements (Financial Position, Cash Flow, Income and Expenditure and Changes in Equity) - 2022/23 & the next two years
 - (b) Revised Long Term Financial Forecast - 2022/23 & the next nine financial years
 - (c) Revised Measures of Financial Sustainability for 2022/23 and the next nine financial years (Ratios)
 - (d) Revenue Policy 2022/23
 - (e) Revenue Statement 2022/23
 - (f) Revised Total Value of Change in Rates and Charges
4. Include the May Budget Review 2022/23 document on Council's website.

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8 LATE ITEMS

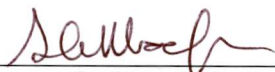
9 GENERAL BUSINESS

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

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:59⁵⁹am.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Special Meeting held on the Tuesday, 30 May 2023.

Submitted to the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 June 2023.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council

20/06/23

Date