

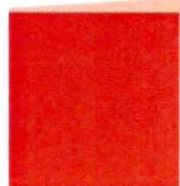


Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Tuesday 19 September 2023

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, 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 09:30**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10:20am.

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), Ms Lisa Hamlyn (Director Corporate and Community Services), Mr Peter See (Director Engineering Services) and Wanda Loveday (Secretariat)

Rural Management Team: Kasey Davie, Tom Hennessy, and Chris Woodward

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Council extends its condolences to the families of Chubb Hennessy, Amy Costello, Eva Douglas and George Turner.

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.

Nil

6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2023**

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC159-09-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 August 2023 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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7 ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

8 MAYORAL REPORT

- 21-22/08/23 - SWQROC Deputation (Brisbane)
- 25/08/23 - SWQROC Carbon Review (zoom)
- 29/08/23 - OQTA Meeting (zoom)
- 01/09/23 - RDA Meeting (zoom)
- 01/09/23 - State Development REFF Steering Advisory Committee (zoom)
- 05/09/23 - LGAQ EMU (Quilpie)
- 09/09/23 - Quilpie Show Opening (Quilpie)
- 14/09/23 - SWQROC Meeting (zoom)
- 14/09/23 - SWRRTG Meeting (zoom)
- 14/09/23 - SWQWSA Meeting (zoom)

9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Details	Date of Meeting	Location	Mackenzie	Hewson	Paulsen	Volz	Barnes
Ordinary Meeting of Council	15-Aug-23	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
NAIDOC Opening - Baldy Top	21-Aug-23	Quilpie				1	1
Governor of Qld Visit	21-Aug-23	Quilpie				1	1
SWQROC Deputation	21/22 Aug 23	Brisbane	1				
NAIDOC Elders Lunch	22-Aug-23	Quilpie				1	1
NAIDOC Eromanga	23-Aug-23	Eromanga				1	
Meeting with Small Business Commissioner	23-Aug-23	Quilpie					1
SWQROC Carbon Review	25-Aug-23	Zoom	1				
Murisia Concert	26-Aug-23	Quilpie				1	1
Forever Sons of Adavale 40th Anniversary	27-Aug-23	Adavale				1	1
OQTA Meeting	29-Aug-23	Zoom	1				
RDA Meeting	1-Sep-23	Zoom	1				
State Development REFF Steering Advisory	1-Sep-23	Zoom	1				
Elected Member Update	5-Sep-23	Quilpie	1	1		1	1
Councillor Workshop	5-Sep-23	Quilpie	1	1		1	1
Quilpie Show	8-9 Sep 23	Quilpie	1	1		1	
Audit Committee Meeting	11-Sep-23	Quilpie		1		1	
SWQROC Meeting	14-Sep-23	Zoom	1				
SWRRTG Meeting	14-Sep-23	Zoom	1				
SWQWSA Meeting	14-Sep-23	Zoom	1				

10 OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORTS**10.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES STATUS REPORTS****10.1.1 MONTHLY STATUS REPORT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AUGUST 2023****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is about works carried out by Engineering Services during August 2023.

Noted

10.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORTS**10.2.1 PEST AND LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR 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 Coordinator's portfolio.

Noted

10.2.2 NDIS COORDINATOR STATUS REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to inform and update Council on National Disability Insurance Scheme activities and programs.

Noted

10.2.3 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

Noted

10.3 FINANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS**10.3.1 FINANCIAL SERVICES STATUS REPORT - AUGUST 2023****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is to provide Council with an update on financial services for month ending 31 August 2023.

Noted

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

The purpose of this report is to update Council on Tourism and Economic Development activities during August 2023.

Noted

10.4.2 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.

Noted

11 ENGINEERING SERVICES

Nil

12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**12.1 SPONSORSHIP - ST FINBARR'S P & F****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

St Finbarr's P & C has written to Council requesting Sponsorship for its' annual Mystery Holiday Raffle. The mystery holiday raffle is an important part of fundraising for the school.

St Finbarr's are asking Council for a donation towards the Mystery Holiday fundraiser and in return are offering to advertise the Council logo and business name as part of the advertising campaign for the Mystery Holiday tickets.

The Mystery Holiday will be drawn at St Finbarr's Fete on the 3rd of November 2023.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC160-09-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

1. That Council makes a direct cash contribution of \$500 to St Finbarr's Mystery Holiday fund raising raffle.

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12.2 QUEENSLAND REMEMBERS GRANTS PROGRAM**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Applications are now open for round three of the Queensland Remembers Grants Program. Under this program, the Queensland Government has committed up to \$6 million over four rounds to enable eligible organisations to deliver projects or events that support Queensland veterans and their families. Applications close 3 October 2023.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC161-09-23)

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Bruce Paulsen

1. That Council supports an application to the Queensland Remembers Grants Program – Round 3, Community Grants Program for \$50,000 ex GST for the upgrade of RSL Park in accordance with the Brolga Street Masterplan recommendation and commits \$32,000 towards the total cost of the project, comprising of cash and in-kind contributions.

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12.3 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE APPLICATION - ALL ABOUT AQUATICS HALLOWEEN PARTY.**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

All About Aquatics have submitted an application requesting a direct cash contribution of \$1000 to run a combined Halloween disco movie night for the youth of the community on Saturday 28th September. This event will be run in conjunction with the Quilpie Blue Light. The support from Quilpie Shire Council requested, if approved, will cover the costs for food, decorations and the Quilpie Blue Light. All About Aquatics will provide in-kind donation of staffing for preparation and lifeguarding of this event.

As it is highlighted often, there are not many events that cater for the youth, and the kids have expressed that they really enjoy attending such events.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC162-09-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council approves the request for a cash contribution of \$1000 to assist All About Aquatics Halloween Disco and Movie night.

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13 FINANCE

13.1 FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT MONTH ENDING 31 AUGUST 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the monthly financial report to Council in accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the period ended 31 August 2023.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC163-09-23)

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council receive the Monthly Finance Report for the period ending 31 August 2023.

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13.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2022/23

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023, including the General Purpose Financial Statements and Current Year Financial Sustainability Statement, were certified by the Queensland Audit Office on 12 September 2023, with an unmodified audit opinion for the financial statements. An unmodified audit opinion means the financial statements are reliable.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC164-09-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council receive and note the audited Financial Statements for 2022/23.

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14 GOVERNANCE

14.1 AMENDMENT TO FINANCIAL DELEGATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To approve financial delegations

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC165-09-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council endorse the amendment to the Financial Delegations approved by the Chief Executive Officer on 6 September 2023.

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14.2 REQUEST FROM MULGA MATES FOR STAFF HOUSING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a second request to supply staff housing to the Mulga Mates Early Learning Centre for the current Director/Early Childhood Teacher vacancy.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC166-09-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council resolve to: -

- a) Provide an additional dwelling to FGP Moreton Inc for the period of twelve (12) months;
- b) Waive rental fees associated with the dwelling provided (excluding power, internet etc); and
- c) 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 including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement Policy.

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14.3 HOME OWNER GRANT POLICY REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Home Owner Grant Policy was first endorsed by Council in June 2021. The Policy was to provide a financial incentive for the construction of new dwellings in the Quilpie Shire Council residential development area. This report presents a variation to the existing policy for review and endorsement.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC167-09-23)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

1. That Council adopt the following changes to the Homeowner grant policy C.S 103:
 1. To make the following addition to the Home Owner grant policy C.S.103 and procedure under the Value of the Property definition.
 - a. For a relocated home, this will be a market appraisal, bank valuation or Queensland Government Owner-builder cost summary annexure and;
 2. To make the follow addition to the definitions to the Home Owner grant procedure.
 - b. When completing an owner builder cost summary for the Valuation details, applicants must use the Queensland Government Owner-builder cost summary annexure.

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14.4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE - LOT 14 ON SP273738**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for Council to decide the Development Application for a Material Change of Use to establish a "Warehouse" (Rural Storage) and "Animal Keeping" (Temporary Spelling Yards and Horse Stables) on land situated at Diamantina Development Road, Quilpie, formally described as Lot 14 on SP273738

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC168-09-23)

Moved: Cr Jenny Hewson

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council

1. receive this report; and
2. Council issue a decision notice to the applicant approving the Development Application for a Material Change of Use to establish a "Warehouse" (Rural Storage) and "Animal Keeping" (Temporary Spelling Yards and Horse Stables) on land situated at Diamantina Development Road, Quilpie, formally described as Lot 14 on SP273738, subject to the following conditions:

General Advice

- I. The relevant planning scheme for this development is the *Quilpie Shire Planning Scheme*. All references to the 'Planning Scheme' and 'Planning Scheme Schedules' within these conditions refer to this planning scheme.

- II. In the Planning Scheme:

Warehouse means "*Premises used for the storage and distribution of goods, whether or not in a building, including self-storage facilities or storage yards.*"

The use may include sale of goods by wholesale where ancillary to storage.

The use does not include retail sales from the premises or industrial uses.

Animal Keeping means "*Premises used for boarding, breeding or training of animals.*"

The use may include ancillary temporary or permanent holding facilities on the same site and ancillary repair and servicing of machinery."

- III. All Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in Queensland is protected under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* and penalty provisions apply for any unauthorised harm. Under the legislation a person carrying out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal Cultural

Heritage. This applies whether or not such places are recorded in an official register and whether or not they are located in, on or under private land. The developer is responsible for implementing reasonable and practical measures to ensure the Cultural Heritage Duty of Care Guidelines are met and for obtaining any clearances required from the responsible entity.

- IV. The *Environmental Protection Act 1994* states that a person must not carry out any activity that causes, or is likely to cause, environmental harm unless the person takes all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent or minimise the harm. Environmental harm includes environmental nuisance. In this regard, persons and entities involved in the operation of the approved works are to adhere to their 'general environmental duty' to minimise the risk of causing environmental harm to adjoining premises.
- V. It is the responsibility of the developer to obtain all necessary permits and submit all necessary plans to the relevant authorities for the approved use.
- VI. In completing an assessment of the proposed development, council has relied on the information submitted in support of the development application as true and correct. Any change to the approved plans and documents may require a new or changed development approval. It is recommended that the applicant contact council for advice in the event of any potential change in circumstances.

Development Conditions

Use

- 1. The approved development is a Material Change of Use – "Warehouse" (Rural Storage) and "Animal Keeping" (Temporary Spelling Yards and Horse Stables) as defined in the Planning Scheme and as shown on the approved plans.
- 2. A development permit for building works must be obtained prior to commencing construction of the use.

Compliance inspection

- 3. All conditions relating to the establishment of the approved development must be fulfilled prior to the approved use commencing, unless otherwise noted within these conditions.
- 4. Prior to the commencement of use, the applicant shall contact Council and arrange a development compliance inspection.

Approved plans and documents

- 5. All works and operations are to be carried out generally in accordance with the approved plans listed in the following table. Where the approved plans conflict with the Assessment Manager's conditions, the Assessment Manager's conditions shall take precedence.

Plan/Document Number	Plan/Document Name	Date
-	Site Plan	n.d.

McWat000031614	10m x 13.5m x 5.1m – Permeable Building - Left Elevation & Right Elevation	n.d.
McWat000031614	10m x 13.5m x 5.1m – Permeable Building – Front Elevation & Rear Elevation	n.d.
McWat000031614	Warehouse Rural Storage	n.d.
-	Spelling Yards	n.d.
-	Horse Stalls	n.d.
-	Horse Stables	n.d.

Development works

6. During the course of constructing the works, the developer shall ensure that all works are carried out by appropriately qualified persons and the developer and the persons carrying out and supervising the work shall be responsible for all aspects of the works, including public and worker safety, and shall ensure adequate barricades, signage and other warning devices are in place at all times.
7. The developer is responsible for locating and protecting any Council and public utility services, infrastructure and assets that may be impacted on during construction of the development. Any damage to existing infrastructure (kerb, road pavement, existing underground assets, etc.) that is attributable to the progress of works on the site or vehicles associated with the development of the site shall be immediately rectified in accordance with the asset owners' requirements and specifications and to the satisfaction of the asset owners' representative(s).
8. All works on or near roadways shall be adequately signed in accordance with the "Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices – Part 3, Works on Roads".

Applicable Standards

9. All works must comply with:
 - a) the development approval conditions;
 - b) any relevant Acceptable Solutions of the applicable codes of the planning scheme for the area;
 - c) Council's standard designs for such work where such designs exist;
 - d) any relevant Australian Standard that applies to that type of work.

Despite the requirements of paragraphs a-d above, Council may agree in writing to an alternative specification. This alternative specification prevails over those specified in paragraphs a-d in the event of any inconsistency.

The developer must also ensure that any works do not conflict with any requirements imposed by any concurrence lawful requirements outside those stated above.

Stormwater drainage

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10. Stormwater drainage is to be provided in accordance with:
 - a) Queensland urban drainage manual, 3rd Edition, Queensland Department of Energy and Water Supply, 2013;
 - b) Pilgrim, DH, (ed), Australian Rainfall & Runoff – A Guide to Flood Estimation, Institution of Engineers, Australia, Barton, ACT, 1987; and
 11. Stormwater must not be discharged to adjoining properties and must not pond on the property being developed, or adjoining properties during the development process or after the development has been completed. The developer shall ensure that in all cases, discharge of stormwater runoff from the development drains freely to the legal point/s of discharge for the development.
 12. There must be no increases in any silt loads or contaminants in any overland flow from the property being developed during the development process and after the development has been completed.
 13. The stormwater disposal system must be designed to include appropriate pollution control devices or methods to ensure no contamination or silting of creeks or other waterways.

Avoiding nuisance

14. No nuisance is to be caused to adjoining properties and occupiers by the way of noise smoke, dust, rubbish, contaminant, stormwater discharge or siltation at any time.
15. Dust emanating as result of activities carried out onsite (both during construction and post construction) must be continually monitored and suppressed in order to prevent any dust drifting onto road networks and nearby properties and sensitive land uses.
16. All lighting shall be directed or shielded so as to ensure that no glare directly affects nearby properties.
17. The area and its surrounds shall be kept in an orderly fashion, free of rubbish and clear of weeds and long grasses. The approved development and the premises are to be maintained in a clean and tidy condition and not to pose any health and safety risks to the community.
18. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Council, approved hours of construction are restricted to Monday – Saturday 6.30am to 6.30pm – noise permitted. Work or business which causes audible noise must not be conducted from or on the subject land outside the above times or on Sundays or Public Holidays.
19. Noise emissions from the development shall not cause environmental harm of nuisance to adjoining properties or “Sensitive Land Uses” in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 2008.
20. Air emissions from the development shall not cause environmental harm of nuisance to adjoining properties or “Sensitive Land Uses” in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Air) Policy 2008.

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21. A minimum of 10% of the development site shall be landscaped with a majority of the landscaping to be provided the along the Anzac Drive road frontage. Landscape plantings shall include a mix of trees, shrubs and ground covers to enhance the visual appeal of the development and soften the appearance of the built form.

Waste Management

22. All waste generated from construction of the premises must be effectively controlled on-site before disposal. All waste must be disposed of in accordance with the *Environmental Protection (Waste Management) Regulation 2000*.
23. All waste generated on-site must be managed in accordance with the waste management hierarchy as detailed in the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*.
24. Animal wastes must be collected regularly, no less than once every seven (7) days when animals are kept on site. All animal waste material must be collected and disposed of off-site. No animal waste is to be stored on site.

Refuse storage

25. Adequate refuse storage areas and facilities must be provided on the site to service the approved development.
26. All waste generated on-site must be managed in accordance with the waste management hierarchy as detailed in the *Waste Reduction & Recycling Act 2011*.

Access and manoeuvring

27. All access points, from the edge of the existing bitumen from Anzac Drive to the property boundary, shall be constructed to a sealed industrial standard to the satisfaction of and at no cost to Council.
28. The landowner is responsible for the construction and maintenance of vehicle crossovers from the road carriageway to the property boundary and for obtaining any approvals that may be required, and for complying with the applicable designs and standards. Should any damage be caused at the approved access locations, it is the landowner's responsibility to ensure this is reinstated. Any repair works are to be undertaken in consultation with Council and at the landowner's expense.
29. All vehicle movements within the site are to be clear of proposed parking areas, buildings and landscape treatments. Vehicle parking bays must not encroach into swept paths for vehicle movements onsite.
30. All vehicles entering and exiting the development site must be able to enter and leave in forward direction. Reversing out of the development site is not permitted. Vehicle manoeuvres in this regard are to be totally contained within the development site boundaries.
31. Car parking and manoeuvring areas are to be designed in accordance with:
- a) AS2890.1 – Parking Facilities;
 - b) Austroads AP-34/95 - Design Vehicles and Turning Path Templates; and

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- c) The 'Access to Premises Standard' (Vol 1 of the National Construction Code).

Earthworks and Construction

32. During construction, erosion controls and silt collection measures are to be put in place to protect environmental values and mitigate potential impacts to adjoining properties and roadways.

Provision of services

33. The development must be provided with an adequate supply of water in accordance with the applicable standards and policies.
34. Connect the development to an on-site effluent disposal system, in accordance with Schedule 1, Division 4: Standards for Sewerage Supply, Section 4.2; Standards for On-site Sewerage, AS1547 and the Queensland Plumbing and Waste Water Code. Make provision for adequate on-site disposal areas as required.
35. The development must be connected to an adequate electricity supply system in accordance with the relevant building standards, requirements and specifications (as relevant).
36. If the premises is connected to a telecommunications service, then such works shall be undertaken in accordance with the relevant service provider's requirements and specifications along with relevant building standards, requirements and specifications (as relevant).
37. All services installation connections to the respective networks, must comply with (i) the development approval conditions, (ii) any relevant provisions in the planning scheme for the area, (iii) Council's standard designs for such work where such design exist, (iv) any relevant Australian Standard that applies to that type of work and (v) any alternative specifications that Council has agreed to in writing and which the development must ensure do not conflict with any requirements imposed by any applicable laws and standards.

Advertising signage

38. Any advertising signage associated with the approved use must be fully contained within the development site boundaries and must not encroach on adjoining properties or roads.
39. Any free standing advertising signage or structure constructed on the subject site shall be designed by an RPEQ (Structural) Engineer and certification provided for both design and construction.

No cost to Council

40. The developer is responsible for meeting all costs associated with the approved development unless there is specific agreement by other parties, including the Council, to meeting those costs. This includes the costs of any services and infrastructure required in connection with the establishment of the development.

Latest versions

41. Where another condition refers to a specific published standard, manual or guideline, including specifications, drawings, provisions and criteria within those documents, that condition shall be deemed as referring to the latest versions of those publications that are publicly available at the time the first operational works or compliance approval is lodged with the assessment manager or approval agency for those types of works to be performed or approved, unless a regulation or law requires otherwise.

Application documentation

42. It is the developer's responsibility to ensure all entities associated with this Development Approval have a legible copy of the Decision Notice and the Approved Plans and Approved Documents bearing 'Council Approval'.

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14.5 2023 SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is to endorse the 2023 Shop Local Campaign program.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC169-09-23)

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Bruce Paulsen

That the Council endorse the 2023 Shop Local Campaign to the total prize pool (in vouchers) provided by Quilpie Shire Council to be \$3000.

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Council adjourned for lunch at 12:13pm and resumed at 12:58pm.

15 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:

15.1 Request for rates be written off 00845-91500-000 non-current mining claim.

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J(3) - d 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 rating concessions.

15.2 EOI Outback Car Hire

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.

MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC170-09-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council moves into closed session at 12:59pm.

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MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC171-09-23)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 1:19pm.

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15.1 REQUEST FOR RATES BE WRITTEN OFF 00845-91500-000 NON-CURRENT MINING CLAIM.**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To request that Council write off outstanding rates on assessment 00845-91500-000 on a non-current mining lease that expired 16/12/2019 and a renewal application was rejected.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC172-09-23)

Moved: Cr Bruce Paulsen

Seconded: Cr Roger Volz

That council write-off \$1,714.24 of outstanding rates and interest on assessment 00845-91500-000.

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15.2 EOI OUTBACK CAR HIRE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update of the 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 and the Expression of Interest (EOI) recently advertised for interest in the Outback Car Hire.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC173-09-23)

Moved: Cr Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Jenny Hewson

That Council:

1. receive and note this report and accept the 1 only EOI received.
2. in conjunction with Balonne Shire Council and Paroo Shire Council, authorise the CEO to proceed with a select tender process for the 1 EOI received; and
3. 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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16 LATE ITEMS

NIL

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Cr Volz:

- Toompine sign only has Welcome to Toompine message, CEO advised that was due to increased Media and Communications focus on major events such as NAIDOC Week and Quilpie Show. Media and Communications officer is focusing on notice boards this week.
- Discussion with local residents regarding lighting of trees in medium strip of Brolga Street (Diamantina Development Road) – This has previously been explored and access to power was denied by Ergon. The use of solar powered lights was discussed; however due to light pollution from street lights, the effect would be diminished.
- Upcoming auction – DOE advised that a request for quote is soon to be released and will be assessed & awarded based on the criteria set.
- Complaint received regarding the Adavale-Blackall Road. DES inspected the road soon after the complaint was received, some minor maintenance work required. Major concern moving forward is the lack of access to quarries in the area due to recent change implemented by Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.
- Local business commented on plant selection and installation in medium strip as not in line with request for quote received. DES to provide further information on the matter.
- Cr Volz congratulated Council staff helping with the set up for recent local events.

Cr Paulsen:

- Consideration to be given to the installation of more Australian flags along Brolga Street, like that of Moab, USA. DES to consult with TMR on possible restrictions for installation of flag poles in medium strip or on the footpath.

Cr Barnes:

- Council should promote LGAQ motion items to the greater community, advocating for significant issues on a State level.
- Enquired about progress on Carbon assessment – MGC trying to find suitable consultants. The SWQROC is also working on a similar project which will be covered by funding over a two-year period.
- Adavale police hut requires painting – DES currently working on several quotes for overdue assets requiring painting.
- Council to write a letter of congratulations to the Sons of Adavale committee for the recent commemoration event.
- Queried the progress of the Toompine Bore – Contractors have advised that they will be on site to commence by the end of September.
- Queried progress of South Comongin Design – It is understood TMR has finalised the preliminary design and estimated costings. Council to work with TMR to seek funding to replace the existing bridge.

Cr Mackenzie:

- Provided an update on recent discussions around quarry pits and queried if stockpiled material could be utilised in expired pits. DES advised that Council have been advised by DAF that stockpiled material can be utilised, however as permits expired on 30 June 2023, Council were advised prior to this that stockpiled material could not be utilised. Therefore, stockpiled material has been limited due to the previous advice provided.
- Cr Mackenzie informed councillors that emerging issues within the regions were compiled and a letter issued to Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories.

18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday 31 October 2023 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street, Quilpie commencing at 9:30 AM.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2:02pm.

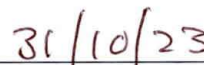
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true record of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on the Tuesday, 19 September 2023.

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, 31 October 2023.



Cr Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council



Date