

QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Community Newsletter



Mayor's Message

Long-term thinking

It's exciting to see the builders commencing construction of the six townhouses at the old council depot site. There are probably many relative newcomers to the shire who won't remember council working from the old depot site, next to Bulloo Park.

When I first stood for mayor many years ago, I had a very clear objective to build a new council works depot. I felt it was a transformative project that would set the scene for the new council. My thinking back then was to build a new depot, move operations over, clean up the old site and then, in a few years, build some two-story apartments. I always believed it was an excellent location for apartments that would really add to the character of the town.

Council discussed the idea for many years before we finally secured land for the project to go ahead. To their credit, that new council made a big call to go ahead with the \$6M build of the new depot. At the time it was the largest capital investment the Quilpie Shire had ever made and was completely funded from council's own revenue. As is often the case, there were some detractors, but we went ahead and completed the project with minimal overruns. It is a great facility and continues to receive many compliments, for its functionality and appearance.

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The first step was completed but there wasn't demand for new housing at the time, which led us to look at alternative options for the old site. We put substantial resources into developing the Wellspring project, but the business case didn't really stack up, so we put that project on the shelf. The world changed quite quickly and, suddenly, we had high demand for more accommodation in the shire. I mentioned my original idea of apartments to our new and enthusiastic CEO who, with the full support of council, grabbed the opportunity and ran with it.

Over the next couple of years, the old site was cleaned up, the new complex was designed, government funding was sourced, tenders were called and awarded. Twelve years later, building has now commenced on six townhouses.

None of this would have happened without the forward-thinking courage, commitment and ambition of the council who put the wheels in motion twenty years ago. There were so many steps to get to this point, it's incredibly rewarding to see it happening after so many years.

The role of a councillor

This story highlights one of the core roles of a councillor, as we head towards local government elections. As a councillor, it is critical to plan and think long-term and to act strategically to achieve the goals council has for the Shire.

Councillors do not oversee any operational activities; it is not our responsibility to keep an eye on the workforce or identify which road to fix first. We are very fortunate to have staff who are far better qualified to make those decisions and execute those operational duties.

Another crucial role for councillors is advocacy. Of course, the mayor generally takes the lead in this role, but it is a key part of a councillor's brief as well. This can include representing the shire when meeting with a Prime Minister, a Premier or a Director-General. This is a big responsibility and potentially critical for funding and project opportunities that will benefit the Shire.

Councillors also need to be able to work collaboratively, as part of a team. Regardless of your position, each councillor has only one vote. It is vitally important that you can work with the other four councillors to achieve your shared goals for the Shire. It is worth remembering this point before making any claims or promises that you may not be able to keep!

All candidates are required to complete some training before they nominate. If you are considering nominating, I urge you to take this seriously. It is critical that you are fully aware of what the role really demands. It will be a long four years if you are elected and the job isn't what you expected or enjoy.

I wish all candidates the best of luck.

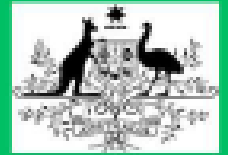
Kind regards

Stuart Mackenzie

Mayor



2024



AUSTRALIA



DAY CELEBRATIONS

QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN
CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA DAY 2024 AT BULLOO PARK
ON FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY FROM 5:00PM

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER
AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD PRESENTATIONS
TRADITIONS DANCERS
BAR
LIVE MUSIC – BACK "N " BUSINESS
ROVING ENTERTAINMENT – MEMPHIS MOVERS

Construction starts on townhouse development

Following the successful completion of five new home builds in 2023, Quilpie Shire Council have now commenced earthworks for the building pads at the Powerhouse Estate on Buln Buln Street in Quilpie.

Stage one of the project includes construction of three two-bedroom and three three-bedroom two story townhouses on 422m² lots.

Beautification works will be undertaken around the existing pump station and new transformer, which will remain in place. A new sewerage main will also be constructed to support the six townhouses, with capacity to support an additional six townhouses in future developments.

Construction of the six townhouses is scheduled to be completed by October 2024. Council awarded the tender for construction to Baguley Build Pty Ltd for an amount up to \$6,890,978.25 excluding GST, subject to funding approval and finalisation, in October last year.

Council will contribute \$5.759M towards the project, with a further \$2.192M coming from the Queensland Government's 2022-24 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

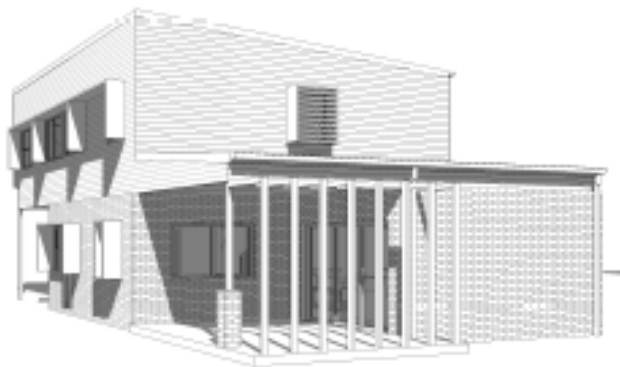
There is potential for further future expansion, including an additional 11 lots in Stage Two, six lots in Stage Three and seven lots in Stage Four.



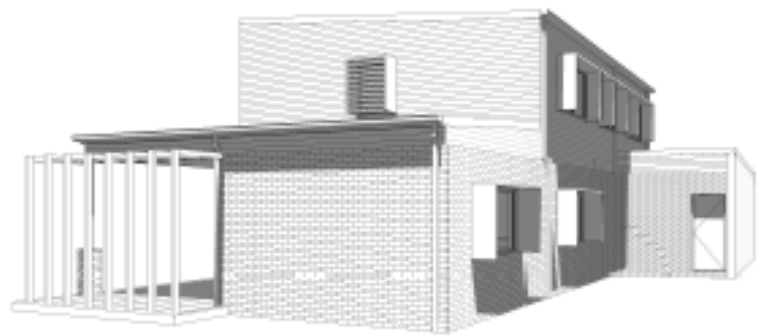
1 3D - HOUSE 02A - VIEW 01 (FRONT)



2 3D - HOUSE 02A - VIEW 02 (FRONT)



3 3D - HOUSE 02A - VIEW 03 (REAR)



4 3D - HOUSE 02A - VIEW 04 (REAR)

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Above: Artist impression of completed townhouses, provided by Elia Architecture.

Left and far left: Council staff and plant commence earthworks for the building pads at the Powerhouse Estate townhouse development.

Quilpie Shire Council are committed to providing a reliable, efficient and safe waste collection service. Find out how you can help by understanding your responsibilities.

Quilpie residential and business	Monday
Eromanga	Tuesday
Quilpie business	Wednesday
Quilpie business	Friday



- In position before 6am on the day of collection.
- Placed next to the kerb, handle towards the house.
- Placed at least 50cm apart.
- Not overfilled, the lid must be completely closed.
- Not overloaded, bins should not exceed 70 kilograms.

Damaged bins may be inspected by council's Waste Services team and may be repaired or replaced at their discretion.

You can also contact council on 07 4656 0500 or email admin@guilpie.qld.gov.au

- Hazardous waste including flares, batteries, gas bottles, asbestos and oils must not be placed in bins.
- Bins placed on the road surface can be a hazard to vehicles.
- Overflowing bins cause rubbish to spill on to roads, which can be a hazard to vehicles and incurs additional expenses to council.

Additional residential waste bins can be ordered by contacting council on 07 4656 0500.





January Council Meeting Wrap Up

- Council adopted the four year (2027-28) program for the South West Regional Road and Transport Group, including the LRRS program sealing Adavale Blackall Road chainage 113.74 km (shire boundary) to 117.20 km.
- As part of the 2023-24 fleet replacement program, one 4WD Wagon and one 4WD dual cab utility will be supplied and delivered to replace existing vehicles in the hire fleet.
- Council will donate two items of surplus plant to local sporting groups - one John Deere tractor to the Quilpie Diggers Race Club and one John Deere tractor to the Quilpie Polocrosse Association.
- A new road reserve has been created connecting the Diamantina Developmental Road to Lot 2 W524. Council have resolved to consult with relevant parties and commence the design of an intersection and upgrade to the floodway.
- Council accepted the Request for Tender RFT 05 23-24 Quilpie Sewage Treatment Plant Design from Pensar Pty Ltd for a total value of \$449,134.00 plus GST and will use the tender as the basis for seeking further funding to construct the sewage treatment plant.
- Council has approved the request from Fly 2 Health for hire of the Quilpie Shire Hall and Supper Room and CWA Hall to provide allied health services to NDIS participants in the community at 50% hire fee 2 February 2024 to 31 December 2024.
- Council resolved to issue a decision notice approving the Development Application for a Material Change of Use to establish a "Medium Impact Industry" (Heavy Vehicle Mechanic) on land situated at Diamantina Development Road, Quilpie, formally described as Lot 7 on SP273738, subject to conditions.
- A Development Application has been approved for a future development on Murana Road. Council is the land owner but will not be progressing the development application for a Queensland Transport and Travel Precinct which has been approved to establish seven (7) land use precincts including Motel, Service Station, Travel Services, Transport Industry, General Industry, Airport Industry and Future Sale Yard. This Development application has been prepared as a result of community consultation and will be available for future investment in the community to establish any of these ventures.
- The Queensland Government has not committed to underwrite the expected Wild Dog Barrier Fence deficit for the 2023/24, unlike previous years dating back to 2016/17. Council considered six options to reduce the expected operational deficit, council did not support any of the proposed options and suggested that the State Government funds the deficit.
- Council nominated to change the Quilpie Show Day as the 2024 Show Holiday from 9 September 2024 to Friday 13 September 2024.
- Council confirmed amended dates and times of Ordinary Meetings of Council for January to December 2024. The next Ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 February at 9:30am. Further meeting details available on website.
- Council delegated power to the CEO to negotiate, finalise and execute an interim agreement between State of Queensland and the Registered Native Title Claimant for the Wongkumara People Native Title Claim and Quilpie Shire Council to access and utilise three (3) priority quarry pits.
- Council resolved to proceed with issuing a Letter of Demand for overdue rates or charges levied on Lot 23 on CP NK12 – Term Lease 0/221555 (Assessment 00478-00000-000).



January Council Meeting Wrap Up cont.

- Tender RFT 06 23-24 to Upgrade the Runway closed on 22 December 2022, Council resolved to not accept any of the tenders received due to inadequate funding and to use the tenders received as the basis to seek further Australian and Queensland Government funding.
- Council authorised the Chief Executive Officer to notify the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, and seek approval for a variation to the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program – Phase 3 program. Council would like to remove the Quilpie Aerodrome Pavement Reconstruction project and nominate widening Eulo Road (Chainage 0.0 km – 10.819 km) as a new project.



Engineering works update

- Work has recommenced on the Quilpie Adavale Red Road. Some minor damage from the summer storms is now being repaired.
- Following these repairs, construction will commence on a further 2.5 km of road to bitumen sealed standard, including the Adavale Link Road intersection.
- A grader crew is based in Eromanga undertaking emergency repairs on the road network in that area.
- A grader crew has constructed the earthworks for the building pad at the Powerhouse Estate for the new townhouse development.
- Works are near complete on rock protection on the Grey Range TMR project, on the Diamantina Developmental Road. Final bitumen sealing will be done in the last days of January.
- Works will start in late January on the Eromanga Waste Transfer station, including concrete pavements and retaining walls.





Quilpie ablaze with Christmas cheer

There was tough competition for the brightest and best in the 2023 Quilpie Shire Council Christmas Lights Competition.

It was fantastic to see so many town homes, rural properties and local businesses getting into the festive spirit and putting in a big effort to create beautiful displays across the Shire.

The 2023 Quilpie Christmas Lights Competition winners were announced at an awards ceremony in December.

Quilpie town resident winners:

- Best Christmas lights display (\$500 prize): Dom Barton and Demmi Roberts
- Encouragement awards (2 x \$100 prizes): Tina Johnstone and Billy Benjamin and the Vallins Family
- Spectacular senior award (\$250 prize): Gail Weier and John Haylock
- Festive fence (\$250 prize): Danielle and Chris Seng
- Best decorated business (\$350 prize): APV Contracting

Adavale town resident winners:

- Best Christmas lights display (\$500 prize): Narelle Mandusiak
- Eromanga town residents: Casey and Grant Hurley

Rural resident winners:

Dannielle and Dale Stevenson won the \$500 prize for their fabulous outback Christmas display at Coolbinga.

Christmas wonderland winners:

Elle and Dan Springall won the \$1200 prize for their spectacular Christmas wonderland display.



THANK YOU

The businesses who supported the 2023 Combined Business Christmas Party:

2023

QUILPIE COMBINED BUSINESS TOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The businesses who supported the 2023 event.

THANK YOU!

<p>ALL ABOUT AQUATICS ALL ABOUT AQUATICS (ONLINE) APV CONTRACTING BARTLETT RURAL BHL & DA HALL TRANSPORT BULLOO RIVER ICE CAMRANDEALE TRANSPORT CHANNEL COUNTRY REFRIDGERATION COSTELLO CARRIERS DONOHUE CONSTRUCTIONS ELDERS RURAL SERVICES ERGON ENERGY GILBY & TONKIN MECHANICAL GRANT DANIEL LONG - QUILPIE GREAT WESTERN ELECTRICAL HALLIEBEC CONTRACTING HEWSON BI'RITE ELECTRICAL IMPERIAL HOTEL KEV RICHARDSON WELDING LOWES PETROLEUM LYN BARNES OUTBACK ART</p>	<p>NICOL FIELD SERVICES NUTRIEN AG - QUILPIE O.C. HEAVY VEHICLE REPAIRS OFFSHEARS BAKERY OLD EMPIRE CAFE PAULSEN FRIENDLY BROS GROCER PETER DONOHUE QUILPIE BUTCHERY QUILPIE COUNTRY COLLECTIONS QUILPIE HARDWARE QUILPIE MOTOR INN QUILPIE POST OFFICE SERVICESTREAM THE BRICK HOTEL THE LAKE TIGER MARTYR TRANSPORT TOOMPINE HOTEL UNSTABLE COFFEE WESTLINK WILD WEST CARPENTRY</p>
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Remember to think local for your next purchase!






CONGRATULATIONS

The winners of the Shop Local Vouchers, announced at the 2023 Combined Business Christmas Party:



**\$500
VOUCHER WINNERS**



- 1 **Roger Volz**
- 2 **Megan Thompson**
- 3 **Kylie Rutledge**



**\$100
VOUCHER WINNERS**



- 1 **Josh**
Quilpie Butchery
- 2 **Richard**
Unstable Coffee
- 3 **Jackie Clark**
Quilpie Post Office
- 4 **Laura Wilson**
Quilpie Hardware
- 5 **Rita**
Elles Newsagency



**\$100
VOUCHER WINNERS**



- 4 **Josh Lander**
- 5 **Kait Thomas**
- 6 **Yo Pelling**
- 7 **Alex Rainnie**
- 8 **Bec Thompson**
- 9 **Lirra Lander**
- 10 **Kathy Truss**



**\$100
VOUCHER WINNERS**



- 11 **Lincoln McClumon**
- 12 **Kelly Nicol**
- 13 **Jill Shepherd**
- 14 **Jocelyn Wallace**
- 15 **Nat Gatsby**
- 16 **Mary McNair**
- 17 **Bec Heinemann**
- 18 **Ash Murphy**

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CULINARY CONSTELLATIONS

18 APRIL



QUILPIE

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