

# QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

## Community Newsletter



## Our community needs your help!

Are you the type of person who takes a hands on approach to emergencies? Are you willing to help our community in times of emergency and disaster? Would you like to put your desire to get involved to good use?

The Quilpie State Emergency Service (SES) Group is currently recruiting for a SES Local Controller (volunteer).

The SES performs a diverse range of functions to respond to local, state and national disasters and emergencies. By joining the SES you may respond to many different types of activations as a result of disasters and emergencies including storms, floods and transport incidences.

The job description and application requirements can be found on the Quilpie Shire Council website:  
[www.quilpie.qld.gov.au/2024/05/20/ses-local-controller-vacancy/](http://www.quilpie.qld.gov.au/2024/05/20/ses-local-controller-vacancy/).

You can also contact the Area Controller, John Wallace, on 0499 973 259 for more details.

Applications for this position close on Monday 24 June 2024.

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## Rising diesel prices straining farm finances

Compared with 3 years ago, diesel costs are nearly 60% higher for Southern Queensland's primary producers.

That means you're now paying about \$6,800 extra in diesel costs for every 10,000 litres. That's a direct impact on your bottom line.

What's your plan to stay in control of your farm business finances?

Explore your financial options with the Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) Southern Queensland. They offer free and confidential planning support to help you stay in control of your farm business finances. For more information visit the RFCS Southern Queensland website: [www.rfcssq.org.au/options](http://www.rfcssq.org.au/options).



Compared to 2022, interest rates are 2.4 times higher.

For every \$1 million borrowed that's about \$3,000 a month extra.

Stay in control of your farm business. Explore your financial options with our free and confidential planning support.



## Plain sailing at Adavale

The breezes and flats of the Adavale flood plains will brighten with the colourful sails of Blokarts on the weekend of 8 and 9 June. These fun, fast and compact wind-powered land sailors can reach speeds of 70km/hr.

All welcome to come along and check out what it's about. For more information phone 0456 692 555.





## June Council Meeting Wrap Up

- A new artesian bore has been constructed at Toompine for the supply of water to the Toompine village and adjoining rural properties. Council has deemed that the water is non-potable for human consumption and will not include the Toompine water supply in the Drinking Water Quality Management Plan. The water analysis will also be attached to water agreements for landholder access, advising landholders of potential affects to livestock.
- An engineering inspection of the Quilpie Swimming Pool has been carried out. If the recommended repairs are carried out, the pool life will be extended for a further 20 years. Council have resolved to undertake costings for repairs to be considered in the 2024-25 financial year.
- Council resolved to award RFQM 17 23-24, Supply and Delivery of 72" Out Front Mower to Toro Australia for the amount of \$74,116.22, including extended warranty Ex GST and to dispose of Asset PLANT4001 – Hustler zero turn mower at auction.
- Council received a Community Assistance Grant application from the Toompine Polocrosse Club and approved the request for \$5000 direct cash contribution towards expenses associated with hosting their annual Polocrosse Carnival.
- Council resolved to support the 2024 Channel Country Ladies Day event being held in Bulloo Shire by purchasing a Bronze Sponsorship package valued at \$1,000.00.
- Council resolved to recommend to the Valuer-General that a valuation of all rateable land in Quilpie Local Government Area be undertaken effective 30 June 2025.
- Council noted that Lot 23 on NK12 on Title 40046049 will be converted from Leasehold to Freehold.
- Council confirmed a change of 2024 Council meeting date for November 2024 and confirmed the date and times of Ordinary Meetings of Council for April to December 2024 which will be advertised accordingly.
- Council adopted the Audit Committee Charter, the Internal Audit Policy, the Private use of Council's Plant Policy and the Road Network Standard Policy.
- Council resolved to call Expressions of Interests for Independent Audit Committee Members, with one member with significant experience and skills in financial matters; and that all positions of the Audit Committee be declared vacant at the Council Meeting on 16 July 2024 and new members appointed.
- Council resolved to write to the Minister for Local Government to request for Ministerial Exemption from complying with the tendering requirements of Section 227 of the Local Government Regulations 2012 for the sale of 4 surplus houses to staff members.
- Council appointed Cr Lyn Barnes as the second nominee for the South West Queensland Organisation of Councils.
- Council approved a request to allow the prompt payment discount on assessment 00806-00100-000 and write off any interest that has accrued.
- Council declined a request for a payment arrangement for outstanding rates and charges on assessment 00225-00000-000 as the applicant is not the registered owner.
- Subject to funding approval and finalisation, Council awarded RFQL17 23-24 Eulo- Toompine Road Seals to Austek Spray Seal Pty Ltd for an amount of \$620,956.96 excluding GST.
- The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday 11 June 2024 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, commencing at 9:30am.



## Engineering works update

- The second of the four Hoek Modular homes was delivered on 16 May. There are now 4 new Council houses in Galah Street and two in Boobook Place. Six of the eight houses have now been delivered and installed. Two more Hoek Modular Homes are due in June 2024. Fit out of fences, sheds, concreting, landscaping is subject to tender considerations.
- Culvert works are underway on the Diamantina Developmental Road at the Grey Range under contract to TMR. Three culverts are being constructed and will be completed by 30 June 2024.
- Work continues on widening of the Eulo Road. The target is to seal 7.5 km on 10-12 June 2024. This will leave 3.15 km of narrow bitumen between the end of the works and the Paroo Shire boundary.
- Work has commenced on sealing a further 1.5 km of the Quilpie Adavale Red Road commencing at the southern most end of seal at 13.6 km and heading north. This work is funded by TIDS which was reallocated from Murweh Shire Council. This work will be completed by 30 June. The gang will continue working to begin the 2024-25 project. Four Kilometres of shoulders on the Diamantina Developmental Road northwest of the Cooper Developmental Road have been reconstructed.
- The Murweh Shire Council jet patcher will be used to repair edge breaks in the next few weeks.
- Proterra Group are recording all defects on the TMR network required under the RMPC conditions. This work is paid for in the RMPC.
- Waste from Eromanga dump was transported to Quilpie landfill. A total of twelve road trains of waste were transported.
- The Toompine waste transfer station is under construction. This is located adjacent to the new water bore on the eastern side of the highway.
- The toilet and shower block at the rear of the Quilpie Shire Hall has now been installed on permanent stumps and has permanent plumbing installed. Access is yet to be completed.
- The powerhouse museum was vandalised with many of the glass gauges smashed. Workshop staff will repair these as soon as possible.
- Works were carried out in support of the Opera Event at Baldy Top on 25 May. This included road signage, portable toilets, lighting, generator, and fire works by Brian Weeks.
- A six-hour long constructability workshop for the new sewage treatment plant was conducted on 24 May, this focussed heavily on safety.
- Grid Cleaning is continuing with two vacuum truck contractors. Ingeberry, Mulianna, Tobermorey, Tobermory Bowallie, Adavale Black, Adavale Link and Beltram Park are all underway. The total cost is around \$120,000. This will have cleaned approximately 50 grids of the 350 in the system. The southern area was delayed but commenced on 27 May.
- The Adavale Black road is being repaired under flood damage. The road is in excellent condition between the southern intersection to just north of Milroy Station.
- Construction of the reticulation and associated infrastructure for Toompine water supply commenced on 28 May 2024.
- The new two-year period RMPC with TMR has been agreed as of 24 May 2024.
- Pensar has been approached to provide a proposal to rehabilitate the sewage pump in Quarrior Street adjacent to the Caravan Park in Quilpie.



# QGAP Office



**From 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 Quilpie QGAP office  
business hours will be:**

**Monday – 9:00am – 3:30pm**

**Tuesday – 9:00am – 3:30pm**

**\*These office hours may vary, if this office is unattended for further enquiries, please contact the following for assistance:**

- ❖ QGAP – 13 74 68
- ❖ Department of Transport - 13 23 80



## ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE

# CWAATSICH Quilpie Health Services for June 2024

*Head Office*  
94 Edward Street  
Charleville Q 4470  
07 46543277

4th & 5th June—Dr Ryder

18th June— Catch up Cuppa

24th & 25th June—Pod & Dietitian

OSG Training each Wednesday

Healthy Breakfast each Thursday morning @ State College with Deadly Choices

### CWAATSICH open to the whole community.

#### ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE

49 Brolga Street  
Quilpie Q 4480  
P O Box 119

Phone : 07 46561391

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| * Closing the Gap    | * Diabetes Management |
| * Health Assessments | * Dietician           |
| * Women's Health     | * Diabetes Educator   |
| * Men's Health       | * Lifestyle Coach     |
| * Eye Health         | * Podiatry            |
| * Hearing Health     | * Physiotherapy       |
| * Psychologist       | * Exercise Physiology |

