



JULY 2024

QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Community Newsletter

Mayor's Message

It has been a very busy time for Council as we set down our first budget for the new term.

For the majority of Councillors, this is the first time we have set a budget down. The rising cost of goods and services that impacts day-to-day living of individuals and families also affects local government, creating challenges for us to work through together.

This being said, Council is in a good financial position with plenty of funded projects already in the pipeline. We look forward to the completion of our townhouses in the latter part of the year, and the final installation of other planned housing.

Among some of the other projects in the delivery pipeline are the further seal to Adavale-Quilpie Red Road, which will see it completely sealed when completed, and refurbishment of the Eromanga pool. These are just a few examples of the services to community and improvements to infrastructure that Council continues to deliver.

I recently attended a meeting of the South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC) forum in Cunnamulla. SWQROC is a collective of regional councils with shared interests, opportunities and challenges, and includes the shires of Quilpie, Maranoa, Murweh, Balonne, Paroo and Bulloo. We come together to jointly advocate for improved outcomes for South West Queensland.

Through this alliance, we have been able to address the issues of CO2 capture in the Great Artesian Basin, which has been put to rest for now. We are also collaborating on the replacement of our sewage treatment plants (STP) and as a result we have partnered with Bulloo Shire on a joint project to build our STPs.

This synergy will help reduce the overall cost of building this critical infrastructure for both our shires and will ultimately assist with our grant applications.



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TUESDAY 16 JULY 2024
QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL
BOARDROOM
50 BROLGA STREET, QUILPIE
COMMENCING 9:30AM

Mayor's Message cont.

In early July, Cr Lander and I attended the national conference of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) in Canberra.

Among the activities at this annual conference is the passing of motions on issues relevant to our shire, which will frame recommendations to the federal government for improved outcomes for local government, including remote and regional councils.

Such issues are common across Australia and this year they included:

- the transition to net zero,
- funding for roads and infrastructure,
- cost shifting onto local government with no funding resource to finance them,
- the national shortage of skilled labour,
- remote-area Australia notably locked out of Green Energy transition capability due to our location.

These issues were voiced loudly and often by councils both large and small from across the nation. Despite the challenges, I have faith in our abilities and resilience as we look for our own opportunities to become game changers.

Visitors have arrived in the shire and again I'm hearing great feedback about our towns and attractions from those I meet.

Just recently I've been told that Toompine was a buzz, Eromanga extraordinary, and the open mic at The Lake was great fun, a mix of 50/50 locals/tourists with around 100 people participating. (It was mentioned by one or two that some of the male singers needed a little more work, but all I can say is good on anyone for having a crack.)

Everywhere I see visitors meeting locals and having a blast. It's great to see so much momentum in the local tourism industry right now, all owner-operated and outstanding.

I close with a heartfelt thank you to you all for your everyday contributions. I'm thoroughly enjoying the role as Mayor and I am very optimistic about our future.

Travel Tips

Check before you travel

If you are planning to travel, make sure you keep up to date with road conditions and closures through Quilpie's Disaster Dashboard at www.dashboard.quilpie.qld.gov.au/

The disaster dashboard includes information about river heights, road conditions and closures, power and phone outages, as well as helpful contacts. You can also check council's Facebook page for updates.

Report a damaged road

Residents can also assist by lodging a customer request to report road damage.

Customer requests can be lodged by phone, in person, in writing, by email or via Council's website.



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June Council Meeting Wrap Up

- Council approved a request from the owners of Leopardwood Park Station, who have constructed a new artesian bore adjacent to chainage 178 km of the Adavale Blackall Road and have offered Council water for roadworks in return for some access road works. Council resolved to put a written agreement in place for same and that Council builds the access road and a turkey's nest at Council's cost under RMPC.
- Council resolved to award the tender for T11 23-24 Housing Works and Opalopolis Park Upgrade to Baguley Build Pty Ltd, subject to funding approval, for a total of \$352,093.55. Further, Council approved the engagement of Baguley Build Pty Ltd and/or Stenner Builders Pty Ltd and/or Wild West Carpentry and Construction Pty Ltd on hourly hire arrangements for hardscape and landscaping at all houses, and upgrade of Opalopolis Park (Eromanga).
- Council received an application from Quilpie Polocrosse Club under the Community Grants Assistance program, and approved the request for \$5000 direct cash to assist with costs of entertainment, prizes and preparation of polocrosse fields.
- Council resolved to apply for \$1,620,000 in funding under the State Government's 24-27 Works For Queensland (W4Q) Program, putting forward the following projects:
 - Sewerage Pump Station in Quarrion Street - \$300,000
 - Quilpie Water Main - Sommerfield Road Water Main Upgrade - \$360,000
 - Adavale Water Main Replacement - \$260,000
 - Quilpie Pool Filtration System Changeover - \$250,000
 - Construct Stage 1 of the Brolga Street Masterplan including Anzac (Memorial) Park - \$450,000)
- Council nominated Friday 12 September 2025 (Quilpie Show Day) as the 2025 Special Holiday.
- Several policies have been reviewed and Council adopted the updated Website and Social Media Policy, Fraud and Corruption Control Policy and the Personal Information Privacy Policy.
- Council approved a leave of absence for Cr Lyn Barnes for the period 15-31 July 2024 as a result of technology failure and being unable to attend via Teams or Zoom, and that the meeting fee be paid to Cr Barnes should she be unable to attend the meeting via Teams or Zoom.
- Council resolved to apply for a S326 Exemption and seek ministerial approval to dispose of four houses other than by tender or auction. Council moved that in the event of the exemption being approved, it would accept the valuations supplied for the four houses.
- Council resolved to accept the fees presented in the Register of Cost-Recovery Fees and Commercial Changes effective from 1 July 2024 and that in relation to those cost-recovery fees to which Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009 applies:
 - a. the applicant is the person liable to pay these fees; and
 - b. the fee must be paid at or before the time the application is lodged.



Engineering works update

New Toompine Bore

Council was fortunate to receive State Government Building Our Regions funding to construct a new artesian bore at Toompine.

The old bore was failing, resulting in water having to be carted from Quilpie to ensure the operation of the Toompine Hotel, Hall, Polocrosse Grounds and other community facilities.

Council engaged Brandon and Associates Consulting Engineers to design the bore and produce tender documents. Following a tender process, Depco (Drill Engineering and Pastoral Company Pty Ltd) was engaged to construct the bore at a cost of \$465,553.

The bore began flowing on 24 October 2023, initially producing water at 30 litres per second from a depth of 830 metres.

Council's Water and Sewerage Department has now constructed the water reticulation to connect water to a roadworks water storage, the hotel, clubs and Shire hall, and has built connections to allow additional connections to the water as required.

The total cost of all works is approximately \$925,000.



Engineering works update cont.

Eulo Road Widening

Council was successful in securing funding from Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) Phase 3 to carry out widening and resealing of 10.2 km of Eulo Road. The road has been widened to a 7-metre width for its full length.

The Eulo Road is a local road of regional significance and is a vital link to Eulo, Cunnamulla and New South Wales. Council staff carried out all of the construction works and Austek Spray Seal carried out the bitumen sealing works under contract to Council.

The awarded contract total was \$620,956.

This work also complements works being undertaken by Paroo Shire to improve this road link between communities.

Some major water control works were also completed on a floodway adjacent to the Shire boundary to reduce the impact of water flows during flood events.

Total estimated project cost is around \$1,700,000



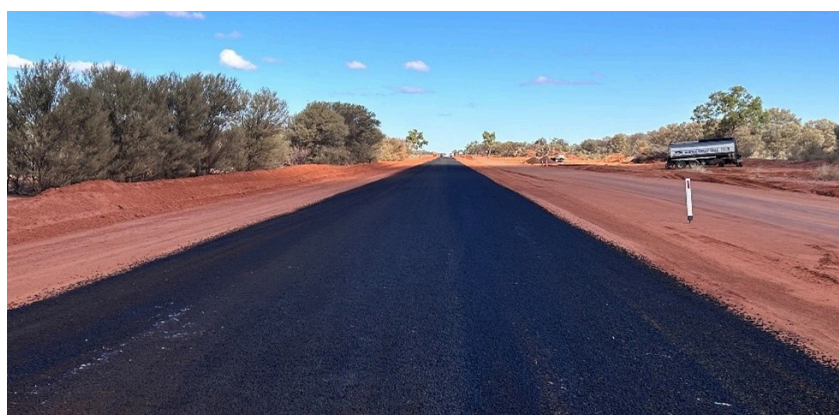
Eulo Road, this image and above, underwent vital widening and resealing.

Red Road

Another 1.30 km of Red Road was sealed in June this year, leaving just 5.4km of gravel left between Quilpie and Adavale.

This section was completed under Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) funding transferred from Murweh Shire. Work has now commenced on the 24-25 project to continue the sealing of the road, which is expected to be completed by October this year.

Total sealing for the 23/24 financial year was 9.9km at a total cost of \$2,547,000.



Red Road, this image and above, during and after the latest 1.3km of seal.

Engineering works update cont.

Ilfracombe home to Quilpie Shire Council's original grader

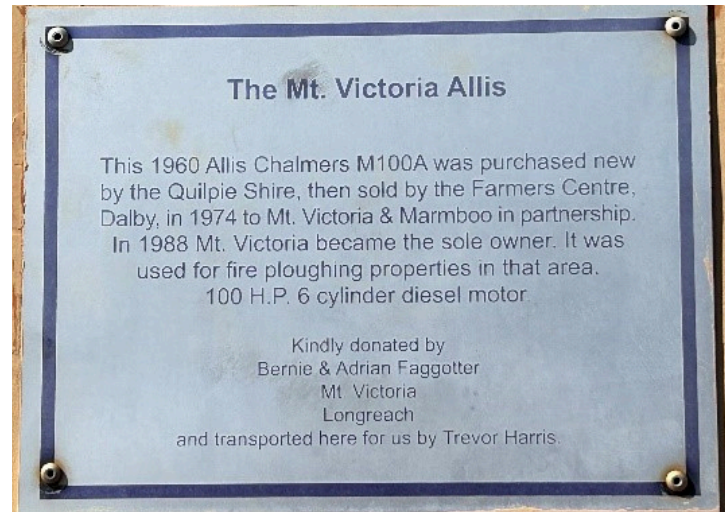
On a recent trip to Ilfracombe, Quilpie Shire Council's original motor grader was found. Dating back to 1960, it bears a plaque sharing its history since its original purchase.



Council's original grader, located at Ilfracombe



Council's current grader at work



The Mt. Victoria Allis

This 1960 Allis Chalmers M100A was purchased new by the Quilpie Shire, then sold by the Farmers Centre, Dalby, in 1974 to Mt. Victoria & Marmboo in partnership. In 1988 Mt. Victoria became the sole owner. It was used for fire ploughing properties in that area. 100 H.P. 6 cylinder diesel motor.

Kindly donated by
Bernie & Adrian Faggotter
Mt. Victoria
Longreach
and transported here for us by Trevor Harris.



The GAB



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JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	01 11AM Wheelie Walk at Gyrica Gardens	02 2PM Crafts & Chat at CWA Hall	03 9AM Active Agers with Cameron at the Gym	04 2PM Scrabble at CWA Hall	05	06 7AM Baldy Top Walk/Run
07 1:30PM Bingo at Quilpie Club 5PM Church Service - Bishop Cam Venables St Matthew's Anglican Church	08 11AM Wheelie Wiggle Walk at Gyrica Gardens 8.45 NAIDOC Opening Bulloo River	09 12PM NAIDOC Elders Lunch at Imperial 2PM Crafts & Chat at CWA Hall	10 9AM Active Agers with Cameron - Gym 10AM NAIDOC Events Eromanga SS	11 2PM Bingo at CWA Hall 8:45AM U8's Day Quilpie Shire Hall	12 8:45AM St Finbarr's NAIDOC Closing Ceremony	13 7AM Baldy Top Walk/Run
14 1:30PM Bingo at Quilpie Club	15 11AM Wheelie Wiggle Walk at Gyrica Gardens	16 2PM Crafts & Chat at CWA Hall	17 9AM Active Agers with Cameron at the Gym	18 2PM Rummikub at CWA Hall	19 Outback Masters Quilpie Golf Club	20 Outback Masters Quilpie Golf Club 7AM Baldy Top Walk/Run
21 Church Supper Room QS Hall Outback Masters Quilpie Golf Club 1:30PM Bingo at Quilpie Club	22 11AM Wheelie Wiggle Walk at Gyrica Gardens	23 2PM Crafts & Chat at CWA Hall	24 9AM Active Agers with Cameron at the Gym	25 2PM Mobile Phone tips - Quilpie Library	26 10:30AM Men's Group MPC Gyrica Gardens	27 7AM Baldy Top Walk/Run 9AM-4PM Library W'shop Junior Rugby League - John Waugh Park
28 1:30PM Bingo at Quilpie Club	29 12PM Pot Luck Lunch MPC Gyrica Gardens	30 10AM Footcare MPC Gyrica Gardens Quilpie Court	31 9AM Active Agers with Cameron at the Gym			

LIVE MUSIC

15 AUG



Under-achievers since their humble beginnings, these three true-blue sheilas capture the essence of the Aussie spirit and outback with their well-known collection of Australian songs.

BOOK NOW!

WHERE: Quilpie Shire Hall

WHEN: 7pm Thursday 15 August 2024

BOOKINGS: <https://bit.ly/3RXTiel>



The Lake, Quilpie

Fri 9th - Sun 11th August 2024

MEN'S RETREAT



BREATH
AND

Break Through
RETREAT

Join Trevor Hendy and Mark Kluwer for a weekend of personal growth, a deeper understanding of yourself and how to win in life on all levels.

Trevor and Mark are two of the facilitators that run the successful 'Breath and Break Through Retreats' with AFL legend Kane Johnson, who is currently travelling the country with his family.



Trevor Hendy - Trev works in the field of Personal Truth and Wellness. He is a Life Coach, Mentor, Author and Holistic personal trainer who specialises in helping people discover their own answers for why they haven't yet created the life they truly want. Trevor is a former Professional Athlete, reaching the pinnacle of his sport, winning several World Ironman Championships in the sport of Surf Life Saving. With many World series and Australian championships under his belt, it was his ability to constantly find his way through the most challenging of ocean situations in the most pressure cooker of moments that first showed him as a man who knew how to slow things down and complete any task thrown at him.



Mark Kluwer - When Mark was 51 he attended a Wim Hof retreat and it changed the trajectory of his life. Passionate about health and wellbeing, Mark embraced Wim Hof's motto of 'Strength, Health and Happiness'. Leaving his successful Melbourne building company of over 30 years. He is now a facilitator of personal transformation experiences and creator of Elevated Springs. Mark was in the first group of Aus & NZ people to be [trained by the man himself - Wim Hof], a leader in Rites of Passage and studying with Oxygen Advantage. He now shares these modalities and his excitement for life. He aims to inspire you to be your true authentic self, and help you light a fire within.

Breathe - feel - release



The Lake, Quilpie is an outback station stay on a 2,500-acre property running Merino sheep, beef cattle and Kalahari red goats. Taking pride-of-place on the property is Lake Houdraman, a beautiful expanse of water set amongst shady gum trees.

This weekend will focus **on self awareness, connection, presence & performance.**

The main themes that will be explored are as follows:

- Self awareness - lead self to lead others
- Practical wellness sessions to give you the tools to take back into everyday life
- Team based cohort learning = building deeper connection to self and others
- Mindfulness activities to improve mindset and life perspective
- Vulnerability - you can't live courageously without being vulnerable
- *Rest and recovery - stress is not the problem it's the lack of recovery that is the problem*

All meals and snacks will be provided - [breakfast / lunch / dinner & desert]

Accommodation included

Cost: \$1100 + GST per person

Date: 4pm Friday 9th to 10am Sunday 11th August 2024

For further information please contact:

Mark Kluwer 0418 665 313

Breathe - feel - release

WHAT'S ON @ QUILPIE LIBRARY

JULY
2024



TUES
10:30
AM

WRIGGLE & RHYME

Story time, songs, craft & play for Under 5's & their grown-ups! Back for Term 3 on July 16th.

THURS
3:30
PM

CODE CLUB

Fun, hands-on programming & robotics sessions for ages 8-12! Back for Term 3 on July 11th.

24/07
11 AM &
5:30 PM

EXPLORE EMBROIDERY

Learn the basics of cross-stitch & garment embroidery! Practice with materials available in the Quilpie Library Makerspace!

25/07
2 PM

SMART PHONE TIPS & TRICKS

Get the most out of your smart devices! Learn how to print from your phone, how to save & share photos & much more!

07/08
6:30
PM

BOOK CLUB

Join us on the first Wednesday of the month for a great conversation about our club's current read! You can pick up a copy at the library.



For more information, pop in to see us, call 4656 0550 or email library@quilpie.qld.gov.au

Book Binding & Gelli Plate Printing Workshop

@ QUILPIE SHIRE LIBRARY

At this free workshop facilitated by Joanne Taylor, you will learn to make your own unique notebook using the Coptic binding style. You will also design a cover for your notebook using the Gelli plate mono printing technique. Suitable for beginners! Limited spaces!



Please contact Quilpie Library on 4656 0550 to book.

When? Saturday, July 27th
9 AM to 4 PM



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JOBS AT QUILPIE SHIRE

Quilpie Shire Council has the following vacancies on their team:

- Multi-skilled Plant Operator
- Qualified Plumber
- Road Construction & Maintenance Supervisor
- Ongoing openings for labourers

Visit our [website](#) for full details.



WE ARE HIRING!

Join Our Team Now...

OPEN POSITIONS:

- **Multi Skilled Plant Operator**
- **Qualified Plumber**
- **Road Construction & Maintenance Supervisor**
- **Labourers Structures & Concrete**
(Applications assessed as received)

Closing Date: 4pm Tuesday 16 July 2024

For further information and to apply please visit council website current job vacancies or contact Maree, Tegan or Demmi on 07 4656 0500

