

## Farewell and thank you!



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Quilpie Shire Council would like to thank our outgoing Mayor Stuart Mackenzie (centre), Deputy Mayor Jenny Hewson (right) and Councillor Bruce Paulsen (left) for their many years of dedicated service to the Quilpie Shire. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

# Workplace wellbeing valued and supported at Quilpie Shire Council



The annual Quilpie Shire Council Staff Wellbeing Week was held this month, allowing our employees to take time to prioritise their health and wellbeing.

As with previous years, there were high participation rates with staff accessing health checks including eye screening checks, hearing checks, blood pressure and blood glucose checks.

Employees were able to attend in-person sessions with Council's Employee Assistance Program provider.

While all staff attended a session covering the five habits of fit and healthy people.

Employees were also able to attend one-on-one appointments with superannuation and salary packaging consultants.

The week culminated in a social BBQ for all councillors, staff and their families.

**WE ARE HIRING**  
Join Our Team

- Community Services Coordinator (12 Months, Part-time fixed period)
- Tourism Officer - Quilpeta Night Show (April - October, Part-time fixed period)
- Casual Tourism Officer
- Apprentice Light Vehicle Mechanic
- Manager Economic Development

Applications close 4pm, Tuesday 2nd April

For more details, please visit:  
<https://quilpie.qld.gov.au/quilpie-shire-job-vacancies/> OR email  
[hr@quilpie.qld.gov.au](mailto:hr@quilpie.qld.gov.au)





## March Council Meeting Wrap Up

### Community Assistance Grants:

- Council received a Community Assistance Grant Application from the Toompine Progress Association and approved sponsorship of the 2024 Toompine Annual Easter Gunshoot with a cash contribution of \$5,000. The sponsorship money will be used to offer a competition prize pool. The 2024 Toompine Annual Easter Gunshoot will be held 30th & 31st March 2024.
- Council received a Community Assistance Grant Application from the Adavale Sport & Recreation Association Inc. and approved sponsorship of Adavale Muster in the Mulga event with a cash contribution of \$8,500.00 to be used toward an event of the Committee's choice. The 2024 Muster in the Mulga event will be held on 5, 6 and 7 April 2024.
- Council received a Community Assistance Grant Application from the Quilpie Cultural Society requesting and approved \$3,000 financial assistance to continue employing an Arts Development Officer. The Arts Development Officer's role is to source funding, prepare and lodge grant applications through the Quilpie Shire and Regional Arts Development Fund, prepare and lodge acquittals, advertisement, social media, and reporting.

- Council received a Community Assistance Grant from the Quilpie Triathlon Club and approved a cash contribution of \$2,500 to assist with the purchase of triathlon apparel to sell to triathlon club members. The Quilpie Shire Council logo will be incorporated in to the apparel design.

### Other business:

- Council adopted the Best Practice Standing Order Guide from the Local Government Division of the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works as well as the reviewed and updated Cemetery Management Policy and Museum Collection Policy.
- Council resolved to enter into consultation with the Quilpie Motorcyclist Club to consider a proposal to build a motocross track in Quilpie.
- Council resolved to award RFQM14 23-24 Supply and Delivery of one 2-axle dog plant trailer to FWR Trailers for \$76,300.00 ex GST and dispose of Plant # 221 & 323 via Public Auction.

### NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

MONDAY 15 APRIL 2024

QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL BOARDROOM

50 BROLGA STREET, QUILPIE

COMMENCING 9:30AM



## Engineering works update

### Current works in March and April 2024

- The final seal of the present project on the Quilpie Adavale Red Road was done on 14 March 2024. A total of only 6.7 km of gravel now exists between Quilpie and Adavale. The final section of sealing will commence in July this year and will be completely finished by Christmas.
- Flood emergent grading has been carried out by Council staff on the Adavale Charleville Road.
- Works will commence in April on bitumen sealing Patricia Park Road at Adavale from the town grid through to the waste transfer station.
- Works are underway on building the waste transfer station at Eromanga. All future dumping will be into waste transfer bins which will be transported to the Quilpie dump.
- In early April, Council will begin widening of the Eulo Road to two lane bitumen standards. This work will be completed by 30 June.
- A cattle grid is being placed on the eastern end of the Adavale Link Road to allow for the fencing of the Quilpie Adavale Red Road in the future.
- Council bitumen sealed the iOR Fuel station as private works for the company. A similar project is underway at Lowes Fuel.
- A combination crew of local earthmoving contractors and Council staff are working on replacing poor road materials on the Adavale Black Road from the end of the bitumen to the next Grid. The poor material is being used to cover the animal waste pit area. New road base is being brought in to replace the poor materials from Baldy Top Pit.
- It is anticipated that the next stage of the widening of the Diamantina Developmental Road near the Grey Range will commence in May this year. Negotiations are under way with Transport and Main Roads.

### Main road closures due to flooding

- Bridge flooding is a regular occurrence in our region, due mainly to high-intensity rainfall events and the generally low level of bridge structures.
- Council is contractually bound to adhere to certain road rules put in place by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), this includes closing the TMR roads to all traffic when water reached 300mm.
- If a bridge is affected by road closure, it must be inspected by a qualified engineer once the deck is clear of water, before the road can be opened again.
- Please be patient when water is receding as Council must follow the rules under the requirements of the contract.
- Fortunately, Council's Engineer is permitted to complete inspections, which is not the case in other council areas, where a TMR engineer must complete any inspections.



# WHAT'S ON @ QUILPIE LIBRARY

APRIL  
2024



<p><b>TUES</b> <b>10:30</b> <b>AM</b></p>	<p><b>WRIGGLE &amp; RHYME</b></p> <p>Story time, songs, craft &amp; play for Under 5's &amp; their grown-ups every week! Starts 16th of April for Term 2</p>
<p><b>THURS</b> <b>3:30</b> <b>PM</b></p>	<p><b>CODE CLUB</b></p> <p>Fun, hands-on programming &amp; robotics sessions for ages 8-12 every week! Starts 18th of April for Term 2</p>
<p><b>03/04</b> <b>6:30</b> <b>PM</b></p>	<p><b>BOOK CLUB</b></p> <p>Join us for a discussion of our current book club pick, The Nowhere Child by Christian White</p>
<p><b>16/04</b> <b>3:00</b> <b>PM</b></p>	<p><b>CAN YOU SPOT A SCAM?</b></p> <p>A free presentation for anyone wanting to learn more about scam awareness &amp; how to protect yourself from scammers</p>
<p><b>19/04</b> <b>10 AM</b> <b>- 1 PM</b></p>	<p><b>MOBILE LIBRARY @ TOOMPINE</b></p> <p>Library services are coming closer to you! Browse &amp; borrow from a selection of children's books, DVDs, fiction, non-fiction &amp; magazines!</p>



For more information, pop in to see us, call 4656 0550 or email [library@quilpie.qld.gov.au](mailto:library@quilpie.qld.gov.au)



# GENERAL BUILDING INFORMATION

QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Building approval is required before carrying out most types of building works. These works typically include structures that are proposed to be built or altered. This approval is required to ensure it will be structurally safe and located appropriately to meet the requirements under the Building Act 1975 and relevant regulations and guidelines.

You have a choice of using Council or a private certifier. If a private building certifier is engaged, a notice of engagement must be sent to Quilpie Shire Council. When the building approval is issued by the private certifier they must forward a copy of the approval documents to Council.

## **Building Applications are necessary for the following building activities:**

- New dwellings or commercial buildings
- Alterations or additions to existing buildings
- Restumping
- Building removal and relocation
- Demolitions
- Carports and sheds 10m<sup>2</sup> or larger
- Gazebos, pergolas and shade sails over 10 square meters
- Fences over 2 meters in height above the natural ground level
- Building work more than 2.4m high
- Swimming pools and spas



## PLUMBING & DRAINAGE

A plumbing application is required to be submitted to Council for any plumbing and drainage carried out to domestic and/or commercial properties. Plumbing and drainage, amongst other things, can consist of new or additional plumbing fixtures (toilets, basins, showers).

Plumbing applications forms can be obtained at [https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/building\\_property-development/building-construction/plumbing-drainage/forms-templates](https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/building_property-development/building-construction/plumbing-drainage/forms-templates)

## QBCC INSURANCE

The Queensland Building and Construction Commission's (QBCC) Statutory Home Warranty Insurance Scheme offers consumer protection when a licensed contractor performs "insured residential construction work".

Any contractors performing building work valued over \$3,300 must hold a QBCC licence.

If a contractor is being engaged to carry out building work on a residential property, a copy of the QBCC Confirmation of Insurance is required to accompany the application, if the value of the work is over \$3,300.00. However, if the work is being performed by an owner builder, a copy of the QBCC Owner Builders Permit is required for work valued over \$11,000.00.

The QBCC is contactable on 1300 272 272

## QLEAVE

Portable Long Service Leave (PLSL) provides long service leave entitlements to workers in the building and construction industry.

A copy of the Portable Long Service Leave receipt is required if the value of the building work is \$150,000.00 (excl. GST) or greater.

Forms are available from and fee payable at Australia Post or online at [www.qleave.gov.au](http://www.qleave.gov.au).

When submitting a building application, the application must consist of the following:

- DA Form 2
- Plans (including site plan, floor plan and elevations)
- Structural Engineering Drawings and Certificates
- Application fee

Applications can be lodged in person, via email or mail.

## Contact Quilpie Shire Council



**07 4656 0500**



**[admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au)**



**50 Brolga Street  
PO Box 57  
Quilpie QLD 4480**

## Disaster legal help information share pack



## Help us spread the word about our disaster legal help

Legal Aid Queensland offers free legal help with legal issues stemming from a disaster, such as a cyclone, storm, flooding, or bushfire.

People can phone our Disaster Legal Help Line on 1300 527 700 for free legal help with:

- insurance claim issues or refusals
- temporary housing issues
- financial hardship
- family law issues
- other legal problems caused by a disaster.

This service is available to all Queenslanders.

Please help us to promote this service by using the shareable resources below for your social media, newsletter, website—whatever works best for your community.

### Resources for download

Video about cash settlements: visit >> <https://bitly.ws/3fvDV>

Social media tiles: visit >> <https://bitly.ws/3fvDV>

Poster: visit >> <https://bitly.ws/3fvDV>

Podcast: visit >> [Disaster legal help - Legal Aid Queensland webpage](#)

Factsheets and further information: visit >> [Disaster legal help - Legal Aid Queensland webpage](#)

### Social media



#### Facebook post:

Have the recent disasters left you struggling with property damage, insurance headaches or other problems? You can get free legal help from Legal Aid Queensland by calling 1300 527 700. Our lawyers can help with a range of legal problems stemming from disasters. Whether it be insurance claim issues or refusals, temporary housing difficulties, financial hardship, family law issues or other legal problems caused by a disaster, we can help. This is available to all Queenslanders. For more information about our Disaster Legal Help service visit >> <https://bitly.ws/3dwSP>.



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### Instagram post:

Have the recent disasters left you struggling with property damage, insurance headaches or other problems? You can get free legal help from Legal Aid Queensland by calling 1300 527 700. Our lawyers can help with a range of legal problems stemming from disasters. Whether it be insurance claim issues or refusals, temporary housing difficulties, financial hardship, family law issues or other legal problems caused by a disaster, we can help. This is available to all Queenslanders. For more information about our Disaster Legal Help service visit Legal Aid Queensland website's Disaster Legal Help page.

### Twitter post:

Have the recent disasters left you struggling with property damage, insurance headaches or other problems? Call Legal Aid Queensland's Disaster Legal Help Line on 1300 527 700 for free legal help with a range of disaster-related legal issues.

Tags: #DisasterLegalHelp #DisasterRecovery #DisasterRelief

### You can follow us and tag us:

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### For your website

Legal Aid Queensland Disaster Legal Help Line – phone 1300 527 700.

FREE legal help with insurance claim issues or refusals, temporary housing issues, financial hardship, family law issues and other legal problems stemming from a disaster.

### For your newsletter

#### Legal help line for Queenslanders struck by disaster

People impacted by disasters and wild weather in Queensland can get free disaster-related legal help from Legal Aid Queensland.

For help with legal issues stemming from a disaster, call Legal Aid Queensland's Disaster Legal Help Line on 1300 527 700 for help with problems such as insurance claim issues or refusals, temporary housing issues, financial hardship, family law issues and more.

Here are some top tips for managing property damage and other issues following a disaster:

- If your insurance claim is refused, you can have the decision reviewed by the insurer and then by the Australian Financial Complaints Authority. If you have questions, call 1300 527 700 for legal advice.
- If your claim is accepted, check the scope of repair works covers the damage to your property.
- Remember the scope of works doesn't have to be perfect before work starts - you can add more damage if it's found during repairs. If you don't understand the scope of works, get advice.
- If you are considering accepting a cash settlement for your claim, please get legal advice first.
- Be wary of doorknockers offering to help with repairs or insurance.
- Apply for any state and Commonwealth assistance you qualify for.
- Ask your banks, lenders, utility providers and local councils for financial hardship help if you need it.
- Lodge claims with your insurer as soon as possible.
- Take photos and videos of the damaged property.

Any questions, please contact the Disaster Legal Help Line on 1300 527 700.

You can also get free legal information by contacting your local community legal centre on (07) 3392 0092. Financial counsellors are available on the National Debt Helpline on 1800 007 007.



# THE CUBBY

BIG DREAMS,  
HIDDEN WORLDS,  
AND TRAMPOLINES!

CIRCUS FUN FOR  
THE WHOLE FAMILY!  
AGES 6+



**WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2024**  
**12.00PM | DOORS OPEN 11.30 AM**  
**QUILPIE SHIRE HALL**  
**FREE AND NO BOOKING REQUIRED**



Tour supported by the Touring Queensland Fund and the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland; and the Tim Fairfax Family Foundation.



INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

# Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



## Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

## Thursday, 18 April 2024

9 am to 3 pm

In front of the council office, Brolga Street

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For more information, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice)





# Heart of Australia is bringing services to

# QUILPIE



## We will be providing the following services:

- New and Review Cardiology Consultations
- Exercise Stress Testing
- Stress Echocardiograms
- Transthoracic Echocardiograms
- Sleep Consultations
- Sleep Studies
- CPAP Trials
- Respiratory Function Tests
- Overnight Blood Pressure Monitors
- Overnight Holter Monitors

## How to make an appointment:

### Step 1: Visit your GP

Make an appointment to see your GP. If a visit to the Heart Truck is the right choice for you, your doctor will send Heart of Australia a referral for you to see one of our specialists or undergo testing.

### Step 2: Wait for our call

Our Bookings Team will contact you by phone as soon as your referral is received, and again when appointments become available at the clinic location/s nearest to you. They will take you through all the details, including appointment times, locations and what to bring with you. It's that simple.

#### ACCEPTING REFERRALS NOW

Heart of Australia encourages the use of secure electronic communication via Medical Objects or Fax on 07 3077 7153



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