

QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Community Newsletter



QUILPIE VIC BRINGS HOME THE GOLD!

Quilpie Visitor Information Centre (VIC) recently showed its true colours at the Queensland Tourism Awards - and it's gold all the way!

Deputy Mayor, Cr Roger Volz and Senior Tourism Officer, Jess Tully, accepted the award on behalf of Council and the VIC at a presentation held in Brisbane on 15 November.

The awards event brought together over 1,000 tourism operators, event organisers and industry advocates from across the state.

The Quilpie VIC won over some very tough competition, taking home the top award in the Visitor Information Category.

The win automatically sends them to the Australian Tourism Awards being held in Adelaide in March 2025, where they will vie for the national VIC award.

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TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2024
QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL BOARDROOM
50 BROLGA STREET, QUILPIE
COMMENCING 9:30AM

Mayor's Message

As we come closer to the end of another year, the pace of business for the council is at a breakneck speed; finalising the housing project, wrapping up roadworks and reconfiguring our advocacy directive as we usher in a new State Government. I appreciate the enormity of the task and my commendation goes out to all of our staff who make the everyday things a reality for the Shire communities.

On 21 October, Cr Volz, Cr Barnes, Cr Lander and I attended the LGAQ Annual Conference in Brisbane. At this conference we voted on motions put forward by all councils in Queensland to advocate for change at state and federal government levels.

Quilpie Shire Council put forward a motion for an increase of the subsidy for flights on regional airlines, making flights cheaper for all residents of remote areas. This was supported by all, and the LGAQ will now begin lobbying the state government to make it happen.

This will assist people with reaching specialist medical appointments and boarding school student fares, among many other reasons. It will also increase the liveability of rural remote communities across Queensland, not just here in Quilpie Shire.

We heard presentations from many other local government leaders about projects that they had successfully brought to fruition, and this gave us valuable takeaways on the framework of how these were achieved. We can bring these concepts back for our community and apply to a wide range of Council activities, from public infrastructure, innovations and economic development.

We were also able to develop personal relationships with those who lead the projects and use their knowledge as a resource.

A delegation of Cr Barnes, CEO Justin Hancock and I presented to Federal Ministers in



Canberra on 18/19 November. Our presentation was a lobby piece to gather support from relevant Ministers for our current application under the Growing Regions Grant program.

This application supports the completion of the third and final stage of the Eromanga Natural History Museum. Getting this across the line will have significant outcomes in advancing the global brand of Quilpie Shire Tourism.

I recently attended the Seniors' Luncheon held at the Brick, and while unfortunately the walls didn't talk and spill any secrets on the seniors or their pasts, it was a fun-filled event and well supported.

Thank you to Michelle Donohue for all she does in this space. We appreciate having our seniors among us every day, in a community where it's safe, supportive, and comfortable to age.

Schools are soon wrapping up for the year and we have a mailbox full of engagements for all to attend the various breakups and awards nights. I really look forward to the kids' performances and hearing principals reflect on the year that was. I encourage everyone to come and show their support at these events.

Thank you everyone, stay safe, stay unique.

Ben Hall
Mayor

Canberra Visit

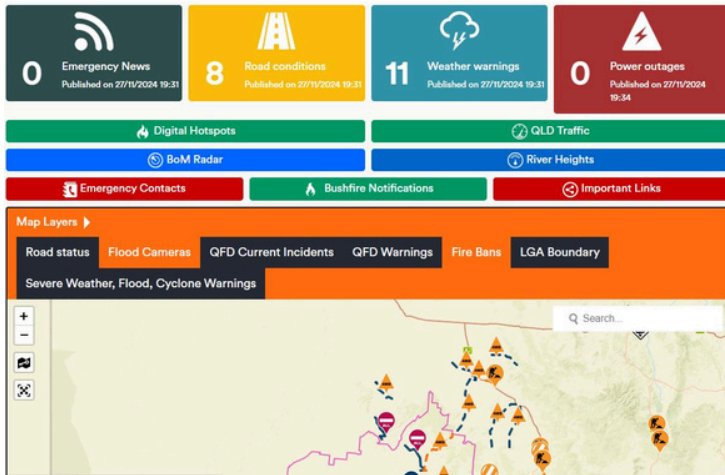
Mayor Ben Hall, Cr Lyn Barnes, ENHM Chair and former Mayor Stuart Mackenzie OAM, ENHM Director Robyn Mackenzie OAM and CEO Justin Hancock travelled to Canberra to introduce Cooper to the Federal Government.

They met with a number of Ministers, Senators and senior parliamentary staff including Amelia Pratt, Senior Advisor to Shadow Minister Kevin Hogan, Danielle Condon, Advisor to Hon Kristy McBain MP, Senator Jacinta Price, Joanna Vaughan, Senior Advisor to Hon Tony Burke MP, Mikaela Wangmann, Advisor to Minister Don Farrell, Senator Matt Canavan, Senator Bridget McKenzie, Senator James McGrath, and National Party Leader David Littleproud, our Federal Member for Maranoa.

Cooper also had some adventures looking around Parliament House.



Quilpie Gets Ready for 2025



Quilpie Shire Council will release a “Get Ready Queensland” calendar for 2025 and encourages everyone in the community to ensure they get hold of a copy for their home or business.

The calendars focus on local disaster management topics, taking its name from the State Government’s ongoing *Get Ready* campaign that offers Queenslanders practical advice about preparing for natural disasters such as flooding, storms or fire.

A feature of the calendars is the use of local photography from across our stunning Shire. As in previous years, Council has utilised grant funding from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) for the production of the calendar.

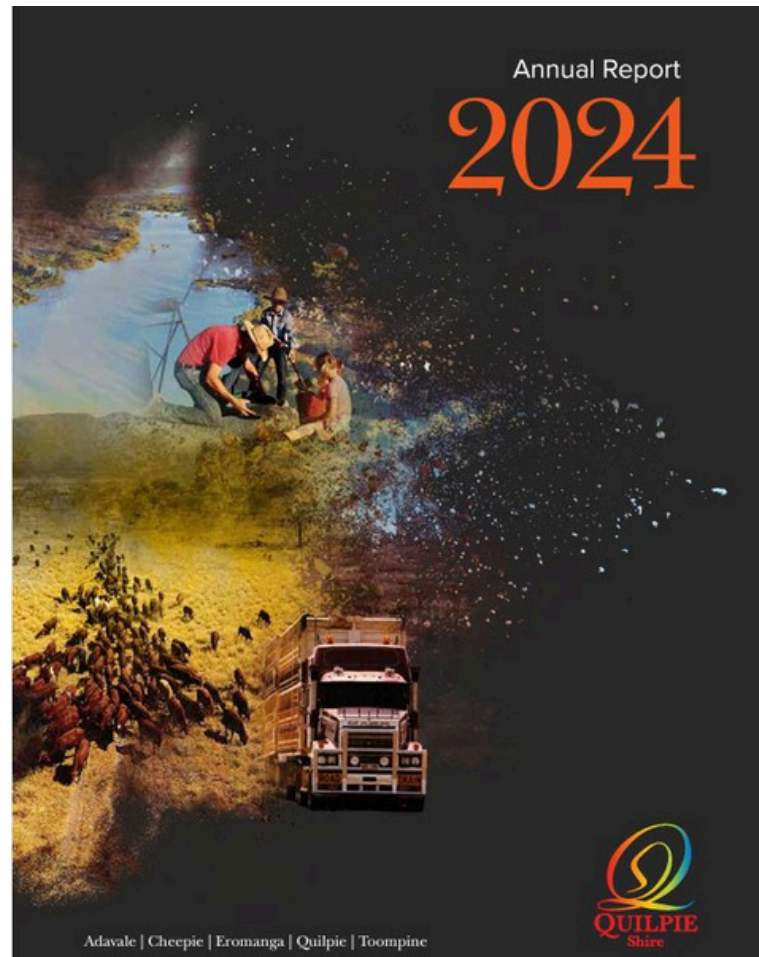
Current disaster management information can be found on our [Disaster Dashboard](#), at the top of our website homepage.

Annual Report Adopted

Council adopted its 2023-24 Annual Report on Friday 11 October, 2024.

This document provides a comprehensive overview of our performance and activities for that financial year, and also acts as our chief accountability tool for corporate governance.

The annual report can be [viewed online](#) at Council’s website and can be found under Strategic Publications.



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Council Meeting Catch Up

29 OCTOBER 2024 COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Community and cultural news

- Council accepted an invitation from Southern Queensland Regional Arts Services to partner on the production of *Under the Southern Sky, Arts and Culture of Southern Queensland*, a publication to showcase the artists and creatives living and working in the Quilpie Shire. \$2,500 approved.
- The 2024 Quilpie Shire Christmas Lights competition categories and prizes were approved and will be promoted throughout the region. The competition includes four regional sections, each with their own categories and prizes. Details and nominations forms are available on the website and at our administration centre.

Corporate and Governance update

- Councillors nominated the 2023/2024 Quilpie Shire Council Annual Report for entry to the Australasian Reporting Awards - General Award for local government.
- Council supported a funding application under the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program for flood proofing Napoleon Road. The application nominates a total project cost of \$3.7M, with a budgeted co-contribution of \$750K from Quilpie Shire Council.
- Grant Daniel and Long Pty Ltd trading as Nutrien Harcourts GDL were approved to conduct an online auction of replaced and redundant Plant and Equipment.

Engineering Equipment

Council will purchase equipment as shown below as part of its fleet replacement program for 2024-2025:

- Two variable message signs
- a flail mower attachment
- second-hand street sweeper unit

Road names approved

The formal naming of two previously unnamed gazetted roads and their inclusion in Council's Road Register was approved. These include:

- the road reserve known as Seco Crossing was formally designated as Seco Crossing Road;
- the road reserve known as Adavale Bore Road was formally designated as Adavale Bore Road;
- the new road leading into Toompine Transfer Station and new bore site was formally designated as Toompine Bore Road;
- the road reserve known as Eromanga Dump Road was formally designated as Eromanga Dump Road.

SPECIAL MEETING HELD 12 NOVEMBER - HIGHLIGHTS

Pre-approved suppliers approved

Thirteen suppliers of mobile plant and equipment for wet and dry hire were approved for inclusion on a list of pre-qualified suppliers for road and civil construction works for 12 months, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.

The full list of successful tenderers can be found in the minutes of that meeting.

Sale of land approved

Council formally accept offers, including special conditions, for the sale of 63 Dukumarra Street (Lot 15 on SP234965) and 88 Sommerfield Road (Lot 20 on SP234965) for \$25,000 per property from the Department of Housing and Public Works.



Council Meeting Catch Up

27 NOVEMBER 2024 COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Corporate and Governance update

- Councillors resolved to waive fees for building applications for Class 10a shipping container, and QSC footing plans until 30 June 2025.
- An inspection program under the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 will be carried out in Quilpie and Eromanga from 1 February for a period of six months.
- Council meeting dates for 2025 were set as follows:
 - 30 January
 - 14 February
 - 18 March
 - 29 April
 - 20 May
 - 17 June
 - 15 July
 - 19 August
 - 16 September
 - 28 October
 - 18 November
 - 15 December

Infrastructure Update

Council has awarded the following tenders:

- Southwest Ford for the supply of a single cab 2WD ute under RFQM 07 24-25
- Construction Equipment Australian for the supply of a 2024 Rubber Tracked Mini Excavator and Trailer under RFQM 08 24-24

Community and Cultural News

- Eromanga District Rodeo Association Incorporated will receive a financial contribution of up to \$50,000 for works associated with the installation of a new septic system to assist with the construction of a new ablution block at Eromanga Rodeo Grounds.
- Council will meet with representatives of Young Guns to discuss the potential of working collaboratively to deliver the Potential First Pathways Initiative within the Quilpie Shire.





Engineering Works Update

Council's road crews have been busy over the past month and have now completed the following works:

- Sealing of Adavale Transfer Station and Patricia Park Road
- Sealing of Adavale Black Road
- Sealing Toompine Bore Road, Toompine Transfer Station and Reseal at Toompine
- Shoulder grading on Quilpie - Windorah Road
- Earthworks at Eromanga Transfer Station

Crews have now commenced work on sealing the final section of the Quilpie - Adavale Red Road.

Grader Crews are working on the Quilpie - Charleville Road.





BIG DAY OUT for Quilpie Shire staff

Council staff recently 'downed tools' to participate in our annual BIG DAY OUT.

The purpose of the BIG DAY OUT is to get the entire workforce together to highlight and celebrate our achievements, and to learn more about the communities that we serve and identify upcoming projects.

By rotating the host communities for this event, we focus on the projects planned for that particular town or area.

Previous BIG DAY OUT events have been held in Eromanga (2022), and Adavale (2023). This year, the focus was on ongoing and upcoming projects planned for the township of Quilpie.

Staff spent the day visiting facilities and current projects, and participated in team building activities to foster our values of fun and humour, teamwork and communication throughout the day.



Connectivity Milestone for Quilpie Shire

Quilpie Shire Council, in collaboration with nbn, celebrated the launch of nbn fibre to premises in Quilpie at a free community barbeque on 29 October 2024.

Over 60 community members attended the barbeque to celebrate this milestone!

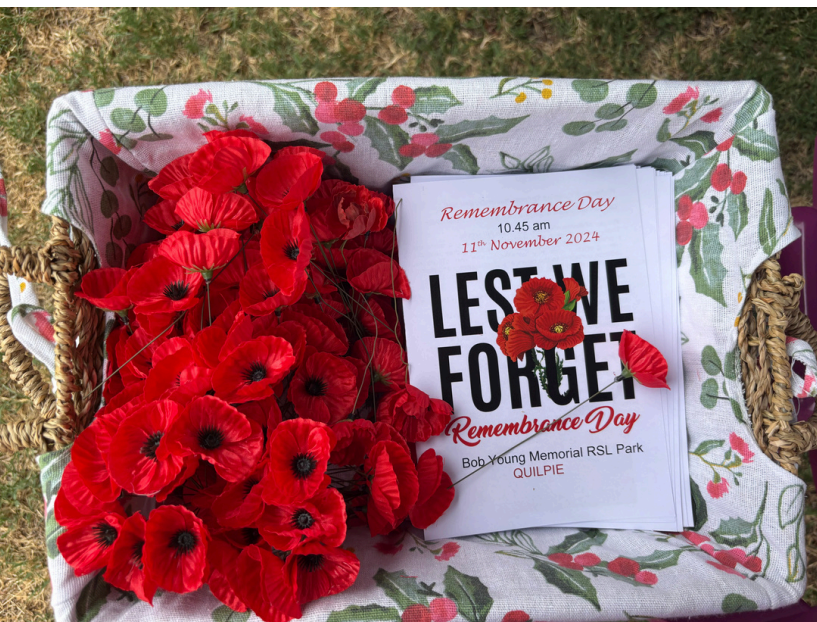
To check if your home or business is nbn ready, simply visit the nbn website at www.nbn.com.au.

For information about the [nbn's free home internet offer](#) for school students and their families, head to page 10 of this newsletter.

We Remember Them

Quilpie community members of all ages gathered on 11 November 2024 to pause and honour those who served and sacrificed their lives in service at the Remembrance Day Service at Bob Young Memorial RSL Park.

Their courage, dedication and sacrifice for our country and our freedom will never be forgotten.



Casual on-call vacancies at QSC

Council is seeking expressions of interest from applicants for several on-call casual roles across the organisation.

Applications are welcomed for a variety of positions within Council including administrative roles, and positions within the Infrastructure Services Department (labourers and plant operators for various crews, including Town Services, Road Construction, and Concrete).

Expressions of Interest should include an Applicant Cover Sheet, Cover Letter and Resume. For more information head to the *Jobs in Quilpie Shire* page of our website.

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.



GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN QUILPIE

FREE HOME INTERNET FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

This is an Australian Government program that offers free home internet to families and carers who look after school age children and are struggling to pay the bills.

To apply, follow the four steps below:

- 1 Contact the National Referral Centre on **1800 954 610** Monday - Friday, 10am - 6pm (AEDT) or visit anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet
- 2 They'll ask you some questions to see if this offer is right for you.
- 3 If you qualify, you'll get a voucher.
- 4 Use the voucher to connect through your chosen participating internet provider before 31 December 2024.



LEARN MORE

Scan QR Code to learn more.

THE BEST PART IS



Free home internet until 31 December 2025



The Wi-Fi router is free and you can keep it



There is no lock-in contract



Assistance provided by the National Referral Centre



Callback, webchat and interpreting are available



An Australian Government Initiative

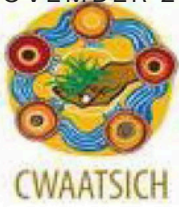


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ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE

CWAATSICH Quilpie Health Services DECEMBER 2024

Head Office

94 Edward Street

Charleville 4470 Qld

07 46 543 277

Aboriginal Medical Service

49 Brolga Street

Quilpie 4480

Po Box 119

Phone: 46 561 391

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NOVEMBER

25th – 29th Office Closed

DECEMBER

4th/5th Dr Earl Visiting

10th CWAATSICH Christmas Party

(Registered Clients)

11th Michael Young – Optometrist

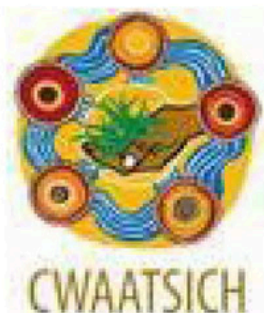
20th CWAATSICH Office

JANUARY

6th Office re-opens for 2025

CWAATSICH is open to the whole community.

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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 |
| * Psychologist | * Exercise Physiology |



QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Christmas

2024 LIGHTS COMPETITION

THE QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION IS ON AGAIN AND EVERYONE ACROSS THE SHIRE CAN ENTER!!

Entire Quilpie Shire Grand Prize

Christmas Wonderland – Prize \$1200 Local Buy Voucher
(No Nominations Required For Quilpie Eromanga And Adavale)
(Nominations **Essential** For Rural Residents)

Quilpie Town Residents

Best Christmas Lights Display – Prize \$500 Local Buy Voucher
Spectacular Senior Award – Prize \$250 Local Buy Voucher
Festive Fence – Prize \$250 Local Buy Voucher
Best Decorated Business Award – Prize \$350 Local Buy Voucher
(No Nominations Required)

Eromanga & Adavale Town Residents

Best Christmas Lights Display Eromanga – Prize \$500 Local Buy Voucher
Best Christmas Lights Display Adavale – Prize \$500 Local Buy Voucher
(No Nominations Required)

Rural Residents

Outback Christmas Display - Prize \$500 Local Buy Voucher
(Nominations **Essential**)

Photos & nomination forms are to be submitted by 5.00pm Monday 11 December 2024.
Nomination forms for rural residents are available on the QSC website and at the QSC Administration Customer Service Desk.

Competition judging will commence on 11 December and all winners will be announced at the Quilpie Combined Business Christmas Party on Friday 20 December 2024.

Shine bright in Quilpie Shire



QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY

RURAL NOMINATION FORM

I/We wish to nominate in the QSC Christmas Lights Display Competition 2024

Name of Property/Station being nominated:

Phone number for notification purposes

Tick one or both boxes to indicate nomination category:

- BEST OUTBACK CHRISTMAS DISPLAY
- CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND (Shire-wide)

**Photos and nominations must be submitted by
5.00pm Wednesday 11 December 2024**

**Winner announced at Quilpie Combined
Businesses Town Christmas party on
Friday 20 December 2024**

Christmas Wishes



The entry form can also be downloaded [here](#).



NOV / DEC 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 1:30PM Bingo at Quilpie Club	25 9:00AM Seniors Aqua with Bec Quilpie Pool	26 12:00PM Seniors nbn & QSC free bbq BYO Picnic Lunch MPRC Gyrica Gardens National Cake Day	27 10:30AM Seniors Chair Exercises MPC, Gyrica Gardens Quilpie State College Award's Night	28 9:00AM Seniors Aqua with Bec Quilpie Pool 2PM Seniors Healthy Minds, MPC Gyrica Gardens St Finbarr's School Award's Night	29 Christmas Bush Bash Bulloo Park	30
'01 DECEMBER	'02 9:00AM Seniors Aqua with Bec Quilpie Pool	'03 10:30AM Quilpie Library Christmas Party, Quilpie Shire Hall Supper Room 2:00pm Seniors Christmas Goodies MPC, Gyrica Gardens	'04 10:30am Seniors Chair Exercises with Nicola MPC, Gyrica Gardens	'05 9:00am Seniors Aqua with Bec 2:00pm Seniors Healthy Minds MPC, Gyrica Gardens	'06 Late Night Shopping	'07 Giving Kids Memories Charity Event, Bulloo Park
08 1:30PM Bingo at Quilpie Club	09 9:00AM Seniors Aqua with Bec Quilpie Pool	10 10:00M Seniors Foot Care Morning, Roboin & Tina, MPC, Gyrica Gardens	11 10:30am Seniors Chair Exercises with Nicola MPC, Gyrica Gardens Christmas Lights Competition Judging commences	12 9:00am Seniors Aqua with Bec 12:00pm Seniors Christmas Luncheon Imperial Hotel RSVP by 6/12/24	13 Late Night Shopping	14
15 1:30PM Bingo at Quilpie Club	16 9:00AM Seniors Aqua with Bec Quilpie Pool	17 2:00PM Seniors Christmas Carols with Nicola & Shell MPC, Gyrica Gardens	18	19	20 7PM Quilpie Combined Businesses Community Christmas Party, Mural Park	21

What's On in Quilpie Shire

QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL LIBRARY

You're Invited To Our Christmas Party

QUILPIE SHIRE HALL SUPPER ROOM

TUESDAY DECEMBER 3RD AT 10.30 AM

FREE FUN FOR UNDER 5'S!

more information please contact Quilpie Library on 4656 0550

Quilpie Swimming Pool
2nd December 2024 – 19th January 2025
Pool Hours

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Monday	6:00am – 10:00am	3:00pm-7:00pm
Tuesday	5:30am – 9:00am	3:00pm-7:00pm
Wednesday	6:00am – 10:00am	3:00pm-7:00pm
Thursday	5:30am – 9:00am	3:00pm-8:00pm
Friday	6:00am – 10:00am	3:00pm-6:00pm
Saturday	1:00pm – 7:00pm	
Sunday	1:00pm – 6:00pm	

Ph: 07 4656 1201 or 0413 201 534

QUILPIE TOWN PARTY

You are invited to attend the annual town Christmas Party, 20th December 2024 7pm in the Quilpie Visitor Centre parklands
Join us for BBQ, Beer and Song.
Bring a picnic blanket and await the arrival of Santa at 7:30 pm

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