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# Ordinary Meeting of Council

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## MINUTES

Tuesday 15 July 2025

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom  
50 Broлга Street, Quilpie



**MINUTES OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL BOARDROOM, 50 BROLGA STREET, QUILPIE  
ON TUESDAY, 15 JULY 2025 AT 9.50AM**

## **1 OPENING OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:50 AM.

## **2 ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Ben Hall, Deputy Mayor Roger Volz, Cr Lyn Barnes, Cr Tony Lander, Cr Milan Milosevic

**In Attendance:** Mr Justin Hancock (Chief Executive Officer), Mr Eng Lim (Director Infrastructure Services), Mr Brian Weeks (Deputy Director Infrastructure Services), Ms Sharon Frank, (Manager Finance and Administration) and Ms Callie Dabovich (Secretariat).

## **3 APOLOGIES**

Ms Lisa Hamlyn (Director Corporate and Community Services).

## **4 CONDOLENCES**

Council has formally expressed its condolences to the families of Peter Jones and Charmain Murray.

## **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Chapter 5B of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act) requires Councillors to declare a Prescribed or Declarable Conflict of Interest. The Declaration is to be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, before the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Nil

## **6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2025**

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#### **RESOLUTION NO: (QSC175-07-25)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 June 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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### **6.2 SPECIAL MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 1 JULY 2025**

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#### **RESOLUTION NO: (QSC176-07-25)**

Moved: Cr Tony Lander

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 1 July 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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## 7 ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

## 8 MAYORAL REPORT

Details	Date	Location	Hall	Volz	Barnes	Lander	Milosevic
Ordinary Meeting of Council	17.06.25	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	1
National General Assembly	24.06.25	Canberra	1		1		
Senator Anthony Chisholm meeting	24.06.25	Canberra	1		1		
Brendan Moon NEMA meeting	24.06.25	Canberra	1		1		
Special Meeting of Council	01.07.25	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	1
Councillor Briefing Session	01.07.25	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	1
Flood Event and Recovery Staff Appreciation BBQ	01.07.25	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
Toompine Community - Hon. Perrett MP and Hon. Leahy MP	02.07.25	Toompine	1	1	1	1	
Adavale Community - Hon. Leahy MP	03.07.25	Adavale	1	1	1		
Elders Community Event - Quilpie	03.07.25	Quilpie	1	1	1		1
Local Disaster Management Group - Flood Debrief Session	08.07.25	Boardroom	1	1			
DPI – Disaster Management & Economic Development	08.07.25	Boardroom	1	1	1		
LGAQ Elected Member Update	09.07.25	Boardroom	1	1	1		
Leonard 'Wacka' Williams Retirement Farewell	10.07.25	Depot	1	1	1		
Special Meeting of Council	15.07.25	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	1

## 9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Cr. Lyn Barnes spoke on the National General Assembly Conference in Canberra.

## 10 OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORTS

### 10.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

#### 10.1.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES STATUS REPORT

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of the key activities and achievements of the Infrastructure Services Directorate during June 2025. It highlights routine maintenance operations, the progress of ongoing infrastructure projects across the Shire, and the continued delivery of flood-damage restoration works.

##### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC177-07-25)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

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## 10.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

### 10.2.1 LIBRARY SERVICES STATUS REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of Quilpie Library services, programs and statistics for the fourth quarter of 2024-2025 (April – June), providing Council with updates on community engagement and operational activities.

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#### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC178-07-25)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes  
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

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### 10.2.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents a formal summary of operational activities, program deliverables and strategic initiatives progressed under the Director of Corporate and Community Services portfolio.

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#### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC179-07-25)

Moved: Cr Tony Lander  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

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### 10.2.3 PEST AND LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT STATUS REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Pest and Livestock Management Coordinator's portfolio.

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#### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC180-07-25)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz  
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

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## 10.3 FINANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

### 10.3.1 FINANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORT - JUNE 2025

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is to provide Council with an update on financial and administration services for the month of June 2025.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC181-07-25)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes  
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

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**10.4 GOVERNANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS****10.4.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - MONTHLY STATUS REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides information and updates to Council on various activities and programs that are facilitated within the Chief Executive Officer's portfolio.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC182-07-25)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

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**11 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES****11.1 PRIORITISATION STRATEGY FOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ON TOBERMORY ROAD - UPDATE****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on the community consultation undertaken with Tobermory Road residents, following the previous report presented to Council in April 2025, and seeks Council's endorsement to proceed with the proposed prioritisation framework. The framework establishes a replicable methodology for evaluating and prioritising all future road improvement projects across the shire.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC183-07-25)**

Moved: Cr Tony Lander  
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council:

1. Endorse the Prioritisation Strategy as the standard framework for evaluating future road improvement projects across the shire; and
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2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to undertake similar exercises on all other Council roads, incorporating the same prioritisation framework and report back to Council in future Council Meetings.

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## 11.2 RFQL04 25-26 SCREENING MATERIAL- OLD CHARLEVILLE RD AREA

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a recommendation to award RFQL 04 25-26 Screening of Material - Old Charleville Road Area for the material preparation for various maintenance on the shire road network.

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### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC184-07-25)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council

1. Subject to successful negotiation on the final terms and conditions, award RFQL 04 25-26 Screening of Material for Old Charleville Road Area to Tolbra Earthmovers & Haulage Pty Ltd for an amount of \$550,431.99 including GST (\$500,392.72 excluding GST); and
2. Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) s.257, delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement policy

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## 11.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BATTERY COLLECTION PROGRAM

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Quilpie Shire Council ("Council") to consider submitting a grant application under the Local Government Battery Collection program.

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### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC185-07-25)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council supports an application under the Local Government Battery Collection Program.

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## 12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

### 12.1 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION - MOTHERLAND AUSTRALIA

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Motherland Australia, in collaboration with the Quilpie Motherland subcommittee, has submitted a Community Assistance Grant Program application seeking Council sponsorship for *The Quilpie Motherland* event. The initiative, to be delivered in partnership with Farm Angels, is proposed to run during Queensland Mental Health Week at the Quilpie Shire Hall.

The event will address mental health needs and social connection for rural mothers impacted by the recent Western Queensland flood event, while generating funds for two national charities supporting Southwest Queensland communities. The application includes a request for waiver of Shire Hall hire fees to maximise the event's community benefit.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC186-07-25)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council:

1. Acknowledges receipt of the Community Assistance Application submitted by Motherland Australia and the Quilpie Motherland subcommittee, for the 2025 *Quilpie Motherland* Event with a fee waiver for the Quilpie Shire Hall venue and purchasing one of the Silver Sponsorship \$500.

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**12.2 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION - QUILPIE GOLF CLUB****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Quilpie Golf Club have submitted a Community Assistance Grant Application requesting a cash donation of \$4,000 and in-kind support of 1 x skip bin, 8 x wheelie bins, and 80 chairs. This request is to assist with the facilitation of the Quilpie Open Golf Weekend held on the 16 & 17 August 2025.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC187-07-25)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

1. Acknowledges receipt of the Community Assistance Grant Application submitted by Quilpie Golf Club Inc. and approves the following for their annual Quilpie Open Golf Weekend:
  - (a) cash donation of \$4,000.00; and
  - (b) in-kind support comprising of 80 chairs, Skip bin, and 8 wheelie bins.

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**12.3 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION - QUILPIE & DISTRICT SPORT COMMITTEE**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Quilpie & District Sport Committee has requested Community Assistance In-kind support from Council to help facilitate the 2025 Quilpie & District Athletics Carnival at John Waugh Park to be held Monday 21 July 2025.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC188-07-25)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council

1. Acknowledges receipt of the Community Assistance Grant Application submitted by Quilpie & District Sport Committee and approves the following for their 2025 Quilpie & District Sports Carnival to be held Monday 21 July 2025:
  - a) Waiver of the hire fee for the use of John Waugh Park
  - b) Provision of six waste bins, 4 tables and 20 chairs for the duration of the event
  - c) Supply and installation of 16 temporary fence panels to enclose the discus event area (no refundable bond required)
  - d) Supply of sand & construction of three long jump pits (maximum depth 200mm)
  - e) Temporary road closure in front of the toilet block to ensure safe student access
  - f) Suspension of mowing and watering of park lawns for five days prior to the event, commencing Wednesday 16th July
  - g) Council staff labour support with pack-down and equipment relocation at the conclusion of the event
  - h) Provision of temporary storage space at John Waugh Park for Athletics Carnival equipment

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**13 FINANCE****13.1 FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT MONTH ENDED 30 JUNE 2025****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present the monthly financial report to Council in accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the period ended 30 June 2025.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC189-07-25)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council receive and note the Monthly Finance Report for the period ending 30 June 2025.

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**13.2 T05 24-25 SALE & REMOVAL OF TWO (2) TOILET BLOCKS- EROMANGA****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a recommendation for the Sale and Removal of the two (2) Toilet Blocks located in Eromanga.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC190-07-25)**

Moved: Cr Tony Lander  
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council award the T05 24-25 Sale & Removal of Two Toilet Blocks - Eromanga to F.A Murray & Co for an amount of \$1300.00 including GST.

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**13.3 REQUEST TO WAIVE APPLICATION FEE - BA17 24-25****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The applicant has submitted a written request to Council seeking a waiver of the building application fee, advising that the approved structure has since been sold. This follows the standard assessment process and issuance of the building permit (BA17 24-25) on 23 October 2024.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC191-07-25)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz  
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council decline the request for a building application fee waiver, as the assessment and issuance of the decision notice were completed prior to being advised that the structure had been sold.

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**13.4 REGISTER OF COST-RECOVERY FEES AND COMMERCIAL CHARGES****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present a new Register of Cost-Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges to be effective from 17 July 2025. Changes are proposed to Building fees and classification of a Council rental property.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC192-07-25)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic  
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report.
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2. Adopt the fees in the Register of Cost-Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges effective from 17 July 2025.
  3. Resolve that, in relation to those cost-recovery fees to which Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2009* applies:
    - (i) the applicant is the person liable to pay these fees; and
    - (ii) the fee must be paid at or before the time the application is lodged; and
  4. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to amend commercial charges to which section 262 (3) (c) of the *Local Government Act 2009* applies.

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## 14 GOVERNANCE

### 14.1 LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025 - MOTION REQUEST

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) invites submissions of agenda items and motions for consideration at its Annual Conference in October 2025. All motions must be submitted by **Monday, 28 July 2025**. Following review by the Agenda Committee, a Preliminary Agenda will be distributed to Member Councils four weeks prior to the Conference.

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#### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC193-07-25)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council:

1. Endorse the following motions for the LGAQ Annual Conference:
  - (a) That the LGAQ calls on the Queensland State Government to amend the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *City of Brisbane Act 2010* to establish a centralised online portal for the submission, storage, and public access of register of interests declarations.
  - (b) That the LGAQ calls on the State Government to:
    - (i) Undertake a review of the current \$150,000 (excluding GST) QLeave levy threshold for building and construction work;
    - (ii) Adjust the threshold to reflect cumulative increases in construction costs since 2014; and
    - (iii) Commit to a periodic review mechanism (e.g. every five years) to ensure the threshold remains aligned with industry movements and economic conditions.

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**15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS****RECOMMENDATION**

In accordance with the provisions of section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that Council resolve to close the meeting to the public to discuss a confidential item that its Councillors consider is necessary to close the meeting.

In accordance with Section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the following table provides:

- (a) the matter that is to be discussed; and
- (b) an overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed.

Agenda Item	Reasons Matters to be discussed (to close the meeting under the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> )	Overview
15.1 Eromanga Natural History Museum - Lease Review	(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government	This report seeks Council's consideration to establish a new lease encompassing Lot 13 SP267595, Lot 14 SP267595, and Lot 14 SP253475, replacing the original lease dated 15 June 2017 and its subsequent amendment dated 24 July 2023. The proposed lease rectifies previous omissions and aligns the agreement with the intended scope of the Eromanga Natural History Museum (ENHM) project.
15.2 Assessment 00020-00000-000 Land - Adavale	(d.) rating concessions	Council has received correspondence from the owner of land in Adavale (Assessment 00020-00000-000) regarding rates.

**MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION****RESOLUTION NO: (QSC194-07-25)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz  
 Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council moves into closed session at 12:06 PM.

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**MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC195-07-25)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 12:09 PM.

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**15.1 EROMANGA NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM - LEASE REVIEW****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report seeks Council's consideration to establish a new lease encompassing Lot 13 SP267595, Lot 14 SP267595, and Lot 14 SP253475, replacing the original lease dated 15 June 2017 and its subsequent amendment dated 24 July 2023. The proposed lease rectifies previous omissions and aligns the agreement with the intended scope of the Eromanga Natural History Museum (ENHM) project.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC196-07-25)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council resolve to:

1. Enter into a lease with the Outback Gondwana Foundation Limited on lots 13 SP267595, Lot 14 SP267595 & 14 SP253475; and
2. Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this lease agreement.

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Council broke for lunch at 12:11 PM

Council returned from lunch at 1:37 PM

**MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC197-07-25)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council moves into closed session at 1:40 PM.

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**MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC198-07-25)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz  
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 1:58 PM.

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**15.2 ASSESSMENT 00020-00000-000 LAND - ADAVALE****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has received correspondence from the owner of land in Adavale (Assessment 00020-00000-000) regarding rates.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC199-07-25)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes  
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council:

1. That the owner make available Lot 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 87, and 88 on A2656 as vacant land by removing all infrastructure and debris located on these Lots.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the acquisition of Lot 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 87, and 88 on A2456 as vacant land; and
3. Reasonable legal and transfer costs associated with this acquisition will be borne by Council.

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**16 LATE ITEMS****16.1 ANNUAL REVIEW - F.05 PROCUREMENT POLICY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A review of the Procurement Policy has been undertaken. The purpose of this report is to present a revised Procurement Policy for Council's consideration and adoption.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC200-07-25)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic  
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council adopt the Procurement Policy.

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## 17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillors were invited to raise any matters they wished to discuss. Matters raised included:

- Cr Lyn Barnes raised concerns about a Regional Arts Services Network (RASN) update email that did not include any board representation for South West Queensland. The DCCS will follow up to determine why SWQ is not represented.
- Cr Lyn Barnes reiterated the need to begin planning for a State Government deputation in February 2026. While sitting dates have yet to be announced, preparations should commence as soon as possible
- Cr Lyn Barnes requested an update on the Bob Young Memorial Park (BYMP) consultation process. Community feedback is currently being collected online, and the Director of Infrastructure Services (DIS) will hold in-person consultation sessions at BYMP on 30 and 31 July. The DIS will then collate all feedback and present it to Council.
- Cr Lyn Barnes requested an update on the Main Street upgrades at Quilpie's eastern entrance. The Deputy Director of Infrastructure Services (DDIS) advised that the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has provided in-principle support for the plans. Designs are now being finalised in collaboration with local contractors before submission to TMR for formal approval.
- Cr Lyn Barnes requested if Council has made further contact with Diamantina Drilling, CEO advised that an email was recently sent.
- Cr Lyn Barnes reported on recent discussions with Chad Taylor of Mumblebone regarding flood relief fundraising efforts. The funds raised will be allocated to establish a 'Legacy Project' across the Bulloo and Quilpie Shires
- Cr Lyn Barnes raised concerns about the free camping site on the Bulloo River, where non self-contained campers have been leaving rubbish and potentially causing environmental damage. In response, Council will install additional signage clarifying camping requirements while reaffirming its existing policy: the site is not actively promoted (omitted from Council's materials), and visitors are first directed to private camping establishments.

## 18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday 26 August 2025 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street, Quilpie commencing at 9.30am.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2:27 PM.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting. In Accordance with the public notice of meetings published by Council, the next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 August 2025 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street, Quilpie commencing at 9.30am.