



SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday 15 October 2025
commencing at 8:00 AM
Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom
50 Brolga Street, Quilpie

Special Meeting of Council

14 October 2025

The Mayor and Council Members
Quilpie Shire Council
QUILPIE QLD 4480

Dear Members

Notice is also hereby given that the Special Meeting of the Quilpie Shire Council will be held at the Council Chambers, on **Wednesday 15 October 2025**, commencing at **8:00 AM**.

The agenda for the special meeting is attached for your information

Yours faithfully

Justin Hancock
Chief Executive Officer





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5 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

5.1 PURCHASE OF DEMONSTRATOR TANDEM AXLE HOOK TRUCK

IX: 267727

Author: Brian Weeks, Deputy Director Infrastructure Services

Authorisers: Eng Lim, Director Infrastructure Services
Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Pricing of similar vehicles
2. Allquip Offer

KEY OUTCOME

Key Outcome: 4. Strong Governance

Key Initiative: 4.5 Optimal asset management practices

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a recommendation to purchase a Demonstrator model Isuzu Twin Steer Hook Truck as part of the 2025/26 fleet replacement program.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. purchase a Demonstrator model Isuzu Twin Steer Hook Truck complete with Options from Allquip Tank Trucks Pty Ltd for \$365,035.00 including GST (\$331,850.00 excluding GST) in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012 S235(e);
2. Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) 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; and
3. Dispose of unit 2003 via auction.

BACKGROUND

On 6 July 2025, the Quilpie Shire Council (QSC) formally adopted its budget for the 2025/2026 Financial Period. The approved budget included a total allocation of \$3.676 million for plant replacement, within this allocation, funding was specifically designated for the procurement of a new Tandem Drive Hook Loader Truck to replace unit 2003.

PROCUREMENT PROCESS

Tenders were prepared to replace unit 2003, with a tandem drive hook truck. This unit will be used by the concrete and structure crew and will provide a vital back-up for the current hook truck for collection of bins at the Waste Transfer Stations.

Council received a general email from Allquip advising they had a 2025 Twin Steer Hook truck available; the Deputy Director of Infrastructure contacted the supplier to confirm the vehicle is a demonstrator model.

Research was conducted via web searches to ensure unit was proven value for money, attachments demonstrate trucks available are similar price without tray and bulbar, and significantly lower than a new build.

Suppliers	AllQuip
Truck including Options Price including GST	\$365,035.00
Truck including Options Price excluding GST	\$331,850.00
Truck Price including GST	\$317,900.00
Truck Price excluding GST	\$289,000.00
Bull Bar exc. GST	\$9,350.00
Tilt Tray exc. GST	\$17,000.00
Tarp Unit exc. GST	\$16,500.00

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Option 2

That Council

1. Resolves to not accept the purchase the Demonstrator model Isuzu Twin Steer Hook Truck Tandem in accordance with S225 (3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), and continue with procurement through Vendor Panel

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

- Acting Workshop Supervisor – Adam Wiseman
- Concrete and Structures Supervisor – Adam Rea
- Road Construction and Maintenance Supervisor – Nathan Hodgson

INTERESTED PARTIES

NA

Note: The identification of interested parties is provided on a best endeavours basis by Council Officers and may not be exhaustive

LEGISLATION / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Regulation 2012 –

Division 3 Exceptions for medium-sized and large-sized contractual arrangements

234 Exception for LGA arrangement

- (1) *A local government may enter into a contract for goods and services without first inviting written quotes or tenders if the contract is entered into under an LGA arrangement.*
- (2) *An LGA arrangement is an arrangement that—*
 - (a) *has been entered into by—*
 - (i) *LGAQ Ltd.; or Note— See section 287 of the Act.*
 - (ii) *a company (the associated company) registered under the Corporations Act, if LGAQ Ltd. is its only shareholder; and*
 - (b) *if LGAQ Ltd. or the associated company were a local government, would be either—*
 - (i) *a contract with an independent supplier entered into under section 232 by LGAQ Ltd. or the associated company; or*
 - (ii) *a contract with an independent supplier entered into under a preferred supplier arrangement under section 233.*
- (3) *An independent supplier is an entity other than a subsidiary (a relevant subsidiary) of LGAQ Ltd. or the associated company under the Corporations Act.*
- (4) *Despite subsection (2)(b), an LGA arrangement may include a contract with a relevant subsidiary from a register of pre-qualified suppliers or a preferred supplier arrangement with a relevant subsidiary if the arrangement is approved by the Minister.*

235 Other exceptions

A local government may enter into a medium-sized contractual arrangement or large-sized contractual arrangement without first inviting written quotes or tenders if—

- (a) *the local government resolves it is satisfied that there is only 1 supplier who is reasonably available; or*
- (b) *the local government resolves that, because of the specialised or confidential nature of the services that are sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for the local government to invite quotes or tenders; or*
- (c) *a genuine emergency exists; or*
- (d) *the contract is for the purchase of goods and is made by auction; or*
- (e) *the contract is for the purchase of second-hand goods; or*
- (f) *the contract is made with, or under an arrangement with, a government agency.*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulations 2012 (Qld)

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

For the 2025-2026 Financial Year, Council has allocated a total budget of \$3.676 million for plant replacement.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The purchase of this unit ensures Council maintain a modern, reliable fleet.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

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In determining the likelihood of each risk, the following ratings and definitions have been applied. In making your assessment you have to remember that some events happen once in a lifetime, other can happen almost every day. Judgement is required to determine the possibility and frequency that the specific risk is likely to occur.

Determining Consequence

In determining the consequence of each risk, the following ratings and definitions have been applied. There are five levels used to determine consequence and when considering how risks may impact on the organisation it is also important to think about the non-financial elements as well.

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After the consequence and likelihood ratings have been determined, they are combined in a matrix to determine the overall risk rating for each risk. The extent of the consequences and the extent of the likelihood risks will be assessed using a scale containing Low, Moderate, High and Extreme.

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Risks need to be evaluated and prioritised to ensure that management effort is directed towards resolution of the most significant organisational risks first. The initial step in this Risk Evaluation stage is to determine the effectiveness, and or existence of, controls in place to address the identified risks. This can lead to a decision to:

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Example: <i>Insufficient funding</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Delays to purchasing</i>	<i>C Possible</i>	<i>4 Major</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>Ensure funding approvals obtained at start of project</i>
No response to the request	Review plan, amend, repost	Delay in contract completion.	Unlikely	Minor	Medium	Purchasing a demonstrator model ensures plant is available
Value for Money	Consultation with valued staff	Delays in meeting timeline	Unlikely	Minor	Medium	Conduct evaluation and market research ensuring value for money
Conflict of interest	Conflict of interest checks/declaration in place requesting officer and evaluation team	Reputational risk, failure to act in the best interest of the entity and public sector, poor governance.	Possible	Moderate	High	Conduct all possible conflict of interest processes and procedures with documentation and sufficient records kept

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATION

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In the decision-making process, Council is to consider the 23 human rights:

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| 1. Recognition and equality before the law; | 13. Cultural rights—generally; |
| 2. Right to life; | 14. Cultural rights—Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander Peoples; |
| 3. Protection from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment; | 15. Right to liberty and security of person; |
| 4. Freedom from forced work; | 16. Humane treatment when deprived of liberty; |
| 5. Freedom of movement; | 17. Fair hearing; |
| 6. Freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief; | 18. Rights in criminal proceedings; |
| 7. Freedom of expression; | 19. Children in the criminal process; |
| 8. Peaceful assembly and freedom of association; | 20. Right not to be tried or punished more than once; |
| 9. Taking part in public life; | 21. Retrospective criminal laws; |
| 10. Property rights; | 22. Right to education; |
| 11. Privacy and reputation; | 23. Right to health services. |
| 12. Protection of families and children; | |

Consideration of the 23 human rights protected under the Human Rights Act 2019 has been undertaken as part of this decision. It has been determined that this decision does not limit human rights.



2025 Isuzu F Series FYH300-350 

\$347,990 Drive away
[\\$336,544 Excl. Govt. Charges](#)

 Hooklift & Bi Fold	 Automatic
 257 hp	 150 km

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2024 Isuzu FYJ 300-350 AUTO (8x4) 

\$346,900
[Excl. Govt. Charges](#)

 Hooklift & Bi Fold  350 hp

 Automatic

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2025 Isuzu F Series FYJ300-350 Palfinger Hook 

\$418,265
[Drive away](#)

 Hooklift & Bi Fold	 Automatic
 350 hp	 200 km

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2025 Isuzu F Series FYJ300-350 

\$398,625
[Drive away](#)

 Hooklift & Bi Fold	 Automatic
 350 hp	 200 km

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Hello Brian

Allquip's latest hooklift package isn't just powerful - it's safer, smarter, and designed with your operators in mind.

We have a **brand new 8x4 Isuzu FYH 300-350 in stock**, fitted with a **VDL SK21-6000 21T Hooklift flat load tray body** - available today at a heavily discounted price.

Unlike traditional tilt tray set-ups, the **flat load hooklift tray keeps your operators on the ground while loading and unloading**. This means:

- **No working from height** → reduced fall risks and improved compliance.
- **Greater load stability** → safer loading/unloading across job sites.
- **Easier access** → tie-down points and tapered ramp for quicker, safer operation.



Traditional Tilt Tray



Flat Load Hooklift Tray



Chassis – \$289,000 + GST

- Isuzu FYH 300-350 medium Auto
- Heavy Duty VDL SK21-6000 Hooklift (21T)
- Adjustable hook height 1425–1570mm
- In-cab joystick with display & inclinometer
- Hotshift PTO & Hella LED lighting

**Flat Load Hooklift Tray – \$17,000 + GST**

- Dimensions: 7000mm (L) x 2480mm (W)
- Weight: 1.8t | Working Load: 12.5t
- Adjustable hook height
- Tapered rear access ramp & tie-down points

Total Package: \$306,000 + GST

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6 GOVERNANCE**6.1 GROWING REGIONS PROGRAM - ROUND 2 MAJOR VARIATION****IX: 267591****Author: Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer****Authorisers: Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer****Attachments: 1. GRP Letter****KEY OUTCOME****Key Outcome:** 2. Flourishing Economy**Key Initiative:** 2.7 Provide a sought-after visitor experience and build experiential tourism**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider supporting a major variation to the Growing Regions Program - Round 2 successful application that would result in The Outback Gondwana Foundation Limited becoming the funding recipient, while Council would become the project partner and continue to provide a third-party contribution.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:

- (a) Seeks a major variation to the Growing Regions Program - Round 2 successful application, to endorse The Outback Gondwana Foundation Limited becoming the funding recipient, while Council would become the project partner; and
- (b) Confirm a cash contribution of up to \$3,000,000 towards Stage 3 to support the successful application which will include six galleries, featuring a state-of-the-art Grand Dinosaur Gallery and associated amenities, all designed with a versatile, multi-purpose approach.

BACKGROUND

The Outback Gondwana Foundation (OGC) Limited and Quilpie Shire Council have a long existing relationship in the development and operation of the Eromanga Natural History Museum (ENHM). At Present, Council owns the land and affixed infrastructure located at Lot 13 on SP267595, Lot 14 on SP267595 and Lot 14 on SP253475, while The Outback Gondwana Foundation Limited hold the lease of this land and infrastructure until 30/06/2037, with options to extend.

Council and OGF have made multiple applications towards funding for Stage 3 of the ENHM. Stage 3 will include six galleries, featuring a state-of-the-art Grand Dinosaur Gallery and associated amenities, all designed with a versatile, multi-purpose approach.

The centrepiece of the Grand Dinosaur Gallery will be a scientifically accurate, 3D-printed, life-sized skeleton of 'Cooper,' valued at \$1 million. Currently in storage, the skeleton awaits the construction of the required facility. Once completed, the new building will seamlessly connect the existing visitor reception, café, and theatrette to the live viewing galleries, enhancing the overall visitor experience.

In January 2025, it was announced that QSC's application, with OGF as a project partner, towards Stage 3 under the Growing Regions Program – Round 2 was successful for the amount of \$14,813,000. As part of the application, QSC will provide a cash contribution of up to \$3,000,000, while the OGF will make a cash contribution of \$187,000.

REPORT

Following the successful announcement by the Federal Government in January 2025, negotiations took place between the State and Federal Government for the Queensland Government to administer the grant. In March 2025, Quilpie Shire and large parts of Western Queensland were significantly impacted by the Western Queensland Surface Trough Event. For Quilpie Shire, this has resulted in significant infrastructure damage to private and Council infrastructure. Council is currently forecasting a reconstruction program of roads up to \$80M, the largest in the Shire's history. Council is also administering the Exclusion Fencing Restitution Grant, estimated at \$60M. This has resulted in the Shire adopting a \$154M budget, the largest in the Shire's history. These resource constraints have identified that some projects may need to be delivered in alternative manners in order to be achieved within funding requirements. For the ENHM – Stage 3 project, it has been identified that the OGF are well placed to deliver Stage 3 in full. The OGF have extensive experience with the project, partnering with QSC to deliver Stage 2a and independently securing funding and delivering stage 2b of the museum.

In questioning the Department if a change in Recipient would be possible, the following questions were answered:

1) *Will Council's financial contribution of \$3M remain? Council have budgeted for and are committed to contributing \$3M towards the delivery of Stage 3 of the Project in line with the applications scope of works.*

2) *Is The Outback Gondwana Foundation Limited a qualifying organisation? The OGF are a registered charity and are an eligible applicant under the program guidelines <https://www.acnc.gov.au/charity/charities/e2d6a097-39af-e811-a961-000d3ad24182/profile>*

3) *Will the lease remain in place for the delivery of the project – The Lease will remain in place (as previously provided) for the length of delivery of this project.*

4) *Does The Outback Gondwana Foundation Limited have the financial capacity to deliver this project? The OGF board have indicated that they have the capacity and prior experience in delivering large projects of this nature. Council will also ensure that the financial contribution up to \$3M will be provided in milestones to ensure that adequate cash flow mechanisms are in place to support the delivery of the project.*

Following this, the Department requested official correspondence from the OGF supporting the above. At a general meeting held on 22 September 2025, the Board of Directors of OGF formally moved and carried the following resolution:

“The Outback Gondwana Foundation Ltd agrees to become the lead applicant and grant recipient for the Growing Regions Program (Round 2) funding grant for the Eromanga Natural History Museum Stage 3 project.”

On 7 October 2025, Council was requested to provide the following:

(a) *A letter from Quilpie Shire Council confirming that they agree for the funding to be transferred to the Outback Gondwana Foundation.*

(b) *The reason for the change in funding Recipient at this stage of the project and any potential impacts this could have on the project, including project activities, timeframes and completion within the program timeframe.*

(c) *Potential benefits to the project to support the change of funding Recipient.*

Providing Council endorse the recommendation, it is intended that a letter be sent to the Department, officially endorsing that The Outback Gondwana Foundation Ltd become the lead applicant and grant recipient for the Growing Regions Program (Round 2) funding grant for the Eromanga Natural History Museum Stage 3 project and Council remain a project partner with a financial contribution up to \$3,000,000.

The reason behind the request to change recipients is a result of the 2025 Western Queensland Surface Trough Event, the largest flood in the Shire's history and has resulted in a restitution bill estimating \$140M. The scope of Stage 3 will remain unchanged and will include six galleries, featuring a state-of-the-art Grand Dinosaur Gallery and associated amenities, all designed with a versatile, multi-purpose approach. Project timelines will need to be negotiated between the OGF and State if this transfer occurs as part of the funding agreement, however Council is confident and will support OGF to ensure the project is completed within the program timeframe.

OGF are well resourced and experience in delivering the ENHM project to date. During Stage 2A, the OGF team were part of the project working group that was responsible for delivering the project, on time and on budget. With this experience, the OGF were successful in obtaining funding for Stage 2B, which was delivered in full, from design to construction, by the OGF. The OGF's experience and intimate industry knowledge has established proven relationships which will support the delivery, while Council remains committed in financially supporting the project, up to \$3,000,000.

OPTIONS

Option 1 – Recommended

1. That Council:

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- (b) Confirm a cash contribution of up to \$3,000,000 towards Stage 3 to support the successful application which will include six galleries, featuring a state-of-the-art Grand Dinosaur Gallery and associated amenities, all designed with a versatile, multi-purpose approach.

Option 2

1. That Council does not support a major variation to the Growing Regions Program - Round 2 successful application.

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

The Outback Gondwana Foundation Limited

Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning

INTERESTED PARTIES

The Outback Gondwana Foundation Limited

Note: The identification of interested parties is provided on a best endeavours basis by Council Officers and may not be exhaustive

LEGISLATION / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Council have previously resolved and have included a cash contribution of up to \$3M towards Stage 3 which will include six galleries, featuring a state-of-the-art Grand Dinosaur Gallery and associated amenities, all designed with a versatile, multi-purpose approach. Council will need to enter into a consortium agreement with the OGF which will outline how the funds are to be spent and drawn down when milestones are achieved throughout the project.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This request is made in accordance with the Growing Regions Program Round 2 – Program Guidelines. Council is satisfied that all of the guidelines requirements can be maintained with the transfer of the grant to The Outback Gondwana Foundation Limited. If the variation request is approved, the OGF will be accountable for entering into a funding agreement to deliver the project.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council have previously resolved and committed in the 2025/26 budget, a cash contribution of up to \$3,000,000 towards Stage 3. This would be paid directly to The Outback Gondwana Foundation Limited. The milestones and payment terms of this funding will be included in the joint consortium arrangement.

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Project Execution Delays	Seeking a major variation to expedite the process	Delays in delivering the project on time	Possible	Moderate	High	Endorse the major variation to the Growing Regions Program - Round 2 successful application, to endorse The Outback Gondwana Foundation Limited becoming the funding recipient,

						while Council would become the project partner.
Project delivery delays	Project plan and scope in funding arrangement.	Delay in completion and potential cost escalations	Possible	Moderate	High	OGF to enter into a detailed scope and milestones for project completion.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATION

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6. Freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief;
7. Freedom of expression;
8. Peaceful assembly and freedom of association;
9. Taking part in public life;
10. Property rights;
11. Privacy and reputation;
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Consideration of the 23 human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019* has been undertaken as part of this decision. It has been determined that this decision does not limit human rights.

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Re: Growing Regions Program – Round 2 Major Variation
Transfer of Grant Recipient to The Outback Gondwana Foundation Limited

Quilpie Shire Council thanks you for your email of 7 October 2025 requesting clarification on the proposed variation to transfer the Growing Regions Program – Round 2 grant to The Outback Gondwana Foundation Limited (OGF). Please find our formal responses below.

(a) Confirmation of Agreement

Quilpie Shire Council confirms it agrees that the OGF become the lead applicant and grant recipient for the Eromanga Natural History Museum (ENHM) Stage 3 funding of \$14,813,000 under the Growing Regions Program – Round 2. Council remains committed as a project partner, providing up to \$3,000,000 in cash contributions in milestone payments to ensure adequate project cash flow. We note the OGF Board resolution of 22 September 2025, formally agreeing to assume lead-applicant and recipient responsibilities. **Council resolution XXXX** on 15 October 2025 also support this proposal.

(b) Reason for Change and Potential Impacts

The 2025 Western Queensland Surface Trough Event has imposed unprecedented repair demands—approximately \$140 million in flood restitution across the Shire—and required Quilpie Shire Council to reprioritise workforce and budget resources towards critical infrastructure restoration. Concurrently, the OGF has demonstrated specialist capability in exhibition development and operations through successful delivery of ENHM Stages 2A and 2B. Transferring the grant aligns responsibilities with expertise, with minimal impact on project activities or timelines. The scope remains unchanged—six galleries with a flagship Grand Dinosaur Gallery housing ‘Cooper’—and we will work with the Department and OGF to confirm any minor adjustments required to meet the **30 June 2027 completion date**.

(c) Potential Benefits to the Project

- Exhibition and cultural programming delivered by a dedicated specialist entity
- Enhanced ability to secure matching philanthropic, sponsorship, and in-kind support
- Proven project delivery track record from OGF on prior museum stages
- Stronger stakeholder and tourism network engagement under OGF stewardship
- Reduced delivery risk for Council, allowing focus on community recovery priorities
- Long-term sustainability through OGF’s site lease (until 30 June 2037, with extensions)

These benefits will optimise visitor experience, extend community and economic outcomes, and secure the museum's viability beyond construction.

The development of the ENHM project over many years has supported private economic investment throughout the Shire, with the development in two new farm stay experiences and a number of small businesses supported by the visitation growth as a result of the ENHM development.

Thank you for considering this major variation request. Should you require further documentation or clarification, please contact Chief Executive Officer, Justin Hancock, on (07) 4656 0500 or via ceo@quilpie.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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7 LATE ITEMS