



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Tuesday 16 September 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, 16 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 9.30**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 1:00 pm.

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), Ms Lisa Hamlyn (Director Corporate and Community), Mr Eng Lim (Director Infrastructure Services), and Ms Callie Dabovich (Secretariat).

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Nil

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.

Information required	Legislation	Declaration
Agenda item number	s254C (for notice of meetings and agendas for councillors and committee members).	12.1
Agenda item description	<i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>	COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE APPLICATION - ST FINBARR'S SCHOOL
Declaring councillor	Chapter 5B (Councillors' conflicts of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	Cr Ben Hall
Person with the interest <i>Close associate</i>	s150EJ (for Prescribed conflict of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	
<i>Related party</i>	s150EP (for Declarable conflict of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	
<i>Other relationship</i>	s150EN (Declarable conflict of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	
Particulars of interest	s150EL (for Prescribed conflict of interest) s150EQ (for Declarable conflict of interest) - <i>Related party (s150EQ (4)(b))</i> - <i>Gift or loan (s150EQ (4)(c))</i> - <i>Other (s150EQ (4)(a))</i> <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	A declarable conflict of interest is recorded pursuant to section 150EQ(4)(a) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (another interest). The interest is characterised by Cr Ben Hall's familial relationship with his mother, Lorraine Hall, who is listed as a contributing financial donor on the grant application from Saint Finbarr's and is an advocate for its success.

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Type of conflict	Part 2 – s150EG, s150EH and s150EI (for Prescribed conflict of interest) Particular gifts or loans (s150EG) Sponsored travel or hospitality benefits (s150EH) Other (s150EI) Part 3 – s150EN (for Declarable conflict of interest) Local Government Act 2009	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	s150EM (2) (for Prescribed conflict of interest) - Must leave s150ES (2) (for Declarable conflict of interest) – Voluntarily leave Or s150ES (1)-(6), excluding (2) – Council decision Local Government Act 2009	Cr Benjamin Hall declared a declarable conflict of interest in this matter. Pursuant to section 150ES of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> , Cr Hall elected to leave the meeting during its consideration. Cr Hall departed the meeting at 2:48 PM and was absent for the discussion and vote on RESOLUTION NO: QSC210-09-25. He returned to the meeting at 2:51 PM following the decision on the item.

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6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2025

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC201-09-25)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 August 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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7 ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

8 MAYORAL REPORT

September 2025 meetings and official attendances

Place the number 1 to record your attendance

Details	Date	Location	Hall	Volz	Barnes	Lander	Milosevic
Ordinary Meeting of Council (deferred to the 28th August)	27 August 2025	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	1
Ordinary Meeting of Council	28 August 2025	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	1
Councillor Briefing Session	2 September 2025	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	1
Andrew Chesterman update phone call	3 September 2025	Chambers	1				
SWQROC EDAC meeting	4 September 2025	Zoom	1				
Deputy Director Candidate: Financial Review and Q&A	5 September 2025	Boardroom	1				
Meeting with SWQROC & Office of Minister Watt	10 September 2025	Zoom	1				
Insurance in Rural and Regional Queensland Roundtable	11 September 2025	Charleville	1	1			
Quilpie District Show Opening	13 September 2025	Quilpie	1	1	1		

9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Nil

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 August 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: (QSC202-09-25)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

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Justin Hancock left the meeting 1:32 PM
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10.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORTS**10.2.1 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.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC203-09-25)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

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10.2.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report outlines key activities and outcomes for the Corporate and Community Services portfolio in August/September 2025. Highlights include strong participation in health and wellbeing programs, proactive management of a critical NDIS service gap, and progress on major initiatives like the Thriving Kids program and Exclusion Fence Recovery. Key challenges being managed include the ongoing community recovery from flooding, particularly around insurance and contractor availability.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC204-09-25)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

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10.2.3 TOURISM STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the activities and initiatives of the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) and Tourism operations during the period of January to March 2025.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC205-09-25)

Moved: Cr Tony Lander
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

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Lisa Hamlyn left the meeting 2:08 PM
Lisa Hamlyn returned to the meeting 2:11 PM

10.3 FINANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

10.3.1 FINANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC206-09-25)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

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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.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC207-09-25)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

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10.4.2 HUMAN RESOURCES STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of key Human Resources achievements and ongoing initiatives for the reporting period. Significant progress has been made on the implementation of the ELMO software system, the Employer Branding Project, and the annual wage increase process. Key focus areas for the next quarter include the completion of system implementation, the launch of new branding assets, and the delivery of scheduled leadership and technical training.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC208-09-25)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

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11 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

11.1 RFQL11 25-26 BITUMEN RESEALS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends that Council award the contract for RFQL11 25-26 Bitumen Reseals. The program completes outstanding resealing works from the 2024–25 financial year, which were postponed due to major flooding events.

The works will be conducted at multiple sites across the shire to improve road durability, increase safety for motorists, and prolong the service life of road infrastructure.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC209-09-25)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Subject to successful negotiation on the final terms and conditions, award RFQL 11 25-26 Bitumen Reseals to Austek Spray Seal Pty Ltd for an amount of \$391,557.05 including GST (\$355,960.95 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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At 2:48 pm, Mayor Ben Hall left the meeting.

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12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

12.1 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE APPLICATION - ST FINBARR'S SCHOOL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

St Finbarr's School has applied for a \$2,000 Community Assistance grant. The school will combine this with \$2,000 of its own funds to purchase a \$4,000 piano.

The piano will be a permanent asset for the school, supporting the Performing Arts Program. It will provide all students with access to a quality instrument and create an opportunity for students in years 4 to 6 to take piano lessons.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC210-09-25)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council:

1. Approves the Community Assistance Grant application received from St Finbarr's School for \$2,000 toward the purchase of a piano for the Performing Arts Program.

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At 2:51 pm, Cr Milan Milosevic returned to the meeting.

At 2:51 pm, Mayor Ben Hall returned to the meeting.

13 FINANCE

13.1 FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT MONTH ENDED 31 AUGUST 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* (Qld) for the period ended 31 August 2025.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC211-09-25)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council receive and note the Monthly Finance Report for the period ending 31 August 2025.

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14 GOVERNANCE

Nil

15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

16 LATE ITEMS**17 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

Cr Lyn Barnes queried the progress as to the street scape works, in particular the bougainvillea in front of the pool. DIS Eng Lim provided an update.

Cr Lyn Barnes queried the progress of a planned State Parliament Visit in early 2026. CEO Justin Hancock advised that a councillor briefing is scheduled for October to progress the planning.

Cr Lyn Barnes queried the progress as to the installation of additional Australian flags along Brolga Street, a suggestion originally proposed by former Councillor Paulsen during the General Business segment of the 19 September 2023 Ordinary Meeting and modelled on displays seen in Moab, USA. DIS Eng Lim consulted with TMR and Ergon Energy about the installation of flag poles in median strip or on footpath and awaiting a formal response.

Cr Lyn Barnes put forward that Council fly the Australian flag during all events at Bulloo Park.

Cr Roger Volz queried if Telstra has been in contact in regards to the power and subsequent communications outage on 6 September 2025. CEO Justin Hancock advised that a meeting is scheduled for 7 October 2025.

18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday 28 October 2025 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street, Quilpie commencing at 9.30 am.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3:05 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 28 October 2025 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street, Quilpie commencing at 9.30am.