

OUR SHIRE, OUR NEWS

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HONOURING THE PAST, BUILDING THE FUTURE: BOB YOUNG PARK PLANS FINALISED



The future of Bob Young Memorial Park is taking shape, inspired by its past and designed by its community. Quilpie Shire Council is proud to announce the unanimous endorsement of the redevelopment plan, marking a major milestone for this beloved space on Brogla Street.

This hasn't been a top-down design, but a grassroots creation. We listened, and you delivered. Through a dedicated consultation period, we heard from 72 community members via online surveys, emails, and in-person conversations at the park.

Your input was instrumental in refining the vision. The final design directly incorporates the community's practical ideas, including key enhancements like:

- A curved high screen backdrop for added privacy and focus.
- An inviting entry archway.
- The use of locally recommended plant species to better suit our environment.

With the community's feedback incorporated and funding secured through the Works for Queensland program, the project will now proceed to the tender phase. Construction is scheduled to begin after ANZAC Day 2026, respectfully honouring the park's significance as a place of remembrance.

Thank you to everyone who participated. Your contribution has been vital in creating a design that has ensured Bob Young Memorial Park will continue to be a cherished part of Quilpie's story.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It's been an extraordinary year so far — I think we can all agree on that. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our communities for their resilience and for rising to every challenge.

With so many people going above and beyond, Australia Day nominations should be plentiful this year. It's up to you to nominate those you feel are deserving of this honour. Please help us capture and champion these outstanding people in our community.

Recently we had a visit from MP Brent Mickelberg, Minister for Transport, who announced the Crisafulli government's support of a \$19 million funding package for the South Comongin bridge upgrade. This is a huge win for the Shire, as this project has been on the agenda for more than 30 years. This critical linkage to the south of our shire and beyond will assist in growing our economy and liveability well into the future.

We've also secured \$11 million to redevelop our Quilpie airstrip pavement, expand our Avgas facility, and develop the private hangar precinct. This welcome project will support our growing avionics industry with facility capacity for future growth.

Roads, as always, are of the utmost importance and are being assessed and repaired at our fullest capacity. As we can all appreciate, there isn't a piece of road infrastructure unaffected by the March flood event. The process - from assessment and damage submission for funding, to grant approval, tendering, and construction - all takes time. But I can assure you our teams are working tirelessly, and we are ahead of schedule as reported to me by many departments. My commendation to those many hands.

How can you help? Easy - please ensure we have your correct contact details if you live on a rural road, so we can engage with you about upcoming road projects in your area.

The pools in Quilpie and Eromanga have finally opened and we appreciate the communities' patience while this issue was rectified, thankfully the weather remained cool for most of the closure. The facilities in Eromanga and Quilpie are beautiful and I encourage people to engage with the activities on offer, there is something for all ages.

Recently councillors Volz, Barnes, Lander and I attended the Local Government Annual Conference held at the Gold Coast. This was a great opportunity to network and refresh our outlook on what's happening and what's working for ours and other councils. Seeing and discussing concepts and innovations that could assist our communities, we also shared solutions to issues and built our resources and connections. This ensures we can draw upon other councils that have lived experience with a particular issue or project development.

Alongside the 77 councils and nearly 1,000 delegates were many vendors showcasing solutions to common issues. One notable trend was surveillance, including smart streetlighting and cameras. It is alarming to see the extensive resources being poured into crime and vandalism prevention. These solutions are not cheap; they come at a direct cost to council and ratepayers for installation and maintenance. This strips huge portions from budgets—funds that should be spent on those who appreciate their community.

Time and time again, colleagues and Ministers say to me, 'How lucky you are to have such a low crime rate,' and 'Nothing happens in Quilpie.' Unfortunately, I have to concede that we too have experienced an uptick in our statistics over the past 12 months.

So, I'm taking this opportunity to appeal to our communities: don't wait for it to get bad. If you see something, report it. No matter how insignificant it may seem, it could be part of a bigger issue. Please use the resources available:

- **000 for Emergencies**
- **Policelink 131 444**
- **Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 for non-urgent criminal activity.**

We don't want cameras; we have a community.

As we wind up the year and prepare for Christmas it's a good time to encourage all to support local businesses when shopping for those thoughtful presents. I don't think I have ever seen our retailers so well stocked with gift ideas and with the expansion of the gym in 2026 we can prepare for our New Years resolutions by covering our tables with the many lashings of food available from our food vendors over the festive season.

Thank you all for being outstanding and understanding.

Cheers,
Ben Hall.

READY, SET, SPLASH!

QUILPIE POOL REOPENS WITH MAJOR UPGRADE

The wait is over! The Quilpie Memorial Swimming Pool has had a major upgrade and is now better than ever, ready for you to dive into the summer season.

Council is proud to announce the completion of this essential project, which focused on a state-of-the-art new filtration and chlorination system. This means safer, cleaner, and clearer water for everyone who enjoys our pool.

This upgrade was a carefully planned process that began in early 2025. After a competitive tender process, we appointed a contractor and worked strategically to secure key equipment like pumps and filters, navigating long supply chain lead times to ensure the project stayed on track for its September completion.

The hands-on work in August saw our contractor on site to install the new equipment, including the advanced OSEC chlorination units, new pumps, and filters. The project also included practical improvements like a new air conditioning unit for the plant room. The final step was thorough testing and comprehensive training for our dedicated pool staff to ensure everything runs smoothly.

This investment means a more efficient and reliable pool for our community, underscoring Council's commitment to maintaining top-notch facilities.

A huge thank you to our Council staff, the contractors, and especially to Alina from All About Aquatics, whose tireless dedication and hard work in running the pool made this seamless upgrade possible.

Your sparkling new pool is ready for you! We can't wait to see you there making a splash.

FOR POOL HOURS AND MORE INFO:

- **Check:** Quilpie Shire Council website
- **Call:** (07) 4656 1201
- **Email:** quilpie@allaboutaquatics.com.au



QUILPIE STATE COLLEGE ACHIEVES REMARKABLE NATIONAL AND STATE RECOGNITION

Quilpie State College has earned impressive recognition, ranking 3rd among Queensland's best government secondary schools and being placed 44th in Australia's Top 100 Public High Schools and ranking 3rd among Queensland's best government secondary schools.

These results come from comprehensive analysis of over 1,320 public high schools across Australia, assessing five key areas of educational excellence: academic performance, student attendance, student-teacher ratio, school resources, and socio-educational advantage.

These rankings highlight the tremendous work being done by Quilpie State College's students, teachers, and staff, supported by our strong community. Achieving such outstanding results against schools from across the nation demonstrates that quality education thrives in regional Queensland.

Please join us in congratulating Quilpie State College on this wonderful achievement and recognition of their commitment to educational excellence.

Source: The Courier-Mail, *Australia's top 100 public high schools: Queensland's best government secondary schools ranked*

MEDIA RELEASE

Mayor Welcomes \$155,000 Solar Energy Upgrade For Quilpie

Thursday, 27 November 2025



Quilpie Shire Mayor Ben Hall has welcomed the Australian Government's announcement of a \$77,081 grant through the Community Energy Upgrades Fund, which Council will match to deliver a \$155,000 solar energy upgrade for Quilpie.

The funding, announced by Minister for Climate Change and Energy the Honourable Chris Bowen MP, will see solar systems installed at the Quilpie Swimming Pool, Bulloo Park and the Council Administration Centre, improving energy efficiency and reducing long-term operating costs.

"This is a strong outcome for our shire," Mayor Hall said. "With estimated annual electricity savings of around \$52,000, Council's contribution will be fully recovered in under two years. From there, the savings flow directly back to our ratepayers."

Mayor Hall said the project supports Council's focus on reducing operational costs while strengthening long-term sustainability.

"These facilities are central to our community, and lowering their running costs means we can reinvest more into services and infrastructure," he said. "This upgrade is a smart, responsible step forward for Quilpie Shire."

"We thank the Australian Government for supporting regional communities like ours," Mayor Hall added. "This investment helps ensure we remain resilient, efficient and future-focused."

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Australia Day 2026



CELEBRATE OUR LOCAL LEGENDS

**NOMINATE NOW FOR THE 2026
AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS**

**Do you know someone who makes our community
a better place?**

**Recognise their hard work, dedication and
community spirit by nominating them for a Quilpie
Shire Council Australia Day Award!**

AWARD CATEGORIES

- **Citizen of the Year**
- **Community Group of the Year**
- **Certificate of Appreciation**

**Scan to nominate
or**

**Forms are also available at the QSC
Administration office or on the QSC Website
WWW.Quilpie.qld.gov.au**

Nominations Close - Monday 19th January 2026



TOOMPINE AIRSTRIP UPGRADE TAKES OFF: A MORE SECURE AND SAFER RUNWAY

Quilpie Shire Council is pleased to announce the successful securing of \$102,250 in funding under the Australian Government's Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program (RAUP) - Round 11. This funding, matched by Council contribution, will deliver a major safety upgrade to the Toompine Airstrip.

The project will install approximately 3,000 metres of robust, 1.8-metre-high perimeter fencing and a new 8.5-metre-wide double gate. This directly addresses the serious risk of wildlife strikes from kangaroos, wild dogs, and feral pigs on the currently unfenced runway.

Key benefits for our community include:

- **Enhanced Emergency Service Safety:** Creating a safer, more reliable airstrip for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS), especially for critical after-hours aeromedical evacuations.
- **Reliable Access During Floods:** Ensuring a vital link for emergency and recovery efforts when flash flooding isolates the community by road.
- **Support for Essential Services:** Bolstering the transport of medical supplies and health professionals.
- **Strengthened Regional Resilience:** Upgrading critical infrastructure to help our communities withstand and recover from disasters.

Subject to the finalisation of the funding agreement, works are anticipated to commence in November 2025, with project completion expected by October 2026.

Council extends its gratitude to the Australian Government for this vital investment in community safety for the Toompine community and the wider region.

For more information, contact Council's Director of Infrastructure Services, Eng Lim, on (07) 4656 0568.

COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY 2025: WHAT YOU TOLD US

A big thank you to every resident who shared their voice in this year's Community Satisfaction Survey. Your feedback is essential in helping guide our Shire's future.

The results are in, and they paint a clear picture of our community's views.

WHAT WE'RE DOING WELL

The report shows strong appreciation for several key services. You gave top marks to our waste collection services, library, and the swimming pool. It's great to know these services are valued.

WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOU

The survey also highlighted where our community wants to see focus. The number one priority you identified is the condition and safety of our local roads and footpaths.

Additionally, many of you expressed a strong desire for more facilities and activities for youth in our community.

This report gives us a clear, community-driven roadmap. We are now analysing these findings in detail to help inform our planning and priorities for the year ahead.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR VOICE

Thank you again for your honesty and for helping to guide our direction. We are committed to acting on this feedback and will continue to report on our progress through our website and future newsletters.

The full [Quilpie Shire Council Community Satisfaction Report](#) is available to view on the Council website.

CLUB INITIATIVE SECURES MAJOR UPGRADE FOR QUILPIE BOWLS

The Quilpie Bowls Club has taken a major step forward for its members, successfully funding and installing a new state-of-the-art electronic shade structure over the green.

Spearheaded entirely by the Club, the project was made possible by a successful \$350,113.12 (excluding GST) grant application to the Queensland Government's Minor Infrastructure and Inclusive Facilities Fund. This direct achievement ensures players and spectators can now enjoy the sport in greater comfort, protected from the western sun.

The new structure is a testament to the Club's dedication to enhancing its facilities and promoting the sport. By creating a more inviting environment, the Quilpie Bowls Club strengthens its role as a key destination for social activity and regional competition.

Congratulations to the Quilpie Bowls Club on seeing this project through from a successful grant application to a brilliant new addition for the community. We can't wait to see the local and regional tournaments that will flourish under this new shade.



QUILPIE SHIRE LEADERS CHAMPION REGIONAL QUEENSLAND AT STATE CONFERENCE



Our Quilpie Shire Councillors and CEO have returned from the 129th Annual Conference of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) on the Gold Coast. Themed “Pathways to Liveability,” the conference was a vital opportunity to connect with peers, share strategies, and ensure our region’s voice is heard at the state level.

While the setting was the coast, the focus was firmly on issues that matter to all Queenslanders, with significant attention on the unique opportunities and challenges faced by regional and remote councils like ours.

Here are some key takeaways that directly benefit Quilpie Shire:

1. ADVANCING OUR STRATEGIC FREIGHT CORRIDOR

A key focus was the Roads and Transport Forum, attended by the Hon. Brent Mickelberg MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads.

We used this platform to build on the recent state funding for the South Comongin Crossing upgrade. Our advocacy now focuses on the final, critical piece: sealing the Adavale-Blackall Road.

Quilpie Shire’s proposed Western Inland Freight Route aligns perfectly with state priorities by:

- Enhancing Disaster Resilience: Providing a reliable, all-weather alternative when coastal networks close.
- Promoting Sustainable Infrastructure: Creating a more efficient supply chain that reduces travel distances and emissions.
- Driving Economic Growth: Ensuring faster, more reliable market access for our regional industries.

Our advocacy will continue to secure a state commitment to this high-impact project.

Click [here](#) to view Quilpie Shire’s vision for a resilient inland freight network.

2. A UNIFIED VOICE FOR REGIONAL COUNCILS

The conference featured a dedicated Rural and Remote Councils forum, where we worked with peers to ensure our collective needs remain a key part of the state-wide conversation.

3. ENHANCING OUR COMMUNITY’S PROVEN RESILIENCE

Sessions on disaster management provided timely, real-world strategies following our recent flood event. This new knowledge will directly enhance our work to strengthen local infrastructure and disaster plans, ensuring we continue to safeguard our community with the most advanced approaches.

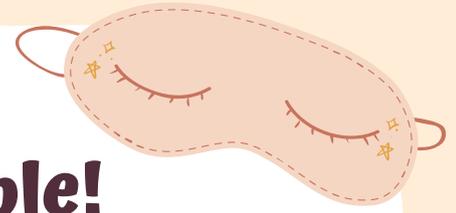
4. THE POWER OF COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS

A major theme was finding smarter, more efficient ways to deliver services. This reinforces our own efforts, such as the collaborative green waste management project with neighbouring shires, which aims to share infrastructure and resources for the benefit of our entire region.

BRINGING IT ALL HOME TO QUILPIE

Attending the LGAQ conference is a crucial investment in our Shire’s future. The connections made and ideas shared provide us with practical strategies and powerful partnerships to advocate for you more effectively and continue building a liveable, prosperous, and resilient Quilpie.

We returned energised and equipped with fresh perspectives to tackle our unique challenges and seize new opportunities.



New Service Available!

Home Sleep Studies - Available Locally

Do you snore? Feel tired during the day?
Suspect you might have sleep apnoea?

You can access a home sleep study locally
through Vital Health.

TO BOOK:

**Visit your GP to discuss a referral
Once your referral is received, Vital
Health will contact you to arrange a
study.**

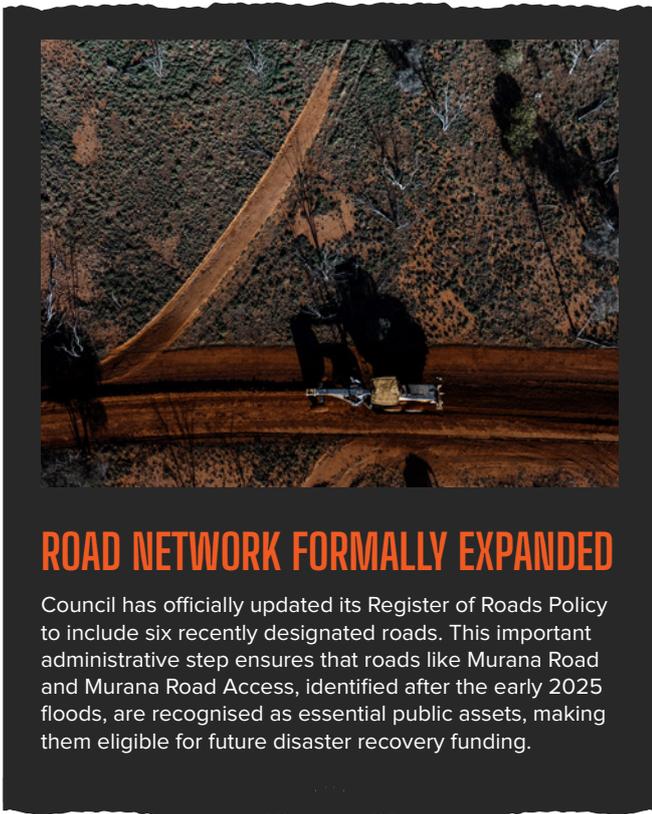


For more information, call:

Vital Health Charleville: 07 3556 9455

Emma Lunney, Community Services Coordinator:
4656 0500

YOUR COUNCIL IN ACTION: NOVEMBER UPDATE



ROAD NETWORK FORMALLY EXPANDED

Council has officially updated its Register of Roads Policy to include six recently designated roads. This important administrative step ensures that roads like Murana Road and Murana Road Access, identified after the early 2025 floods, are recognised as essential public assets, making them eligible for future disaster recovery funding.

EXTRA ROAD SEALING APPROVED TO BEAT FUNDING DEADLINE

To make the most of a time-sensitive funding opportunity, Council has approved a contract variation for additional bitumen resealing works. Using savings from another project and remaining funds from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, extra sealing will be completed on Kyabra Road and Adavale Black Road. This proactive move ensures the work is finished before the funding expires on 31 December 2025.

MAJOR FLOOD RECOVERY WORKS CONTINUE

Two substantial contracts for flood recovery have been awarded to APV Contracting Pty Ltd. These projects, "Flood Damage Quilpie Screening – Part 3" (\$2.2 million) and "Part 4" (\$1.81 million), involve crucial material preparation at various pit locations to support the ongoing reconstruction of the shire's flood-damaged road network.

NEW SUPPLIERS ADDED TO COUNCIL PANEL

Council has updated its pre-qualified supplier panel for road and civil construction, approving 15 companies, including the new addition of Blackform Contracting Pty Ltd. This ensures a strong and competitive pool of local contractors for future infrastructure projects.

AMENDED BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 2025/26

Council has formally adopted an amended budget for the current financial year. The updated budget ensures it remains aligned with Council's Corporate and Operational Plans and reflects any necessary changes to its financial forecasts.

FEES UPDATED FOR PLUMBING SERVICES

A new Register of Cost-Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges was adopted, effective 24 November 2025. The update introduces new application fees for plumbing services and increases the inspection fee to ensure Council recovers the full cost of providing these services.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS: PROPERTY SALES APPROVED

During a closed session, Council made decisions on two property matters:

- Approved seeking a Ministerial Exemption to sell the Council-owned house at 57 Jabiru Street to a staff member and their spouse.
- Accepted an offer to sell the property at 66 Pegler Street for \$230,000, matching its independent market valuation.

GENERAL BUSINESS: LOCAL TOURISM SHINES ON STATE STAGE

Councillors celebrated fantastic news from the Queensland Tourism Industry Council Awards. The Quilpie Shire Visitor Information Centre won a bronze award for Visitor Information Services, marking its third consecutive year as one of the state's top tourism providers—a tremendous achievement. Local business Toogunna Plains Farmstay was also recognised as a finalist in the New Tourism Business category.



**Quilpie let's get ready!
Christmas is almost here!**



**Get your lights up for the
Christmas Lights competition!**

**Quilpie, Adavale & Eromanga town
residents judging commences 8 December**



**Rural property nomination forms to
be submitted
11 December by 5PM**

**...and don't forget to nominate a
local legend for the Australia Day
awards!**

To nominate, scan QR Code below:





BE THE PERSON WE NEED IN EMERGENCIES!

Queensland Fire Department is actively seeking interested people to join our Auxiliary Firefighter crew in Quilpie.

Auxiliary Firefighters are casual, on-call firefighters who respond to emergency situations when needed.

Our Auxiliary Firefighters respond to a wide variety of emergency incidents, including structural and environmental fires, road accident rescue, swift water rescue, technical rescue, and deliver community education, just to name a few.

As a member of the QFD team, you will be an integral part of the front-line emergency and disaster response in Queensland.

Your role is crucial to protecting Queensland's people, property, and environment from harm. You'll have the opportunity to give back to your community and get paid to make a difference.

Anyone who is currently an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident, who has held a manual C-class Driver's Licence for at least a year and is at least 18 years of age, can be an Auxiliary Firefighter.

You also need to have or be eligible for a Blue Card. We understand that everyone has different schedules, and we will work with you to make it manageable.

To find out more information contact the **Area Commander Caine Warburton** on **0428 983 560**.

Become an On-Call Paid Firefighter

**Contact your local
Fire Station**

Quilpie Fire & Rescue Station
0428 983 560

For more information

Q auxiliary firefighter

fire.qld.gov.au

FAQ: AUXILIARY FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT IN QUILPIE

ARE YOU READY TO STEP UP AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Joining the Queensland Fire Department (QFD) as an Auxiliary Firefighter is a rewarding way to help protect Quilpie while gaining valuable skills and being part of a dedicated team.

Here's everything you need to know about the role.

1. WHAT DOES AN AUXILIARY FIREFIGHTER DO?

Auxiliary Firefighters are casual, station-based firefighters who respond to emergency situations when the demand arises. As a member of our team, you will be an integral part of the front-line emergency and disaster response in Queensland.

Whether you're called to help handle a bushfire emergency, house on fire, or rescue people from a traffic crash – your role is crucial to protecting Queensland's people, property and environment from harm. You'll have the opportunity to give back to your community and earn a respected place amongst your peers.

You'll need to be able to respond when require, up for dealing with intense and sometimes confronting situations – as you negotiate a variety of emergency and non-urgent situations, including: structural and vegetation fires, road crash rescues, swift water, technical rescue and community education, just to name a few.

2. HOW MUCH TIME WILL I NEED TO COMMIT?

The role is designed to be flexible and fit around your existing work and family commitments. You'll need to:

- be available for emergency call-outs when required.
- attend regular training sessions held on Wednesday nights at 5.30pm
- participate in occasional community events or fire safety programs.

We understand that everyone has different schedules, and we'll work with you to make it manageable.

3. DO I NEED PRIOR EXPERIENCE?

No prior experience is necessary! We provide all the training you need to become a confident and capable Auxiliary firefighter. Training includes:

- firefighting techniques
- rescue operations
- emergency response procedures
- safety and equipment use



4. HAVE I GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

The role of Auxiliary Firefighter requires outstanding physical, mental and emotional strength. In responding to an emergency, your job may require:

- periods of intense and sustained physical activity
- work in confined spaces and with poor visibility
- hot and humid working environments
- wearing of breathing apparatus and protective clothing
- challenging situations, including dealing with casualties.

To ensure successful performance within these conditions, we require our Auxiliary Firefighters to possess good levels of physical fitness, dexterity and mental strength, along with a powerful commitment to their role and the community.

4. WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

Before you apply to become an Auxiliary Firefighter, you **MUST** meet the following criteria:

- manual C class driver licence held for at least 1 year OR manual medium rigid driver licence
- minimum of 18 years of age at the commencement of paid employment
- successful completion of year 10 or equivalent
- Australian/New Zealand citizen or permanent residence status
- employer's written consent to attend incidents and emergencies (where applicable).

To be considered for a role, you must live within a reasonable distance to an Auxiliary Fire Station to ensure compliance with response time targets.

5. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING?

Becoming an auxiliary firefighter offers many rewards, including:

- **Making a Difference:** Help protect your family, friends, and neighbours.
- **Learning New Skills:** Gain professional training and experience in firefighting and emergency response.
- **Being Part of a Team:** Join a supportive and close-knit group of people who share your passion for helping others.
- **Flexibility:** Auxiliary firefighting is designed to fit around your existing work or personal commitments.

6. HOW DO I APPLY OR CONTACT TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?

It's easy to get started! Here's how:

- Visit www.fire.gov.au to learn more and complete the online application form.
- Contact the **Charleville Area Commander** on **0428 983 560** if you have any questions or need assistance.

7. WHAT IF I'M NOT SURE IF THIS IS RIGHT FOR ME?

That's okay! Contact us for a chat. We're happy to answer your questions and help you decide if auxiliary firefighting is the right fit for you.

8. WHAT IS THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS LIKE?

The selection process

- Submit application form
- Aptitude/general cognitive assessments
- Physical assessments
- Interview
- Medical assessment
- Referee reports
- Criminal history check
- Psychological assessment
- Offer of employment

We will undertake a check on your criminal history. Note that past offences will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may or may not affect the success of your application.

We take the safety of children extremely seriously and having a workforce of blue card holders demonstrates to our communities that we will always strive to uphold our values and conduct ourselves at the highest standard possible.

All staff employed under the Fire Services Act 1990 are required to hold a blue card. You will need to provide evidence of either a current blue card or be eligible to apply for a blue card in applying for this position. *If you are a disqualified person or a negative notice holder, you are not eligible to apply for a blue card. Contact Blue Card Services on 1800 113 611 to discuss your eligibility options.

9. CAN I STILL APPLY IF I HAVE A FULL-TIME JOB OR OTHER COMMITMENTS?

Yes! Auxiliary firefighting is designed to be flexible. Many of our auxiliary firefighters balance the role with full-time jobs, family responsibilities, or other commitments.



South West Queensland
Primary Care Pilot



COOK + CONNECT QUILPIE

Hands on demonstration - Everyone cooks!

Cook + Connect is a relaxed, hands on program where community members come together to cook, share a meal, and build social connections.



- Thursday 11th December
- 6PM



- Quilpie Shire Hall



- Special Christmas Theme!



- **Bring the kids! Supervised Kids Corner!**

Children can decorate Christmas treats or make decorations for the dinner table



- **Book now for this free event!**
Scan the QR Code



- **For more information, contact:**
Emma Lunney
Community Services Coordinator
4656 0500
emmal@quilpie.qld.gov.au



IN BRIEF

NBN

This is an important reminder that most existing copper landline phone and internet services in Quilpie will be disconnected in 5 months. The nbn network is replacing most existing landline and internet networks across Australia with impacted services currently scheduled to be switched off from **10 April 2026**. nbn strongly recommend you contact your current phone and internet provider as soon as possible to find out if your services are impacted. You can also find out more at nbn.com.au/switchoff

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR SEVERE WEATHER AND BUSHFIRES?

With the warmer months upon us, now is the time to ensure you're prepared for severe weather such as flash flooding as well as bushfires. It's important to understand your risk, prepare a household emergency plan and pack an emergency kit. Visit the [Emergency Event Disaster Dashboard](#).

GET READY FOR A FESTIVE SHOWCASE! CHRISTMAS IN THE GALLERY RETURNS

The Quilpie Visitor Centre is thrilled to announce the return of our annual holiday market, **Christmas in the Gallery**, at the Quilpie Shire Gallery!

This event is a celebration of creativity, community, and all things handmade. We are now calling on all local makers, artists, and crafters to be a part of the magic! Whether you create sewn items, festive décor, wooden crafts, handcrafted jewellery, delicious treats, or other unique goods, we'd love to showcase your work.

The market will officially open on **Saturday, 22nd November** with a special celebration featuring food stalls, activities, and live music for the morning.

Interested in being a stallholder?

If you would like to sell your goods in the gallery or host a food stall for the opening day, please contact the Visitor Centre on **(07) 4656 0540** or email tourism@quilpie.qld.gov.au

Don't miss your chance to be part of this festive community highlight.

NOMINATE NOW FOR 2026 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Help us celebrate the people who make our community great by nominating someone for a Quilpie Shire Council Australia Day Award.

The awards recognise those who have made an outstanding contribution to our Shire in 2025. The categories are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Community Group of the Year
- Certificate of Appreciation



GET READY FOR MOSQUITO AND MIDGE SEASON

Warmer weather brings an increase in mosquitoes and biting midges. Quilpie Shire Council encourages all residents to take simple steps to protect themselves and reduce breeding sites around the home.

Protect Yourself from Bites

- Use insect repellent.
- Wear long, loose-fitting, and light-coloured clothing.
- Avoid being outdoors at dawn and dusk when midges and mosquitoes are most active.

Protect Your Home

- Treat flyscreens with a UV-stable insecticide surface spray.
- Ensure windows and doors have fine-mesh flyscreens.
- Use fans to increase air movement, as midge and mosquito activity greatly reduces in wind speeds over 6-8 km/hour.
- Increase light and air movement around dark and damp areas, both inside and outside the home.
- Use insect sprays, coils, or plug-in repellents indoors.
- Keep lawns closely mowed and trim back vegetation around the house.
- Check screens and seals on rainwater tanks.

Eliminate Breeding Sites

The most effective control is to remove standing water where mosquitoes and midges breed. Tip out any water from containers, pot plant saucers, and other items around your property.

More information on mosquitos and biting midges is available on the [Queensland Health website](#).

How to Nominate:

Nominations must be made on the official Quilpie Shire Council Australia Day Award Nomination Form 2026, which requires detailed responses to the selection criteria.

Nomination forms are available from the Quilpie Shire Council office or can be downloaded from the council website at www.quilpie.qld.gov.au.

Completed forms must be submitted by **12:00 pm Monday, 19 January 2026**. Please mark your submission "Confidential – Australia Day Awards" and send it via:

- **Email:** admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au
- **Post:** PO Box 57, Quilpie QLD 4480

The award recipients will be announced at our Australia Day Connect & Celebrate community event at Bulloo Park on the evening of **Friday, 23 January 2026**.

For any enquiries, please contact Quilpie Shire Council on (07) 4656 0500.

Rural properties can enter one or both of the following categories:

- **Rural Property Entry / Mailbox Display**
- **Christmas Wonderland** (the Shire-wide major prize)

How to Enter:

To nominate your property, you must complete the official **Quilpie Shire Council Christmas Lights Rural Nomination Form**. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the council website at www.quilpie.qld.gov.au.

Please send your completed submission via:

- **Email:** admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au
- **Post:** PO Box 57, Quilpie QLD 4480

Nominations and photos must be submitted by **5:00 pm on Tuesday, 9 December 2025**.

The winner will be announced at the Quilpie Combined Businesses Town Christmas Party on **Friday, 12 December 2025**.

ENTER THE RURAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION!

Calling all rural residents! It's time to deck your gates, and mailboxes for the Quilpie Shire Council Christmas Lights Display Competition.

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FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER
WINNERS DRAW

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WHY QUILPIE?

Because life's better where community and purpose come together. Big skies, good people, and work that really means something.

In Quilpie you'll catch up for coffee with people who depend on our services, and you'll celebrate alongside everyone who turns out for the events. So, join us and discover a career that grows with you, grounded in community and purpose.

Be part of something bigger: grow, connect, and create impact.

WHY QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL?

Because:

- Its your life to live.
- Its your community to build.
- Its your career to grow.

Here's to Quilpie. Here's to you.

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Small council. **Big plans.**
Join us and make your mark.

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Multi-Skilled Plant Operator (Roller)



2



Your hands. Your **heart.**
Right where it matters **most.**

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Labourers *Town Services*

3



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Strengthen your **town.**

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Sunday, 7 Dec, Eromanga Hall, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Monday, 8 Dec, Toompine Hall, 10:30 – 12:30 PM
Tuesday, 9 Dec, Adavale Hall, 10:30 – 12:30 PM
Tuesday, 9 Dec, Quilpie Hall, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

All materials provided free
BYO drinks and nibbles

Maximum 20 Participants. RSVP to avoid disappointment...

✉ **Email:** tracc_swhhs@health.qld.gov.au

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Virtual Reality Games
 Tues 5 Dec @ 2:30
 Fri 8 Dec @ 2:30
 Tues 16 Jan @ 2:30
 Thurs 18 Jan @ 2:30

BOOKINGS
 ESSENTIAL



Lego Build & Code
 Wed 13 Dec @ 2:30
 Wed 20 Dec @ 2:30
 Tues 9 Jan @ 2:30
 Thurs 11 Jan @ 2:30

BOOKINGS
 ESSENTIAL



Coding with Awbie
 Thurs 7 Dec @ 2:30
 Thurs 14 Dec @ 2:30
 Wed 10 Jan @ 2:30
 Wed 17 Jan @ 2:30

Please note children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult when they visit the library.



Rural Libraries Queensland
 your local library network



December 4, 2023
 - January 19, 2024

QUILPIE LIBRARY SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

For more information or to make a booking, call 4656 0550



Stamped Wrapping Paper
 Wed 6 Dec @ 10:30
 & Wed 13 Dec @ 10:30

ALL AGES



Origami Animals
 Tues 9 Jan @ 10:30



6+

Crystal Name Art
 Tues 16 Jan @ 10:30



6+

BOOKINGS
 ESSENTIAL



Christmas Ornaments
 Thurs 7 Dec @ 10:30
 & Thurs 14 Dec @ 10:30

ALL AGES



Watercolour Pictures
 Wed 10 Jan @ 10:30



8+

Specdrums Musical Rings
 Wed 17 Jan @ 10:30



8+

BOOKINGS
 ESSENTIAL



Christmas Cards
 Fri 8 Dec @ 10:30
 & Thurs 21 Dec @ 10:30

ALL AGES



Dinosaur Models
 Thurs 11 Jan @ 10:30



8+

BOOKINGS
 ESSENTIAL

Woven Wall Art
 Thurs 18 Jan @ 10:30



10+

BOOKINGS
 ESSENTIAL

Polymer Clay Earrings
 Tues 12 Dec @ 10:30

BOOKINGS
 ESSENTIAL



8+

Dancing Santas & Elves
 Tues 19 Dec @ 10:30



ALL AGES

Movie - Smallfoot
 Fri 12 Jan @ 2:00



ALL AGES

Cards & Board Games
 Fri 19 Jan @ 2:30



8+

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Council will be taking a Christmas break between **Monday 22nd Dec, reopening Monday 5th Jan 2026**



2026 Ordinary Meetings of Council

09:30 AM - Council Chambers – 50 Broлга Street, Quilpie QLD 4480
 Dates and times are subject to change, in which case a public notice will be issued.

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Ordinary Meeting of Council

2026 EVENTS



Does your community group or local organisation have an amazing event planned for 2026? Send your date claimers and information to tourism@quilpie.qld.gov.au ASAP to be included in our events calendar and access free advertising.



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