



ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday 17 February 2026
commencing at 9:30 AM
Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom
50 Brolga Street, Quilpie

Ordinary Meeting of Council

10 February 2026

The Mayor and Council Members
Quilpie Shire Council
QUILPIE QLD 4480

Dear Members

Notice is hereby given that a Pre Meeting Briefing will be held in the Council Boardroom, on **Tuesday 17 February 2026**, commencing at **8.30 am**.

Notice is also hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of the Quilpie Shire Council will be held at the Council Chambers, on **Tuesday 17 February 2026**, commencing at **9:30 AM**.

The agenda for the ordinary meeting is attached for your information

Yours faithfully

Justin Hancock
Chief Executive Officer





ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA

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6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2026

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Author: Callie Dabovich, Executive Officer

Authorisers: Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 January 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 January 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Thursday 29 January 2026

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom
50 Brolga Street, Quilpie



**MINUTES OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL BOARDROOM, 50 BROLGA STREET, QUILPIE
ON THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY 2026 AT 9:30 AM**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 10:18 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), Ms Lisa Hamlyn (Director Community and Business Development), Mr Eng Lim (Director Infrastructure Services), Ms Sharon Frank (Director of Corporate Services), and Ms Callie Dabovich (Secretariat).

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Council extended formal condolences to the families of: Thelma Lander; Cathy Thompson; Scott Tweed; and Alice Pegler.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2025**

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC001-01-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 December 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	17.12.25	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	1
SWQROC Regional Transition Strategy	18.12.25	Online	1				
Council Workshop - Australia Day Awards	12.01.26	Boardroom	1	1			1
Community Consultation - Powerhouse	21.01.26	Quilpie		1			
Premier Crisafulli and Hon Ann Leahy MP Visit	22.01.26	Quilpie	1	1			1
Australia Day Ceremony - Bulloo Park	23.01.26	Quilpie	1	1			1

9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Cr Roger Volz acknowledged Council for organising transport support for recent funeral services, including travel to Windorah, Eromanga and Charleville. He also commented on the Australia Day Awards for Quilpie Shire and acknowledged comments made by Premier Crisafulli during his recent visit regarding Quilpie's display of Australian flags for Australia Day. Cr Volz further commented on community consultation relating to the Quilpie Powerhouse Museum, noting that the building is not viable in its current form.

10 OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORTS**10.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS****10.1.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES STATUS REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report outlines the key activities and achievements of the Infrastructure Services Directorate for December 2025. It summarises the progress of major infrastructure projects, routine maintenance across the Shire, and the continuing delivery of flood-damage restoration works. Council operations have largely returned to business-as-usual.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC002-01-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

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10.2 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORTS

Nil

10.3 CORPORATE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS**10.3.1 CORPORATE SERVICE STATUS REPORT - DECEMBER 2025****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is to provide Council with an update on Corporate Services for the month of December 2025.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC003-01-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

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10.4 OFFICE OF THE CEO STATUS REPORTS

10.4.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report updates Council on key activities within the Chief Executive Officer's portfolio for the month of December 2025.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC004-01-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

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11 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

11.1 RFQL 26 25-25 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE 2025 AWD LARGE WHEELS BACKHOE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends awarding a contract for the supply and delivery of one 2025 AWD, Large Wheeled Backhoe under Council's 2025/26 Fleet Replacement Program. The procurement was conducted through the Local Buy prequalified supplier panel. From three conforming submissions, Construction Equipment Australia submitted the most advantageous offer, achieving the highest overall score and presenting the best value for money.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC005-01-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Award tender RFQL 26 25-26 – Supply and Delivery of one 2025 AWD Large Wheeled Backhoe including Auto Grease System to Construction Equipment Australia for a total of \$343,800.00 including GST (\$312,545.45 excluding GST);
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, under section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), to negotiate, finalise and execute all matters associated with the project and contract, including any approved options or variations in accordance with Council's procurement requirements.
3. Dispose of unit 116 via auction.

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11.2 COLLABORATION BETWEEN RMIT UNIVERSITY AND QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL -

UPDATE**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek Quilpie Shire Council's ("Council") consideration to become a joint collaborator with Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University in their grant resubmission under the Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Project.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC006-01-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council

1. Agrees to act as a joint collaborator with RMIT University in their grant application under the Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Project by providing a letter of support for RMIT University's resubmission of the ARC Linkage Project grant application in March 2026 and that Council allocates \$10,000 per year in the upcoming financial year (FY26/27) and the following two financial years, should the application be successful.

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11.3 PRIORITISATION STRATEGY FOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ON HIGHER ORDER RURAL ROADS - UPDATE**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on the community consultation and technical assessment undertaken on several higher-order rural roads, following the August 2025 Council report. It presents the outcomes of the application of a prioritisation framework designed to provide a consistent, evidence-based, and replicable methodology for assessing and ranking road improvement projects across the shire.

The framework combines technical assessment, cost analysis, and targeted engagement with residents and stakeholders located along the identified routes, ensuring local knowledge and concerns inform decision-making. Using this methodology, preliminary priority rankings have been established for multiple roads, including Kyabra Road, Ingeberry Road, Congie Road, Tobermory Road, Cheepie Adavale Road, Big Creek Road, Wareo Road, and Old Charleville Road. Two prioritised locations on Kyabra Road have already been completed.

Council is requested to endorse the proposed priority list for future works, note that a second and final round of engagement will be undertaken with property owners along certain roads, and direct the Chief Executive Officer to apply the same prioritisation framework to other Council roads, reporting back in a future Council meeting.

This approach ensures transparent, equitable, and strategic allocation of resources while enhancing the resilience, safety, and functionality of the rural road network.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC007-01-26)

Moved: Cr Tony Lander
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Note the completion of two prioritised locations on Kyabra Road;

2. Note the overall priority list for various locations on Ingeberry Road, Congie Road and Tobermory Road;
3. Endorse the undertaking of a second and final round of engagement with property owners adjacent to Old Charleville Road, Cheepie Adavale Road, Big Creek Road and Wareo Road; and
4. Endorse the application of the same prioritisation framework to other Council roads and request that officers report the outcomes to Council at a future Council Meeting.

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The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:57 am and resumed at 12:35 pm, at which time Mwewa Chisenga, Deputy Director, Corporate Services, entered the meeting.

12 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Nil

13 CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1 FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT MONTH ENDED 31 DECEMBER 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 December 2025.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC008-01-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

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

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Mwewa Chisenga, Deputy Director, Corporate Services, left the meeting at 12:47 pm.

13.2 REQUEST TO PURCHASE A PORTION OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND - LOT 3 SP258470

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a request from Emily Landsberg, owner of Lot 2 Murana Road, to purchase a portion of vacant Council-owned land (Lot 3 SP258470) to secure long-term access to her property and support potential development.

Two options were proposed by the applicant:

- Alternative 1: Approximately five (5) acres, flexible in size and shape.
- Alternative 2: Approximately one (1) acre, mirroring the size and shape of the applicant's existing lot.

Lot 3 SP258470 is in the final design stage for a truck stop and retains space for future development. To minimise impact on Council's planning objectives, it is recommended that Council dispose of the smaller portion (Alternative 2, 1 acre).

The disposal would occur at market value, with costs associated with survey, valuation, and conveyancing to be borne by the applicant.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC009-01-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

1. That in accordance with section 236(1)(c)(iv) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to dispose of a portion of Lot 3 on SP258470 at market value to the applicant noting there is not another person who owns other adjoining land (approximately 1 acre / alternative 2);
2. The market value be determined by a valuer registered under the Valuers Registration Act 1992; and
3. The applicant must pay Council for all associated costs including:
 - (a) Survey costs;
 - (b) Market valuation; and
 - (c) Council's conveyancing/legal costs for the sale.

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13.3 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT - COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROCESS**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for Council to commence the process of amending the Quilpie Shire Planning Scheme 2018 in accordance with funding obtained under Pathway 1 of the State Government's Scheme Supply Fund.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC010-01-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council resolve to undertake an amendment to the Quilpie Shire Planning Scheme 2018.

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13.4 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.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC011-01-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council adopt the Procurement Policy.

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14 OFFICE OF THE CEO

14.1 COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION 2026/27

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is for Council to consider the Local Government Remuneration Commission determination of the levels of remuneration for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor of Queensland local governments to apply from 1 July 2026.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC012-01-26)

Moved: Cr Tony Lander

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

1. Endorse the recommendation of the Local Government Remuneration Commission to apply from 1 July 2026 as follows:
 - (a) Mayor - \$128,509
 - (b) Deputy Mayor - \$74,139
 - (c) Councillor - \$64,253.

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15 LATE ITEMS

15.1 2025/26 OPERATIONAL PLAN - QUARTER 2 PROGRESS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents Council with the Quarter 2 Progress Report on the implementation of the 2025–26 Operational Plan. The Operational Plan outlines the one-year actions required to deliver the strategic goals set in the Corporate Plan 2022–2027.

The report provides a summary of activities, performance indicators, and achievements for the first half of the financial year, highlighting progress against planned actions. No significant issues or deviations from the approved Operational Plan have been identified.

Council's consideration of this report ensures statutory compliance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), section 174(3), which requires quarterly reporting on the implementation of the Operational Plan.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC013-01-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council receive the Quarter 2 Progress Report on the implementation of the 2025/26 Operational Plan and note that an update will be provided at the February 2026 Ordinary Meeting.

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15.2 PURCHASE OF 6 SEAT ATV AND TRAILER FOR QUILPIE SES**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report seeks Council approval to award a contract for the supply and delivery of one 2025 six-seater all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and trailer under Council's 2025/26 Fleet Replacement Program.

The unit will be funded through an SES Grant and provided to the local State Emergency Service (SES) Group to support search and rescue operations and emergency response activities.

Following a competitive quotation process and evaluation, the assessment panel recommends awarding the contract to JP Motorcycles for a total value of \$38,123.95 including GST.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC014-01-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council:

1. Award the supply and delivery of one 2025 6-seater ATV and Trailer to JP Motorcycles for a total of \$38,123.95 including GST (\$34,658.14 excluding GST); and
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, under section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), to negotiate, finalise and execute all matters associated with the project and contract, including any approved options or variations in accordance with Council's procurement requirements.

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Corey Richards, Deputy Director, Community and Business Development, entered the meeting at 1:33 pm.

15.3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provided information to Council on various activities and programs pertaining to various activities and programmes that are facilitated within the Community and Business Development portfolio.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC015-01-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

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Corey Richards, Deputy Director, Community and Business Development, left the meeting at 1:50 pm.

15.4 PEST AND LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT STATUS REPORTS**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides Council with an operational update on activities delivered through the Pest and Livestock Management Coordinator's portfolio for the reporting period.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC016-01-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

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Cr Lyn Barnes left the meeting at 1:59 pm and returned at 2:02 pm.

15.5 RFQL27 25-26 FLOOD DAMAGE TRINIDAD ROAD PKG

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends awarding RFQL 27 25–26 – Flood Damage Trinidad Road Package to APV Contracting Pty Ltd.

The project involves reconstruction works to sections of Trinidad Road damaged during the West Queensland Surface Trough event and associated rainfall and flooding between 21 March and 19 May 2025.

Two conforming submissions were received from prequalified suppliers. Following evaluation, APV Contracting Pty Ltd achieved the highest weighted score and submitted the most advantageous offer to Council, demonstrating value for money and proven capability

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC017-01-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Award RFQL 27 25-26 Flood Damage Trinidad Road Pkg to APV Contracting Pty Ltd for an amount of \$3,311,064.25 including GST (\$3,010,058.41 excluding GST); and
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to s. 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), to negotiate, finalise, and execute all matters related to this contract, including any options or variations, in accordance with Council's procurement policy

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CEO Justin Hancock left the meeting at 2:05 pm and returned at 2:07 pm.

15.6 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

December was a vibrant and productive month for the Community and Business Development team, highlighted by strong community participation across key events and initiatives. These included the Combined Business Christmas Street Party, Christmas Lights Competition, the Buy Local Christmas Campaign, the Seniors Program Christmas Luncheon, and a range of other engagement activities.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC018-01-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

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15.7 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION - ALL ABOUT AQUATICS, GLOBAL WATER SAFETY AND DROWNING PREVENTION ROTARY CLUB

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Global Water Safety and Drowning Prevention organisation, in partnership with the Rotary Club and All About Aquatics, submitted a Community Grant application in December 2025 seeking support for a Water Safety and Swimming Camp held from 3–5 January 2026, as well as a SWIM Squad Development Course held on 6 January 2026. As the application was inadvertently not included for consideration at the December Council meeting, retrospective assessment and determination are now requested at the January meeting.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC019-01-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Note the late submission of the Community Assistance Grant application from The Global Water Safety and Drowning Prevention organisation, in partnership with the Rotary Club and All About Aquatics, and the oversight of its inclusion in the December 2025 Council Meeting Agenda; and
2. Approve, on this occasion, a retrospective Community Assistance Grant of \$5,000 to The Global Water Safety and Drowning Prevention organisation, in partnership with the Rotary Club and All About Aquatics to support the cost of Grant “Scooter’ Patterson’s attendance and other costs associated with the Water and Safety Swimming Camp and SWIM Squad Development Course.

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15.8 SELECTIVE INSPECTION PROGRAM (AMENDMENT) - 1 MARCH 2026 TO 31 MAY 2026**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report seeks Council approval to amend resolution QSC259-12-25, adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 December 2025, to revise the scheduled dates for the 2026 Selective Inspection Program and to confirm the statutory basis for conducting the program.

The amended Selective Inspection Program will operate from 1 March 2026 to 31 May 2026. Public notice of the program will be given in accordance with section 134 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC020-01-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council resolve:

1. To approve the amendment to the scheduled 2026 Selective Inspection program under *section 113(1) of the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, enabling authorised officers to enter selected properties to monitor compliance with the Act and conduct a Selective Inspection Program for dogs only.

2. That the purpose of the program, in accordance with *section 113 (5)(a)* of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* is to ensure compliance with registration obligations for dogs and regulated animal provisions under *Chapter 3* and *Chapter 4* of the Act.
3. That the program commences on 1 March 2026 and concludes on 31 May 2026, as per *section 113 (5)(b)* of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*.
4. That inspections may occur within the townships of Quilpie, Eromanga and Adavale in accordance with *section 113 (5)(c)* of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, where authorised officers have a reasonable belief that unregistered and / or regulated dogs may be present.
5. That in accordance with *section 114* of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, public notice of the program be given via local media, Council' website and social media platforms at least 14 days and no more than 28 days before the program's commencement.
6. That upon identification of an unregistered dog or non-compliance with regulated animal provisions, Authorised Officers issue advisory notices that provide 14 days for compliance and if compliance is not achieved, infringement notices will be issued.

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16 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
16.1 Sale of Housing to Council Employees	(h.) other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage	<p>This report seeks a under Section 236(1)(f) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> (Qld) to dispose of a valuable non-current asset other than by tender or auction to a staff member and their spouse as it is in the public interest and in accordance with the sound contracting principles.</p> <p>A previous exemption was granted for the sale to the staff member alone. Formal advice received by Council on 6 November 2025 confirmed that a new exemption</p>

		<p>is legally required to include the spouse on the title. A new resolution was adopted on 19 November 2025 and correspondence submitted to the Department on 20 November 2025, however changes to the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld) took effect on 12 December 2012 which resulted in the request becoming invalid.</p> <p>The report recommends the disposal at no less than the independent market valuation, ensuring compliance with the legislation and supporting Council's objectives for staff retention and strategic asset management.</p>
16.2 Adavale Options Discussion Paper Consultation Results	(e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government	This report presents the results of the public consultation undertaken on the Adavale Options Discussion Paper and associated research.
16.3 Acquisition of land for overdue rates and charges	(h.) other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage	The process for the acquisition of land for overdue rates and charges on Lots 71 and 80 on CP A2456 and L603 on A2451 has resulted in the land being acquired and transferred to Council. This report is to discharge the overdue rates on these properties in accordance with Section 151 2(a) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> .
16.4 Quarter 2 Budget Review 2025/26	(c) the local government's budget	This report presents an Amended Budget for 2025/26 for Council's consideration and adoption.
16.5 RFQL20 25-26 Reconstruction of Sealed Roads Pkg - Update	(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	<p>The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of the previously awarded RFQL 20 (2025–26) – Flood Damage Sealed Road Reconstruction: Package 1. The report also outlines proposed variations that will enable faster and more efficient delivery of additional Council projects and flood damage restoration works approved by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA).</p> <p>Council approval is sought to progress these works in accordance with the options presented in this report.</p>
16.6 Growing Regions Program - Round 2 Progress	(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or	This report seeks Council's consideration of options to progress a successful Growing Regions Program

	formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State	<p>– Round 2 funding allocation for Stage 3 of the Eromanga Natural History Museum.</p> <p>While funding approval has been secured, finalisation of delivery and governance arrangements is required before the funding agreement can be executed. This report presents options to enable the project to proceed and to mitigate the risk of delay.</p> <p>Council direction is required to confirm a pathway forward and allow timely progression of the project.</p>
16.7 RFQL19 25-26 Blackall Adavale Seal - Variation	(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	<p>This report updates Council on the previously awarded RFQL19 25-26 Blackall Adavale Seal to RPQ Spray Seal Pty Ltd and outlines opportunities arising from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) Phase 4. The report seeks Council approval for contract variations that will enable additional sealing works on Adavale Black Road using remaining LRCIP funding.</p> <p>Using RPQ with their ongoing planned works in Adavale will enable Council to complete the additional sealing works before the LRCIP4 funding deadline of 28 February 2026 and improve future flood resilience.</p>

Cr Milan Milosevic left the meeting at 2:34 pm.

MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC021-01-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council moves into closed session at 2:35 pm.

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Cr Milan Milosevic returned to the meeting at 2:37 pm.

Justin Hancock, CEO, left the meeting at 3:49 pm and returned at 3:50 pm.

Mwewa Chisenga, Deputy Director, Corporate Services, entered the meeting at 3:49 pm

Mwewa Chisenga, Deputy Director, Corporate Services, left the meeting at 4:24 pm.

MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC022-01-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 4:57 pm.

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16.1 SALE OF HOUSING TO COUNCIL EMPLOYEES**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report seeks a under Section 236(1)(f) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)* to dispose of a valuable non-current asset other than by tender or auction to a staff member and their spouse as it is in the public interest and in accordance with the sound contracting principles.

A previous exemption was granted for the sale to the staff member alone. Formal advice received by Council on 6 November 2025 confirmed that a new exemption is legally required to include the spouse on the title. A new resolution was adopted on 19 November 2025 and correspondence submitted to the Department on 20 November 2025, however changes to the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld) took effect on 12 December 2012 which resulted in the request becoming invalid.

The report recommends the disposal at no less than the independent market valuation, ensuring compliance with the legislation and supporting Council's objectives for staff retention and strategic asset management.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC023-01-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

- 1) Dispose of 57 Jabiru Street, Quilpie (519 Q6801) to Mr Adam Rea (employee) and Ms Kaitlin Maree Thomas (spouse) offered for no less than an independent valuation of the property under s. 236(1)(f) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld);
- 2) Consider the disposal in the public interest in retaining Council staff as the property is currently tenanted by the purchaser and disposing of the asset at no less than an independent valuation satisfies the sound contracting principles;
- 3) notify the Minister of the decision within five business days of making a resolution; and
- 4) leave an eight-week cooling-off period between the resolution and the disposal occurring.

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16.2 ADAVALE OPTIONS DISCUSSION PAPER CONSULTATION RESULTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the results of the public consultation undertaken on the Adavale Options Discussion Paper and associated research.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC024-01-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Accept the Adavale Township Future Options Report with Option 2 - retrofit and improve flood resilience as the preferred option;
 2. Write to the State Government to seek the establishment of a new Resilient Homes Funding Package;
 3. Write to the State Government to seek an extension of time for the Community Recovery and Resilience Officer and Community Recovery Rebuild Support Officer funding until December 2027; and
 4. Write to the State Government to seek funding for a comprehensive flood study of the Bulloo River system, including Adavale and Quilpie.
 5. Write to the State Government to seek the establishment of a new Voluntary Vacant Land Buy-Back program for the acquisition of vacant land impacted by floodwaters in the 2025 Western Queensland Surface Trough.
1. Subject to the completion of the comprehensive flood study, Council identify options for land that is not subject to flooding.
 2. Release the results of the Adavale Township Future Options Report.

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16.3 ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The process for the acquisition of land for overdue rates and charges on Lots 71 and 80 on CP A2456 and L603 on A2451 has resulted in the land being acquired and transferred to Council. This report is to discharge the overdue rates on these properties in accordance with Section 151 2(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC025-01-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council discharge the overdue rates and charges on land acquired by Council as per Section 150 2(a) of *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

- a) Lots 71 and 80 on CP A2456 (Assessment No: 00059-00000-000), and
 - b) L603 on A2451 (Assessment No: 00088-00000-000).
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16.4 QUARTER 2 BUDGET REVIEW 2025/26

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents an Amended Budget for 2025/26 for Council's consideration and adoption.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC026-01-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

1. Note that the budget has been prepared on an accrual basis and is consistent with Council's adopted Corporate Plan 2022-2027 and Operational Plan 2025/26.
2. Approve the 2025/26 budget amendments (operational and capital) outlined in the report.
3. Approve the revised financial statements for the 2025/26 budget amendments and the following report attachments:
 - (a) Revised Budget Financial Statements (Financial Position, Cash Flow, Income and Expenditure and Changes in Equity) - 2025/26 and the next two years
 - (b) Revised Long Term Financial Forecast - 2025/26 and the next nine (9) financial years
 - (c) Revised Measures of Financial Sustainability for 2025/26 and the next nine (9) financial years (Ratios)
 - (d) Revenue Policy 2025/26
 - (e) Revenue Statement 2025/26
 - (f) Revised Total Value of Change in Rates and Charges.
4. Include the Amended Budget 2025/26 document on Council's website.

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16.5 RFQL20 25-26 RECONSTRUCTION OF SEALED ROADS PKG - UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of the previously awarded RFQL 20 (2025–26) – Flood Damage Sealed Road Reconstruction: Package 1. The report also outlines proposed variations that will enable faster and more efficient delivery of additional Council projects and flood damage restoration works approved by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA).

Council approval is sought to progress these works in accordance with the options presented in this report.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC027-01-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council accept the following variations under the current RFQL20 25–26 contract with Stabilcorp Pty Ltd;

1. A variation of \$180,443.20 including GST (\$164,039.27 excluding GST) to deliver the works on the following locations:
 - a. Eromanga Dump Road (CH16-275);
 - b. Patricia Park Road (CH9-134); and
 - c. Adavale Bore Road (CH3-33) as per the QRA-approved submission (reference QSC.0100.2425T.REC) .
2. A variation of \$105,079.28 including GST (\$95,526.62 excluding GST), for the stabilisation and bitumen sealing components of the floodways at the following locations:
 - a. Ingeberry Road (CH 53.76, CH 54.68, CH 55.8, CH 57.55, CH 60.22);
 - b. Tobermory Road (CH 18.66, CH 18.7, CH18.76, CH 47.19, CH 76.79); and
 - c. Congie Road (CH 27.96, CH 54.68, CH 23.42).
3. A variation of \$15,308.00 including GST (\$13,916.36 excluding GST), for the stabilisation and bitumen sealing components of the floodways at the following locations:
 - a. Ray Road (CH 8.03 and CH 12.86).
4. Delegate authority 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 project and contract, including without limitation, any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement policy.

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16.6 GROWING REGIONS PROGRAM - ROUND 2 PROGRESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's consideration of options to progress a successful Growing Regions Program – Round 2 funding allocation for Stage 3 of the Eromanga Natural History Museum.

While funding approval has been secured, finalisation of delivery and governance arrangements is required before the funding agreement can be executed. This report presents options to enable the project to proceed and to mitigate the risk of delay.

Council direction is required to confirm a pathway forward and allow timely progression of the project.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC028-01-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council:

1. Seek a minor variation to progress the Growing Regions Program - Round 2 funding allocation for Stage 3 Eromanga Natural History Museum without the Outback Gondwana Foundation Limited as a project partner; and
2. Delegate authority 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 funding agreement.

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16.7 RFQL19 25-26 BLACKALL ADAVALE SEAL - VARIATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report updates Council on the previously awarded RFQL19 25-26 Blackall Adavale Seal to RPQ Spray Seal Pty Ltd and outlines opportunities arising from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) Phase 4. The report seeks Council approval for contract variations that will enable additional sealing works on Adavale Black Road using remaining LRCIP funding.

Using RPQ with their ongoing planned works in Adavale will enable Council to complete the additional sealing works before the LRCIP4 funding deadline of 28 February 2026 and improve future flood resilience.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC029-01-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council approve a contract variation of \$225,064.19 including GST (\$204,603.81 excluding GST) with RPQ Spray Seal Pty Ltd under contract RFQL19 25-26 to undertake sealing works on Adavale Black Road (chainage 7.6 to 11.1) funded by LRCIP4.

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17 GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Councillor Milan Milosevic queried whether Council has developed any plans to update the existing public toilets in Toompine. The Director, Community and Business Development, advised that Council intends to undertake a masterplan for Toompine in the future and that further public consultation will be required.

Councillor Roger Volz brought to Council's attention uneven road surfaces at a number of intersections within the Quilpie township, associated with the location of water mains beneath the roadway. Director of Infrastructure Services to investigate.

Councillor Roger Volz brought to Council's attention that watering of John Waugh Oval was occurring in the afternoon, which prevented use of the oval, and suggested that watering be undertaken at an alternative time. Councillor Volz further suggested that during periods of extreme summer heat, night-time watering may improve water conservation and soil penetration. Director of Infrastructure Services advised:

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deep watering regime, consisting of watering on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, followed by four days off, to support turf and field recovery.

Councillor Roger Volz brought to Council's attention the opportunity for Council to take a proactive role in promoting the Containers for Change initiative and suggested encouraging community groups to collect eligible containers at Council community events to support fundraising and reduce containers sent to landfill.

Councillor Lyn Barnes brought to Council's attention the closure of the Quilpie swimming pool during extreme heat conditions and suggested earlier opening times to allow continued community use, and referred to historical practice, stating that "in 1952 the pool never shut during this weather". The Chief Executive Officer, Justin Hancock, advised that the option of adjusting operating hours could be discussed with the pool contractor.

Councillor Lyn Barnes asked about the recent community meeting regarding cattle agisted on the Quilpie Common. The Mayor, Ben Hall, provided a summary of the discussion, outlining short-term actions, including mustering of the Common by contractors and engagement of six insured individuals, independent of Council, to process the cattle, as well as longer-term proposals put forward by community members who agist cattle on the Common.

18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday 17 February 2026 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 5:38 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 17 February 2026 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street, Quilpie commencing at 9:30 AM.

7 ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

8 MAYORAL REPORT

Nil

9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Nil

10 OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORTS

10.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

10.1.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES STATUS REPORT

IX: 272196

Author: Brian Weeks, Deputy Director Infrastructure Services

Authorisers: Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Proterra - January Report

KEY OUTCOME

Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the key activities and achievements of the Infrastructure Services Directorate for January 2026. It summarises the progress of major infrastructure projects, routine maintenance across the Shire, and the continuing delivery of flood-damage restoration works. Council operations have largely returned to business-as-usual.

ACTION ITEMS

Nil

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

General

Council crews have resumed standard operations. Road crews continue to assist with works on TMR networks as required.

Roads

- **Sealing works:** Council are currently working on additional construction works on the Adavale Black Road Ch 7.6 to 11.1Km, with sealing programmed for Late February.
- **New Lockable Road:** All Major works are completed except 1 concrete floodway still to be completed at a later date. A Road closure application has been submitted for the Old Lockable Road section.
- **Baldy Top Walking Path:** Crews have completed 90% of the Baldy Top Walking Path, the Bridges are being completed with delivery expected 23rd February.

RMPC and TIDS works

- Road crews continued the maintenance works of State controlled roads under RMPC.
- Construction crews are back constructing the next 3.5 km of TIDS-related works on Adavale–Blackall Road with sealing programmed for Late February.

Flood Damage Works

- **Council roads:** A detailed progress report for January 2026 is attached.
- **TMR roads:** Council has submitted a quotation to TMR on 8 December to undertake **REPA works** on Adavale–Blackall Road. Decision to award is expected soon.

Concrete and Structures

- **Concrete footpaths in Quilpie:** a request for quote is being prepared to outsource the construction of several new footpaths along Buln Buln Street, Quarrion Street and Chulungra Street.
- **Opalopolis and Knot-a-Saurus footpaths in Eromanga:** works commenced and will continue through March.
- **Eromanga pool:** shed is being installed by local contractor and is expected to be completed in Mid March

Council Buildings and Facilities

- **3 Boobook Street and 61 Dukamurra Street (3BR):** front fencing works have all been completed.
- **66 Galah Street, 11 and 20 Boobook Street (3BR Oly Homes):** the appointed contractor from Longreach is gearing up to commence landscaping works in early February and it is expected to complete by March 2026.
- Crews have been busy undertaking renovation works on units at Gyrica Gardens, 1/88 Quarrion St and Galah St, 6 Neal St Eromanaga

Water and Sewerage

The team continues to implement a preventative maintenance program to repair or replace assets before failure. This proactive approach is delivering positive results.

- **Sommerfield Road water main upgrade in Quilpie**
 - Works have commenced on the installation of a new water main along Winchu Street between Chipu Street and Sommerfield Road.
 - "Cutting in" to existing mains are still to be completed, crews having to spend time dealing with issues in Eromanga
 - Practical completion of the project is anticipated in March 2026.
- **Sewer Pumping Station 2 (Quarrion Street) in Quilpie**
 - Works commenced in December 2025, with rerouted plumbing, pump installation, associated pipework, and the installation of new manhole covers now completed.
 - Remaining works include installation of the electrical switchboard, construction of new Colourbond security fencing and commissioning.
 - Completion is anticipated in Late February 2026.
- **Drinking Water Quality Management Plan (DWQMP)**
 - Further to the DWQMP Review submission to the regulator via email on 1 December 2025, the draft version of the full DWQMP was submitted to the regulator on 15 January 2026 for their review.
 - The regulator is expected to review and provide feedback by late February, where they may request a few additional changes to be. This process could take another few months before the new DWQMP can be formally approved.

Town Services

In addition to routine activities such as mowing, watering, whipper-snipping, waste management, and cleaning of public amenities, the crew were heavily engaged during the Christmas period supporting a high volume of community events and functions.

Activities included venue setup and pack-down, cleaning, delivery of tables, chairs, bins, stages and BBQs, as well as facilitating one road closure. Supported several events and operations:

- Setup for Australia Day Celebrations
- Setup for 21st Birthday Party
- Various small events
- Set-up for memorial at Eromanga

Aerodromes

- **Quilpie**
 - Small pavement repairs were carried out on the runway after a storm; water penetrated the pavement into the base underneath causing a failure
- **Toompine**
 - A local contractor has been appointed to undertake the fencing works in accordance with the Remote Airports Upgrade Program (RAUP) Round 11 funding requirements.
 - Materials for the works have been ordered, and construction will commence upon delivery. The works are anticipated to be completed by early March 2026.

Fleet and Workshop

Council received the delivery of 2 new Caterpillar graders, 1 new Caterpillar Mini Excavator, and 1 new Caterpillar Roller.

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

Not applicable.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL AND REVENUE IMPLICATIONS

All activities are being delivered within Council's approved budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Risks are being managed in accordance with Council's Risk Management Policy and Framework.



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**QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL
DRFA – FLOOD RESTORATION PROJECTS**

*March 2025 event-Emergent Works Completed
March 2025-REPA Construction phase progressing*



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CONTRACT SUMMARY

Contract Number	RFQL13 24-25
Principal Representative's Delegate	PROTERRA GROUP
Project Manager	Peter Polizzi
Target Date for Practical Completion of March 2025 event works	30 June 2027
Target Date for Practical Completion of 23/24 event works	30 December 2026

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Description	Status	Percentage Completed
2025-March event works Submissions		
Emergent Works	Completed	100%
Completed submissions Sub 90,76	Completed	100%
QSC.0071;72;73;74;75;76;77;78;79;80;81;82;83;84;85;86;88 and QSC.0090.2425	Approved	16%
QSC.0102,0103, and QSC.0106	Waiting for approval	50%

Event date	Percent Complete	Estimated Final Cost
4 January 2024	74%	\$12,852,077.00
March 2025	16%	\$80,000,000.00



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FINANCIAL DISCUSSION

All funds for submissions approved by QRA have had the required upfront funds transferred to QSC.

For the November 2024 event, several roads were rolled over and reassessed, with the work being completed under current contracts as agreed with QRA. Costs to date on those submissions are being claimed in full from QRA.

VARIATIONS / SCOPE CHANGES

Stabilcorp Variations as per Council resolution FD V1,V2,V4,V7,(Council Var V5 V6,V8,) as per table below 6.2

PROGRAM

Following the March 2025 weather event, Proterra Group has progressed well with assessments across the network, and this section of the work is now complete. All known damages have been claimed under the QRA guidelines, except for the section on Adavale Charleville Rd Ch75.000 that remains inaccessible due to ongoing flooding. Plans are in progress to get testing conducted to ascertain damage and the way forward.

Notably Adavale Black Road, gravel works around Adavale and Napoleon Road are completed while construction has started on several roads, reconstructing damaged sections, including Old Charleville Road.

Several screening packages have also been issued under contract for the preparation of material for all the works. As this material becomes available, physical works will commence after a tender process.

PROCUREMENT

6.1 UPCOMING TENDERS

- RFQL23 25-26 Flood Damage Ambathala Road Pkg is out too tender and closes 16th Jan 2026, this should be awarded 17th February.
- TBA



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6.2 TENDERS/QUOTES AWARDED- March 2025 event Works

Tender	Contractor	Value	GST	Total	Status
RFQL01 25-26 Flood Damage Adavale Black Road Pkg	Travers	\$4,210,119.66	\$463,113.16	\$4,631,131.63	Completed
RFQL04 25-26 Flood Damage-Screening tender	Tolbra Earthmoving and haulage	\$500,392.72	55,039.27	550,431.99	Completed
RFQL05 25-26 Flood Damage Patricia Park Rd Pkg	APV Contracting	\$688,129.00	\$68,812.90	\$756,941.90	Completed
RFQL14 25-26 Flood damage Old Charleville Rd Pkg	SA Travers & SL Travers	\$2,551,312.44	\$255,131.24	\$2,806,443.68	Work has commenced Completed 67%
RFQL16 25-26 Flood damage Napoleon Rd Pkg	APV Contracting	\$625,615.11	\$62,561.51	\$688,176.62	Completed
RFQL17 25-26 Flood damage Quilpie Screening-Part 1	Tolbra Earthmoving and haulage	\$1,593,037.99	\$159,303.80	\$1,752,341.02	Work has commenced Completed 12%
RFQL20 25-26 Flood damage Sealed Road reconstruction-Pkg 1	Stabilcorp Pty Ltd	\$2,020,376.64	\$202,037.66	\$2,222,414.31	Work commenced Completed %8
RFQL21 25-26 Flood Damage Quilpie Screening-Part 3	APV Contracting	\$2,003,970.37	\$200,397.04	\$2,204,367.41	Work has commenced Completed %11
RFQL22 25-26 Flood Damage Quilpie Screening-Part 4	APV Contracting	\$1,648,225.05	\$164,822.51	\$1,813,047.56	Work has commenced Completed %20
RFQL06 25-26 Flood Damage Tobermory Area Screening	APV Contracting	\$1,514,644.20	\$151,464.42	\$1,666,108.62	Work has commenced Completed %5
RFQL25 25-26 Flood Damage Canaway Downs Rd Pkg	APV Contracting	\$845,742.00	\$84,574.20	\$930,316.20	Work commenced Completed %2
RFQL27 25-26 Flood Damage Trinidad Road	APV Contracting	\$3,010,058.41	\$301,005.84	\$3,311,064.25	Work has commenced Completed %8
RFQL20 25-26 Variations 1 & 2	Stabilcorp Pty Ltd	\$510,444.30 (contract total \$2,530,820.94)	\$51,044.43	\$561,488.73	Work has not commenced yet



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Note:

denotes tenders approved on the 28 October Council Meeting,

denotes tenders approved on 19 November Council Meeting.

denotes tenders approved on 17 December Council Meeting

denotes tenders approved on 29 January Council Meeting

6.3 GRAVEL SCREENING

RFQL17 has also been awarded to Tolbra Earthmoving and Haulage, where works have commenced on Trinidad Road and is ongoing currently.

RFQL21 was awarded to APV Contracting, and work has started near Toompine.

RFQL22 was awarded to APV Contracting. Work commenced Jan 2026.

RFQL06 was awarded to APV Contracting on work commenced Jan 2026.

6.4 Road Packages

RFQL16 Napoleon Rd was awarded to APV Contracting. Works was completed in late December 2025.

RFQL14 Old Charleville Rd was awarded to SA Travers & SL Travers. Work has commenced and is still ongoing.

RFQL25 Canaway Downs Rd was awarded to APV Contracting. Work has commenced.

RFQL27 25-26 Flood Damage Trinidad Road awarded to APV Contracting. Work has not yet commenced.

RFQL20 25-26 Contract with Stabilcorp. Variation awarded 01 and Variation awarded 02

6.5 WATER ISSUES

A program is in place to signpost approved water sources that are subject to agreements between local landowners and Quilpie Shire Council (QSC).

Due to prolonged extreme heat and high evaporation rates, most package areas currently have limited to no available water.

The current works program for March 2025 will be tendered to secure access to water resources until sufficient rainfall occurs. Where water sources are unavailable, water cartage will be required as the only viable option to support the works program.



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QRA LIAISON

QRA staff have visited Quilpie several times since the March 2025 event and assisted with fast-tracking assessments and future financing of damage caused during that event.

Regional Liaison Officer (RLO) Alan Kelly had an online meeting on 22nd January 2026 with Justin Hancock CEO, Eng lim Director Infrastructure Services and Peter Polizzi from Proterra Group to discuss progress. Allan Kelly has helped fast track Submission assessment outcomes.



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Road seal package RFQL 20 25-26 Stabilcorp

Photos below show completed seal works on Old Charleville Road from Stabilcorp.



Ch 77,956



Ch 20,562



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Screening Works RFQL 17 25-26 Tolbra

Photos below show Tolbra screening on Trinidad Road, Ch 80





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RFQL25 25-26 Canaway Downs Road Package Photos below



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RFQL14 25-26 Gravel Road Pkg Old Charleville Mascott SL/SA Travers





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RFQL06 25-26 Screening Pkg APV Bowallie-Tobermory Road Ch 12.



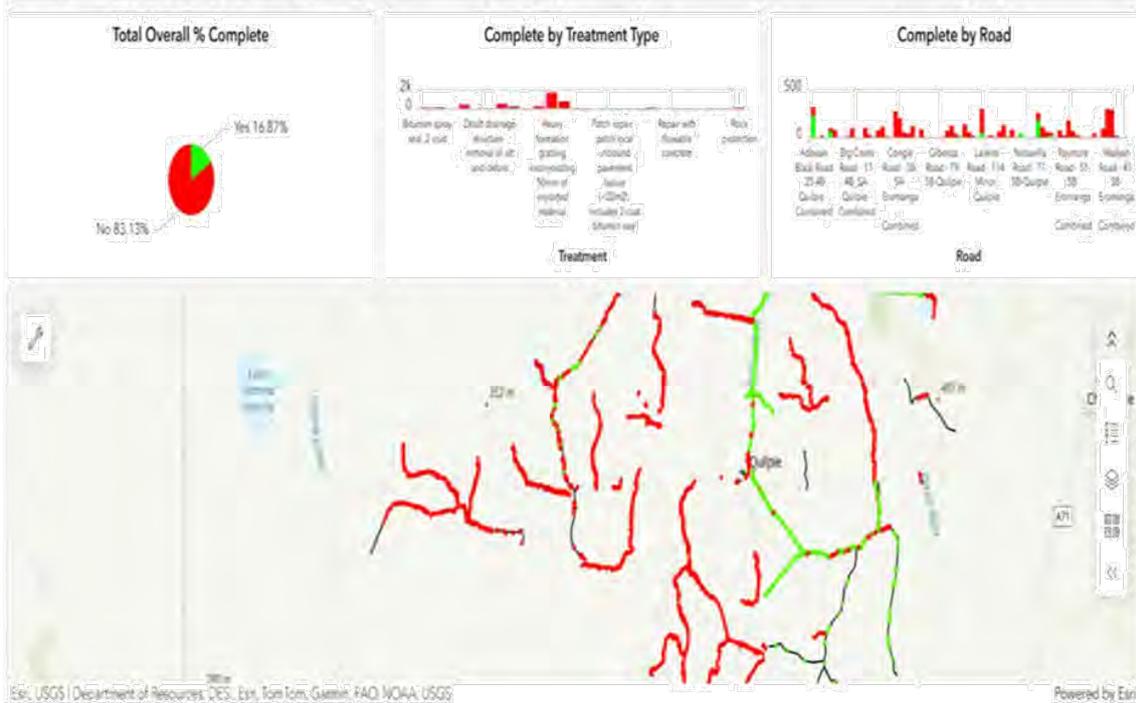
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March 2025 DRFA Event Dashboard



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10.2 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORTS

10.2.1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT

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Attachments: Nil

KEY OUTCOME

Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Economic development activity in January centred on regional collaboration, strategic planning, and market engagement. Attendance at the Darling Downs South West (DDSW) Economic Development Forum provided valuable insights into state and regional priorities, small-business support initiatives, and export opportunities, while also highlighting shared regional challenges, such as workforce shortages and digital connectivity. Quilpie's recent housing success generated notable interest from neighbouring councils.

Council-led business development initiatives included releasing the Expression of Interest (EOI) for car hire services and seeking market submissions for the Economic Development Plan and Destination Management Plan.

At a high level, other community and business operational areas reported steady activity, including strong participation in community health programs, ongoing National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) service coordination despite provider recruitment challenges, structured planning for the Quilpie Health Expo, community engagement on the Power House Museum, and continued advocacy on local service gaps.

ACTION ITEMS

Nil

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Business Development

Key activities for the month in business development include:

[Darling Downs South West \(DDSW\) Face To Face Economic Development Forum](#)

Deputy Director Community & Business Development attended the forum in Toowoomba on 5–6 February, hosted by Toowoomba Regional Council, with Economic Development Officers from across DDSW.

Key outcomes included:

- **Department of State Development:** provided an overview of current priorities and regional initiatives relevant to economic growth and project support.

- **Department of Customer Services, Open Data and Small/Family Business:** shared updates on digital service improvements and programs supporting small business capability.
- **Trade and Investment Queensland:** discussed export opportunities and trade support available to regional businesses.

Council round table discussions:

- identified common challenges, including workforce shortages, funding constraints, and digital connectivity issues;
- shared regional “wins,” focusing on successful project deliveries and local business growth; and
- discussed collective priorities for 2026, with emphasis on investment attraction, housing, and enabling infrastructure.

A point to note is that Quilpie Shire Council (QSC) was approached by three separate councils (Western Downs, Goondiwindi and Toowoomba Regional Council) regarding our successes in housing growth in our region. The Conference was also held adjacent to the SW Council of Mayors, including hearing from the Treasurer and Department of Transport.

Car Hire Expression of Interest

Car hire has gone to EOI on 2 February 2026 and will close on 23 February 2026. Aside from suitability, one of the main contingencies for the MOU being awarded is the business's mobilisation by 30/06/2026.

Destination Management and Economic Development Plan

The tender for the for the Destination Management Plan (DMP) and Economic Development Plan (EDP) was released on Vendor Panel on 10 February 2026; respondents will have the opportunity to either tender for a) EDP, b) DMP, or c) both plans. The scoping documents are attached for the councillor's consideration. The plans are designed to deliver actionable outcomes, with consultation and final plans completed by 30 November 2026. The Senior Tourism Officer, will lead the DMP, while Deputy Director Community and Business Development, will oversee the final project outcomes. The plan scope includes a ten (10) year plan with mandatory major revisions occurring at the five (5) year mark. The plan will also assist in diversifying our community and business community to ensure longevity and to prepare for resource industry downturns. Achievable, measurable goals are the most important.

Community consultation – Power House Museum

Community Consultation for the Power House Museum was held on Wednesday, 21 January 2026 at 5:30 pm. As it stands, eight (8) responses to the online survey have been received. The consultation closed on 6 February 2026.

Additionally, at the time of the Museum's onsite consultation, the building had to be closed due to public safety concerns. A significant portion of the eastern wall of the Powerhouse has become disconnected from the main frame and was floating in the wind. The issue was filed with WHS and the facility is now closed until the findings from community consultation are considered and the future of the building is decided. This also leads to a conversation in regard to the television service and next steps with the facility, which is in poor condition.

Quilpie Intermodal Transport Precinct (QITP) EOI – Update

Peak Services has provided a proposal to assist with the development and management of the EOI for the Quilpie Intermodal Transport Precinct (QITP). The project scope is to enter and test the market. The intent is to gain interest from potential parties, followed by a formal tender process. The

EOI will provide respondents with the entire development proposal and encourage them to engage with areas of interest.

Health and Wellbeing Programs

Table 1 Western Queensland Primary Health Network / QSC Health Promotions and Wellbeing Program Participation – December 2026

Programs	Participation
Aqua Exercise	16
Youth Group	7
Healthy Minds; Tai Chi, Craft and Chat	43

Activities held during the month included Aqua sessions, Balance Exercise and Tai Chi, Craft and Chat and Healthy Minds (Board Games) and a Footcare morning hosted by the SWHHS Quilpie Community Nurse, SWHHS Operational Staff and the Health Promotions & Wellbeing Officer assisting where required. At this time of the year there are several people away and some program participants have been hibernating due to the recent extreme heat conditions, waiting for the weather to cool down before venturing out to attend program activities.

NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) Program

Key activities that have occurred in the NDIS Program delivery during the month include:

- Thriving Kids Rollout to begin in October 2026 and be completed by January 2028. This is an initiative of the Federal Government, delivered by the states and territories. The program is a part of the amendments and changes to the NDIS Program and the way it is delivered.
- Vitalhealth and Lifestyle Therapy and Training Solutions (LTTS) provide Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy to the Quilpie Shire NDIS participants. To date, both service providers have not had success recruiting to vacant positions within their organisations. This will hopefully be rectified by March. LTTS are also experiencing issues with travel to Quilpie.
- Physiotherapists from both Western Physio and Vitalhealth are provisioned to continue fortnightly visits.

Community Service Coordinator Program Update

Quilpie Health Expo 2026

- Event confirmed for 30th May at Baldy Top after Not a Park Run.
- ~90 invitations issued to providers, clubs, groups and businesses.
- Entertainment, children's activities and key health providers confirmed.
- HOA (Heart of Australia) attending (checks only); power support organised.
- BBQ EOI prepared; funding applications submitted (catering, bus hire).
- Planning underway for walking track opening, logistics and media.

New Parents Group and Child Health Nurse

- Community survey shows strong interest.
- Planning joint sessions with the Child Health Nurse at the Library.
- Nurse to attend Wriggle and Rhyme for informal engagement.

PTSS (Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme) Education

- PTSS info session delivered to staff during Wellness Week.

- Community-facing sessions planned with QLD Health and CWAATSICH.

Cook + Connect

- Staff and community sessions delivered on 11 February.
- Awaiting FRRR grant outcome (mid-March) for equipment and future sessions.

Not a Park Run – Support and Sustainability

- Discussed long-term sustainability with the organiser.
- Investigating Heart Foundation grant for equipment.
- Volunteer EOI promoted.

SWHHS Local Legend Feature

- Local representative identified for HOPE-aligned story.
- Introduced SWHHS Preventative Health to Not a Park Run organiser.
- Supporting visibility of local health initiatives.

Service Access and Advocacy

Dental

- RFDS follow-up sent; community need evidence shared; no response yet.

Audiology

- Confirmed regional service gap; contributed to briefing note for escalation.

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Leadership Team

Director Community and Business Development

Council Staff

Community

Program Stakeholders

Local, State and Commonwealth Governments

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

No legal implications noted.

FINANCIAL AND REVENUE IMPLICATIONS

Programs operate within the 2025–2026 Council budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Programs are delivered in accordance with Council's Enterprise Risk Management Policy (G.11) and Framework (G.11-A).

10.2.2 PEST AND LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT STATUS REPORTS

IX: 272205
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Authorisers: Lisa Hamlyn, Director Community and Business Development
Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

KEY OUTCOME

Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides Council with an operational update on activities delivered under the Pest and Livestock Management Coordinator portfolio for the reporting period.

ACTION ITEMS

- One animal welfare complaint was investigated during the month and referred to the relevant authorities.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Table 1 Wild dog scalps presented to Council 1 July 2025 to 31 January 2026

Property	No of Scalps			Amount of Payment
	Male	Female	Pups	
Plevna Downs	3	3	-	300.00
Moble Springs	2	4	-	300.00
Gumbardo	1	-	-	50.00
Total	6	7	-	650.00

Table 2 Wild dog scalps – comparative data table

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Male	51	42	82	12	27	6
Female	44	17	39	7	16	7
Pups	4	8	8	-	20	0
Total	99	67	129	19	63	13

Table 3 Commons and reserves

Reserve	Condition	Notes
Quilpie Common	Good	After recent rain, the condition of the front common has improved from fair to good. Back common is in good condition.

Reserve	Condition	Notes
Eromanga Common	Good	Storms have improved the condition of the common.
Adavale Common	Good	Recent rain has improved condition of the common.
Warrabin Lane	Good	Recent rain has improved condition of the reserve.
Dillon's Well	Good	Stock currently on extended agistment

Quilpie Common Muster

Quilpie Common Muster will take place on 12-15 February 2026. A contractor has been engaged to conduct aerial and ground mustering of stock. The contractor will muster the common and deliver the cattle to the yards. The Common User Group, represented by six members (selected and endorsed at the Common User Group meeting held on 27 January 2026) will take responsibility for processing the cattle independently of Council.

Following processing of cattle in the yards, the cattle will be released through the gate back onto the common. The Pest and Livestock Management Coordinator will be Council's representative, maintaining an arm's length involvement in the muster.

Further Council consideration will be required regarding the future operations of the Quilpie, Eromanga and Adavale Common.

Hot Spot Baiting

Hot spot baiting activities undertaken during the reporting period are summarised in Table 4, with meat bait quantities distributed across identified properties.

Table 4 Hot spot baiting information

Property	Meat Quantity
Nerrigundah	40kg
Maybe	40kg
Ambathalla	40kg

A total of 103 control records have been submitted to FeralScan during the reporting period (see Table 5).

Table 5 Submitted FeralScan control records

Month	Control Records Submitted to FeralScan
Prior entries	7
December 2024	2
January 2025	12
February 2025	48
March 2025	3
April 2025	2
May 2025	3
June 2025	8
July 2025	7
August 2025	0

Month	Control Records Submitted to FeralScan
September 2025	9
October 2025	1
November 2025	0
December 2025	1
January 2026	0
Total	103

Pest Weed Management

Pest weed treatment activities undertaken during the reporting period are summarised in Table 6. Monitoring will continue, particularly as seasonal conditions become more favourable for weed growth.

Table 6 - Pest Weed Management

Species	Location	Treatment
Parthenium	Wellclose	Spray treatment ongoing
Coral Cactus	Possamunga Tinderry Gunnadorah	Cochineal bug released

Local Laws

No Local Law enforcement actions were undertaken during the reporting period.

Stock Routes – Watering Facility Audits

Inspections undertaken during January:

- Toompine
- Tinderry
- Raleigh

General

Exclusion Fence Restitution Program

The Pest and Livestock Management Coordinator continued to support the Exclusion Fence Restitution Program throughout the month, working alongside the EFRP Team and Project Officer to provide information and assistance to landholders as required.

Shire Rural Lands Officer Group (SRLOG) Meeting

A meeting of the Shire Rural Lands Officer Group will be held in Surat from 9 –11 March 2026.

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

Internal: Director Community and Business Development, Deputy Director Infrastructure Services, and relevant Council staff.

External: Landholders and community members who are animal owners

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

No legal implications have been identified for activities outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL AND REVENUE IMPLICATIONS

Program activities are funded within the adopted *Operational Budget 2025–26* and do not result in additional financial impacts to Council.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Operational risks associated with pest and livestock management activities are managed under Council's Enterprise Risk Management Policy (G.11) and Framework (G.11-A). No material or emerging risks requiring Council intervention have been identified during the reporting period.

10.2.3 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT

IX: 272204

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Lisa Hamlyn, Director Community and Business Development

Attachments: Nil

KEY OUTCOME

Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Disaster Management and Community Recovery activities continue to progress across several key areas within the Quilpie Shire. Planning for the Quilpie Flood Anniversary Commemoration on 28 March 2026 is ongoing, with promotional activities underway while embargoes delay the announcement of the headline act.

Recruitment for Community Recovery and Resilience positions is advancing, with shortlisting underway and interviews scheduled in the coming week. The Exclusion Fence Restitution Program continues to gain momentum, supported by DPI resources, weekly coordination with Yellow Company, and ongoing engagement with landholders.

A Quilpie Pre-Area Fire Management Group meeting held on 11 February 2026 identified no imminent threats within the Shire. The recent Quilpie Swimming Pool Audit conducted by Royal Lifesaving Australia is under review, with corrective actions being implemented to improve the facility's safety score.

Grant activity continues, including an application by Adavale Sport and Recreation for infrastructure improvements following the March 2025 flood event. Additionally, an information session on the proposed expansion of the Country Education Foundation into Bulloo, Murweh, and Quilpie Shires is scheduled for 26 February 2026.

Challenges encountered during the reporting period, such as delays to infrastructure upgrades at Gyrica Gardens due to contractor timelines and commitments have been identified and are being actively managed in line with Council policy.

Overall, February's activities demonstrate ongoing progress in achieving Council's strategic objectives for community wellbeing, business growth, and regional engagement, while ensuring compliance with relevant policies, statutory requirements, and risk management practices.

ACTION ITEMS

Nil.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Disaster Management and Community Recovery

[Quilpie Shire Flood Anniversary Event](#)

Planning is continuing for the Quilpie Flood Anniversary Commemoration scheduled for 28 March 2026. Progress has been slower than anticipated while we await the lifting of embargoes relating to the headline act. In the interim, "Save the Date" promotion will be used to build momentum until we are able to formally announce the artist.

Well known Comedian, Mandy Nolan has confirmed her availability to attend the event and will participate both as MC and as an entertainer.

Quilpie Local Disaster Management Group

A meeting of the Quilpie Local Disaster Management Group is tentatively scheduled for **16 April 2026**.

Western Qld Flooding – Community Recovery and Resilience

The recruitment panel is in the process of shortlisting applicants for the Community Recovery and Resilience Officer and Community Recovery Rebuild Support Officer positions, with interviews planned to take place within the next week.

Exclusion Fence Restitution Program

- DPI have kindly offered the assistance of their Industry Recovery and Resilience Officer to assist with promotion of the EFRP through established networks and work with the EFRP Project Officer to identify rural landholders that the program may assist and work through EOI's / application stages.
- Weekly program catch up meetings with Yellow Company
- The EFRP Project Officer continues to liaise with and support landholders throughout the expression of interest and funding application processes, including assisting with the identification of eligible activities.
- 36 EOI's have been received to date. 3 pre-payments have been approved.
- Ongoing media campaign to promote the program across the SWQROC (South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Council) area.
- Key Program dates:
 - EOI's close 31 March 2026
 - Applications close 30 April 2026
 - Completion of works 31 March 2027

Quilpie Pre-Area Fire Management Group

A Quilpie Pre-Area Fire Management Group meeting was held on 11 February 2026 to discuss mitigation activities required in the Quilpie Shire. No imminent threats were identified in the Shire.

Quilpie Swimming Pool

The Quilpie Swimming Pool Audit was undertaken by Royal Lifesaving Australia during December. This was a comprehensive audit of the facility and work practices. The audit results are currently being reviewed and evidence or practices implemented as a result to increase the overall score of the facility, with a view to reach in excess of 80%. The national average safety assessment score sits around 79%.

Investigations are underway for the replacement of the shade structure at the Quilpie Swimming Pool. Infrastructure Services is currently sourcing quotes for more robust shade structure options.

Grants

Adavale Sport and Recreation have submitted an application to the Sport and Recreation Recovery Grant Program for improvements to the facility following the March 2025 Flood event for a more resilient facility. The application includes improvement or replacement of all buildings, arena and tennis court.

Country Education Foundation Information Session

An information session on the Country Education Foundation is scheduled for Thursday, 26 February 2026. Trish McKenzie and Lisa Carrick will attend to provide details regarding the organisation's proposed expansion to include the Bulloo, Murweh, and Quilpie Shires, as well as its purpose and role within the region. Promotion of the session will commence through Council's media channels once materials are received.

Table 1 Meeting and events - February

Date	Type	Title	Location
6 January	Meeting	PLG Catch Up	TEAMS
9 January	Meeting	Quilpie Access to Early Childhood Education and Care – Check In	TEAMS
12 January	Meeting	Community and Business Development – Team Meeting	Office
12 January	Meeting	PLG Catch Up	TEAMS
12 January	Meeting	Councillor Briefing – Australia Day	Boardroom
13 January	Meeting	WQ Flooding 2025 – Quilpie Kick Off Meeting – CRRO/CRRSO	TEAMS
13 January	Meeting	Kid Patrol	Boardroom
14 January	Meeting	SWQROC / EFRG Meeting	TEAMS
15 January	Meeting	Quilpie Aquatic Centre x Myrtha Pools	TEAMS
15 January	Meeting	Lee Kernaghan Management	TEAMS
19 January	Meeting	PLG Catch Up	TEAMS
21 January	Community Engagement	Powerhouse Museum	On-site
23 January	Event	Australia Day Awards / Community Connect Event	Bulloo Park
27 January	Meeting	Quilpie Common User Group	Boardroom
27 January	Meeting	Royal Lifesaving Swimming Pool Audit Review	Boardroom
29 January	Meeting	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Boardroom
30 January	Meeting	Mobile Service Centre	Boardroom
30 January	Meeting	Organisational Structure Discussion	CEO Office
30 January	Meeting	Quilpie Access to Early Childhood	TEAMS

Table 2 Upcoming meetings and events - February

Date	Type	Title	Location
02 February	Meeting	PLG Meeting	TEAMS
02 February	Meeting	Quilpie Swimming Pool Audit Review	Boardroom
02 February	Meeting	Craig Turner – DPI	Phone
02 February	Meeting	Flood Anniversary Event	Zoom
03 February	Meeting	Audit Committee / Budget Workshop / Briefing	Boardroom
4-5 February	Training	Leading and Managing	Depot
06 February	Meeting	Landholder	Office
06 February	Meeting	Local Government Leadership in Sun Safety	TEAMS
09 February	Meeting	Community Member	Office
9-13 February	Event	Health and Wellbeing Week / Various activities	Quilpie
12 February	Meeting	Quilpie Swimming Pool	Boardroom
13 February	Meeting	PLG Meeting	TEAMS
13 February	Meeting	DPI Exclusion Fence Taskforce	TEAMS
13 February	Meeting	Quilpie Access to Early Childhood	TEAMS
16 February	Event	Quilpie State College Leadership Induction	QS College
16 February	Meeting	SWHHS Mental Health Consumer Advisory Committee	TEAMS
17 February	Meeting	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Boardroom
18 February	Meeting	Monthly Post Ordinary Meeting (staff)	Office

Date	Type	Title	Location
18 February	Meeting	Capital Catch Up	Boardroom
20 February	Interviews	Community Recovery	TEAMS
21 February	Meeting	PLG Meeting	TEAMS
21 February	Meeting	Quilpie CAN	Quilpie MPHS
21 February	Meeting	SWHHS Community Advisory Network	TEAMS
24 February	Meeting	Councillor Briefing Session / Budget Workshop	Boardroom
25 February	Webinar	Local Government Skills Audit	TEAMS
26 February	Meeting	Community and Business Development Team Meeting	VIC
26 February	Info Session	Country Education Foundation of Australia	Boardroom
27 February	Meeting	QRA Catch Up	Boardroom

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Leadership Team

Deputy Director Community and Business Development

Council Staff

Community

Program Stakeholders

Local, State and Commonwealth Governments

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

No legal implications noted.

FINANCIAL AND REVENUE IMPLICATIONS

Programs operate within the 2025–2026 Council budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Programs are delivered in accordance with Council's Enterprise Risk Management Policy (G.11) and Framework (G.11-A).

10.3 CORPORATE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

Nil

10.4 OFFICE OF THE CEO STATUS REPORTS

10.4.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

IX: 271714
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Authorisers: Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

KEY OUTCOME

Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report updates Council on key activities within the Chief Executive Officer’s portfolio for the month of January 2026.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Councillor remuneration 2026/27:** People and Culture notified of Council’s resolution; pay increases effective 1 July 2026.
- **Sale of council housing:** Advised Minister Leahy 3 February 2026; an eight-week cooling-off period applies under the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld).
- **Adavale discussion paper:** Letters sent to Minister Leahy and Minister Camm on 3 February 2026; discussion paper uploaded to Council’s website the same day.
- **Growing Regions Program round 2 variation:** Variation request issued to the Department on 30 January 2026.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

- **Monthly meetings:** Key meetings held in January 2026 are listed in Table 1.
- **Service continuity – Mulga Mates closure:** Council engaged with the Department of Education and alternative providers to establish a replacement service for 2026, including regular coordination meetings and communications with providers. The closure of the previous service provider on 31 December 2025 prompted ongoing weekly meetings and daily follow-ups. National media coverage generated significant community interest.
- **Planned meetings:** Strategic, governance, and community engagement meetings are scheduled from February to December 2026. See Table 2 for the full schedule.

Table 1 Monthly meetings

Date	Event	Location
8 January	TMR / QSC Catch Up	Online
9 January	Quilpie Access to Early Childhood Education	Online
9 January	DPI Exclusion Fencing Taskforce	Online
12 January	Eromanga Water Supply Meeting Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (DLGWV) and Quilpie Shire Council (QSC)	Eromanga

Date	Event	Location
13 January	CRRO and CRRSO Kick Off Meeting	Online
15 January	Myrtha Pools Meeting	Online
15 January	CPA Meeting	Online
22 January	QRA/Quilpie Monthly Meeting	Online
23 January	Department of State Development – GRP R2 Discussion	Online
23 January	Executive Officer DDMG Meeting	Quilpie
29 January	Ordinary Council Meeting	Quilpie
30 January	Quilpie Access to Early Childhood Education	Online

Table 2 Planned meetings: February – December 2026

Date	Event	Location
3 February	Audit Committee/ Budget Workshop/ Briefing	Quilpie
5 February	CEO Insights on the Power of Purpose (Presenter)	Online
5-6 February	Darling Downs and South West Queensland Council of Mayors	Toowoomba
5-6 February	DDSW EDO F2F Forum	Toowoomba
6 February	LGMA Business Planning Meeting	Brisbane
9-13 February	Staff Wellbeing Week	Quilpie
10 February	QRA Funding Meeting	Online
11 February	Pre AFMG meeting	Quilpie
13 February	Quilpie Access to Early Childhood Education	Online
13 February	DPI Exclusion Fencing Taskforce	Online
16 February	Quilpie State College Leadership Induction	Quilpie
17 February	Ordinary Council Meeting	Quilpie
23 February	SWQROC (including meetings of the SWRRTG and SWQWSA)	Online
24 February	Councillor Briefing Session/ Budget Workshop	Quilpie
27 February	Quarterly Discussion (Office of the Independent Assessor)	Online
2-6 March	Quilpie Shire State Deputation	Brisbane
10 March	John Oberhardt Session	Quilpie
10 March	Community Budget Meeting	Toompine/ Adavale
11 March	Community Budget Meeting	Eromanga/ Quilpie
13 March	DPI Exclusion Fencing Taskforce	Online
18 March	Ordinary Council Meeting	Quilpie
25-26 March	Civic Leaders Summit	Brisbane

Date	Event	Location
3 April	Good Friday	
6 April	Easter Monday	
7 April	Councillor Briefing Session	Quilpie
14 April	Budget Workshop	Quilpie
16 April	LDMG Meeting	Quilpie
21 April	Ordinary Council Meeting	Quilpie
23 April	LGMA Board Meeting	Quilpie
25 April	Anzac Day (Saturday)	
28 April	WQROC F2F (including meeting of the SWQRWC)	St George
29-30 April	Insurance in Rural and Regional Queensland Roundtable	St George
4 May	Labour Day	
5 May	Councillor Briefing Session	Quilpie
12 May	Budget Workshop	Quilpie
19 May	Ordinary Council Meeting	Quilpie
20 May	QPS Disaster Management Workshop	Quilpie
26-28 May	Bush Councils Convention	Longreach
2 June	Councillor Briefing Session	Quilpie
9 June	Audit Committee	Quilpie
9 June	Budget Workshop	Quilpie
10-11 June	LGMA Inspire Conference	Brisbane
16 June	Special Council Meeting – 2025/26 Budget	Quilpie
16 June	Ordinary Council Meeting	Quilpie
16 June	LGAQ Workplace Health and Safety Conference	Brisbane
19 June	LGMA Budget Meeting	Online
22-25 June	ALGA National General Assembly	Canberra
29 June	SWQROC EOFY Meeting	Online
7 July	Councillor Briefing Session	Quilpie
9-10 July	WQROC F2F (including mtg of the SWQRWC)	Thargomindah
21 July	Ordinary Council Meeting	Quilpie
30-31 July	Darling Downs and South West Queensland Council of Mayors	??
4 August	Councillor Briefing Session	Quilpie
14 August	LGMA Board Meeting	Brisbane
12 August	Ordinary Council Meeting	Quilpie
27 August	Councillor Briefing Session	Quilpie

Date	Event	Location
31 August	WQROC F2F (including meeting of the SWQRWC)	Brisbane
1-2 September	Western Queensland Alliance of Councils Assembly	Brisbane
8 September	Audit Committee	Quilpie
8-10 September	LGMA Annual Conference	Gold Coast
11 September	Quilpie Show – Public Holiday	
15 September	Ordinary Council Meeting	Quilpie
5 October	King's Birthday	
6 October	Councillor Briefing Session	Quilpie
19-21 October	LGAQ Annual Conference	Cairns
27 October	Ordinary Council Meeting	Quilpie
3 November	Councillor Briefing Session	Quilpie
17 November	Ordinary Council Meeting	Quilpie
26 November	LGMA Board Meeting	Brisbane
1 December	Councillor Briefing Session	Quilpie
14 December	SWQROC (including meetings of the SWRRTG and SWQWSA)	Online
15 December	Ordinary Council Meeting	Quilpie

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

Councillors

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL AND REVENUE IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial or revenue implications associated with this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

11 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

11.1 QUILPIE FOOTPATH MASTERPLAN - UPDATE

IX: 270940

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Authorisers: Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Quilpie Footpath Renewal Plan (draft)
2. 2026 Quilpie Footpath Masterplan (draft)
3. Footpath Renewal - Timelines and Cost Estimates (draft)
4. Footpath New Construction - Timelines and Cost Estimates (draft)

KEY OUTCOME

Key Outcome: 1. Great Place to Live

Key Initiative: 1.1 Well-planned and highly liveable communities
1.2 Spaces to bring people together for recreation, socialisation and enjoyment of the landscapes

Key Outcome: 2. Flourishing Economy

Key Initiative: 2.3 Maintain safe and efficient transport networks

Key Outcome: 4. Strong Governance

Key Initiative: 4.1 Excellence in customer service

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report updates Council on the progress of revising the Quilpie Footpath Masterplan (last adopted November 2021) to reflect recent construction and support a transparent, prioritised, and financially sustainable long-term delivery program.

The revised Masterplan ensures:

- Recent and planned footpath construction is integrated into the network.
- Connections to key destinations, including schools, health services, business precincts, and community facilities, are prioritised.
- Existing assets are distinguished from proposed expansions to support evidence-based decision-making.
- The Masterplan provides a framework to leverage grants and maintain financial sustainability.

The proposed amendments support staged delivery over 15–30 years, allowing flexibility for Council funding, grant opportunities, and prioritisation of high-need locations.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopt the February 2026 amended Quilpie Footpath Masterplan (attached) to guide future footpath planning, prioritisation and delivery, including for grant applications; and
2. Request the Chief Executive Officer provide annual updates on implementation and present revisions of the Masterplan as required at future Council Meetings.

BACKGROUND

The Quilpie Footpath Masterplan was last updated in November 2021 to reflect footpath construction undertaken in 2021 and identify future works, subject to budget and potential grant funding.

At the 9 November 2021 Council meeting, it was resolved (QSC012-11-21) that:

Council receive the report and adopt the November 2021 amended Footpath Masterplan (attached) for consideration of future footpath works.

Figure 1 illustrates the adopted November 2021 Quilpie Footpath Masterplan, providing the baseline network for subsequent planning and prioritisation.

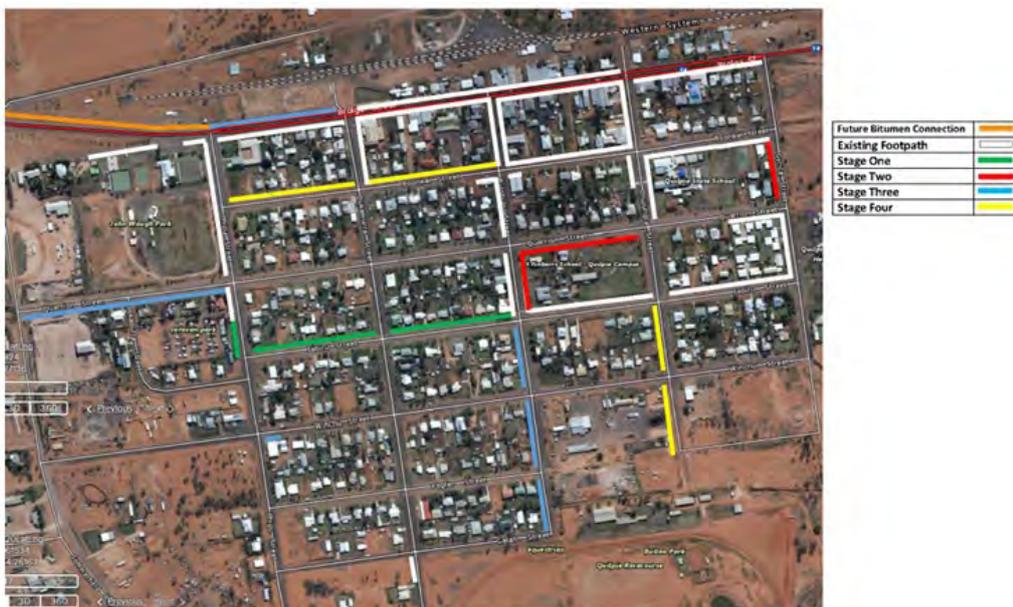


Figure 1 Quilpie Footpath Masterplan November 2021

The February 2026 update incorporates works completed since 2022 and establishes a structured and transparent approach to future footpath planning, ensuring the network continues to meet community needs and aligns with strategic objectives.

REPORT

Recent and planned footpath works

Since 2022, additional footpaths have been constructed on Buln Buln Street (near the townhouses) and Jabiru Street. Further works are planned for delivery in the first quarter of 2026 to address missing links at the following locations:

- **Chipu Street**, near the Caravan Park
- **Buln Buln Street**, near St Finbarr's Church

- **Chulungra Street**, connecting Quilpie State College and St Finbarr's School
- **Quarrion Street**, completing the block encompassing Gyrica Gardens

These works support a more structured, transparent, and financially responsible long-term approach to footpath planning.

Key strategic directions

Strengthening connectivity to key destinations

The revised draft Footpath Masterplan prioritises footpath connections that link the community to:

- Business and commercial precincts
- Essential services, including hospital and health services
- Education facilities, including Quilpie State College and St Finbarr's School
- Community and recreational facilities, including Bulloo Park and other key open spaces

Council officers have followed a structured methodology, including:

- Ensuring at least one side of each street has footpath provision
- Applying latest 2025 construction unit rates in the preparation of their cost estimates

Prioritising asset renewal versus new construction

The updated Masterplan distinguishes between:

- Existing footpaths, including indicative replacement years and estimated costs
- Proposed new footpaths

Concrete footpaths generally have a service life of 40 years. Near-term renewals include:

- Brolga Street, near Bob Young Memorial Park
- Buln Buln Street, from Brolga Street (Imperial Hotel) to Boonkai Street
- Chulungra Street, Brolga Street to Boonkai Street
- Dukamurra Street, Brolga Street to Boonkai Street
- Winchu Street, corner near Quilpie Hardware Store

This renewal list will be regularly reviewed as footpath conditions are assessed and updated, ensuring alignment with Council's asset management processes. Minor defects may be addressed through routine maintenance. Refer to Attachment 1 for illustration of the renewal program.

Staged delivery of new footpath construction

New footpath projects in Quilpie can be delivered through staged construction packages, averaging approximately \$320,000 per financial year, based on a preliminary 15-year timeframe at this stage.

This staged approach, as shown in Attachment 2, will be reviewed annually as part of Council's budget and capital works planning process to:

- Ensure ongoing affordability within Council's capital works program
- Enable Council to self-fund discrete stages where possible
- Provide flexibility to bring forward priority projects if grant funding or additional funding opportunities become available

Given the scale of the proposed network expansion across Quilpie town, the revised Footpath Masterplan has been structured to allow for a flexible delivery program spanning a minimum of 15

years and up to a maximum of 30 years, subject to available Council funding and the success of future grant applications.

This approach provides Council and the community with a realistic, transparent, and financially responsible long-term implementation pathway for the delivery of new footpath infrastructure.

Desired outcomes

The updated Quilpie Footpath Masterplan provides Council with a clear and financially responsible framework to guide future footpath investment. It balances the renewal of existing assets with a strategic expansion of the footpath network, improves connectivity to key destinations, and positions Council to effectively leverage both internal funding and external grant opportunities over the long term.

Strategic benefits of a long-term footpath masterplan

Adoption of a long-term Quilpie Footpath Masterplan delivers the following key benefits:

1. Alignment with long-term infrastructure and asset planning

The revised Masterplan strengthens Council's commitment to structured and evidence-based infrastructure planning, ensuring footpath investment aligns with broader objectives such as connectivity, accessibility, and community wellbeing.

2. Commitment to active transport and accessibility policies

Providing footpaths on at least one side of each street and improving connections to schools, community facilities, and the business precinct promotes public health, better mobility, and universal access across Quilpie town.

3. Integration with budgeting and long-term financial planning

The plan informs annual budgets and Council's 10-year Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) capital works program. Adoption of the Masterplan creates an expectation that identified priority footpaths will be constructed when funding becomes available, potentially requiring staged delivery. Attachments 3 and 4 provide draft timelines and cost estimates up to 2040.

4. Strengthened grant funding strategy

A contemporary, endorsed Masterplan strengthens Council's ability to seek State and Federal funding for active transport, community infrastructure, and road-safety grants, including the Active Transport Grant Program administered by the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

5. Enhanced community transparency

The Masterplan demonstrates Council's commitment to transparent decision-making and inclusive planning. Future community engagement will ensure it reflects local priorities and long-term infrastructure planning.

OPTIONS

Option 1 (Recommended)

That Council

1. Adopt the February 2026 amended Quilpie Footpath Masterplan (attached) to guide future footpath planning, prioritisation and delivery, including for grant applications; and
2. Request the Chief Executive Officer provide annual updates on implementation and present revisions of the Masterplan as required at future Council Meetings.

Option 2

That Council request further changes to the draft 2026 Quilpie Footpath Masterplan.

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

- Councillors
- Chief Executive Officer
- Technical Officers
- Concrete and Buildings Supervisor

INTERESTED PARTIES

- All community members in Quilpie

Note: Identification of interested parties is on a best endeavours basis and may not be exhaustive.

LEGISLATION / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)

Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

G.15 Community Engagement Policy

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The endorsed Masterplan will guide future budget allocations and grant applications. Staged delivery enables flexibility to self-fund or leverage external funding while maintaining financial sustainability.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

All newly constructed footpaths are recorded in Council's Asset Register, capturing attributes such as location, material type, construction date, and condition rating. The Quilpie Footpath Masterplan provides a structured forward view, enabling Council to proactively maintain asset data and ensure an accurate and comprehensive inventory.

Concrete footpaths, with a typical service life of 40 to 50 years, are incorporated into Council's long-term asset management plans. This allows renewal needs to be forecast well in advance, supporting long-term financial sustainability and facilitating smoother budget scheduling.

The updated Masterplan is integrated as a key input into the Asset Management Plan for transport assets. It guides lifecycle costing, informs risk prioritisation, and supports the achievement of performance objectives in accordance with asset management best practice.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Council has assessed the risks associated with revising the Quilpie Footpath Masterplan in accordance with the Enterprise Risk Management Policy (G.11) and Risk Management Framework (G.11-A). The risk register summarises potential risks, current controls, impacts, likelihood, and residual risk, with appropriate mitigation measures applied.

Table 1 Risk register

Risk Name & Description <i>What could happen and why?</i>	Current Controls <i>Are there current controls for the risk</i>	Impacts <i>Impact if the risk eventuates</i>	Risk Assessment			Risk Treatment <i>Depending on risk rating - implement additional controls / mitigation strategy (to reduce risk rating)</i>
			Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating	
			<i>Risk calculator provided for measures</i>			
Pedestrian safety	Limited footpaths	Risk of liability claims if a pedestrian is hit while walking on the road	C Possible	3 Moderate	High	Providing more footpath off the road minimise risk to Council
Asset lifecycle	Existing Asset Management Plan for transport includes footpath	Impact to future Council budget	C Possible	2 Minor	Medium	Structured approach to fund future footpath through council budget or grant opportunities will minimise this risk

Risk Evaluation and Conclusion

The current liability risk associated with pedestrian safety has been assessed as High due to insufficient footpath infrastructure in certain locations. Increasing footpath provision, particularly near high pedestrian activity areas and community facilities, will significantly reduce this risk, bringing the residual risk to Low, which is within Council's acceptable risk appetite.

While staged expansion introduces a medium-level asset growth risk through increased long-term maintenance obligations, the mitigation of safety and liability risks outweighs this consideration. Overall, the recommended approach represents the lowest-risk and most responsible pathway, demonstrating that Council has actively applied risk management to this project and that residual risks are effectively managed.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATION

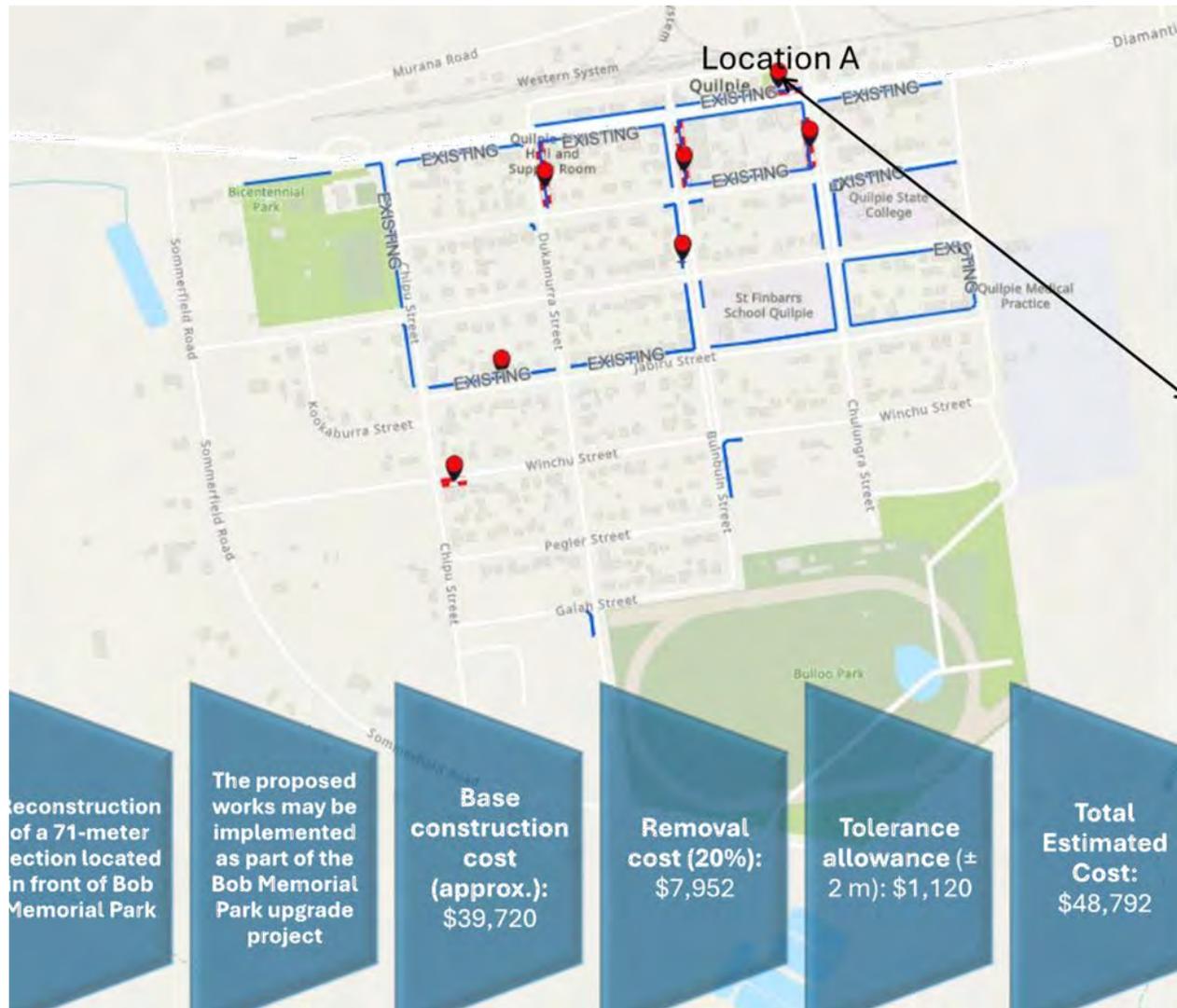
Under Section 4(b) of the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld), public entities are required to act and make decisions in a manner compatible with human rights, balancing these rights against the rights of others and relevant public policy considerations.

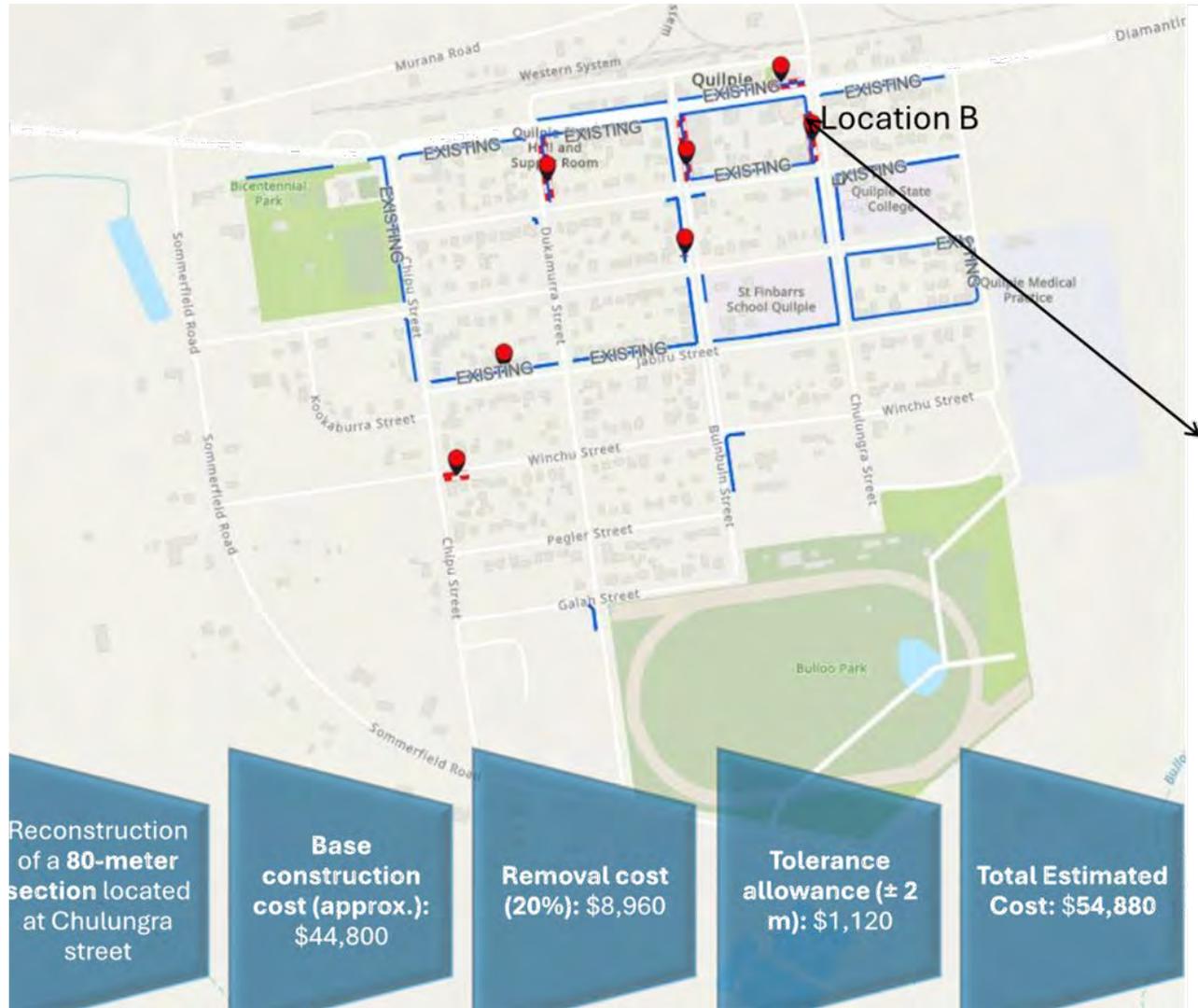
As part of this decision-making process, careful consideration has been given to the 23 human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld). The proposed action to implement the Footpath Masterplan supports human rights by improving public infrastructure, enhancing freedom of movement, and promoting public safety and access. These works also indirectly support the rights to health services and general welfare.

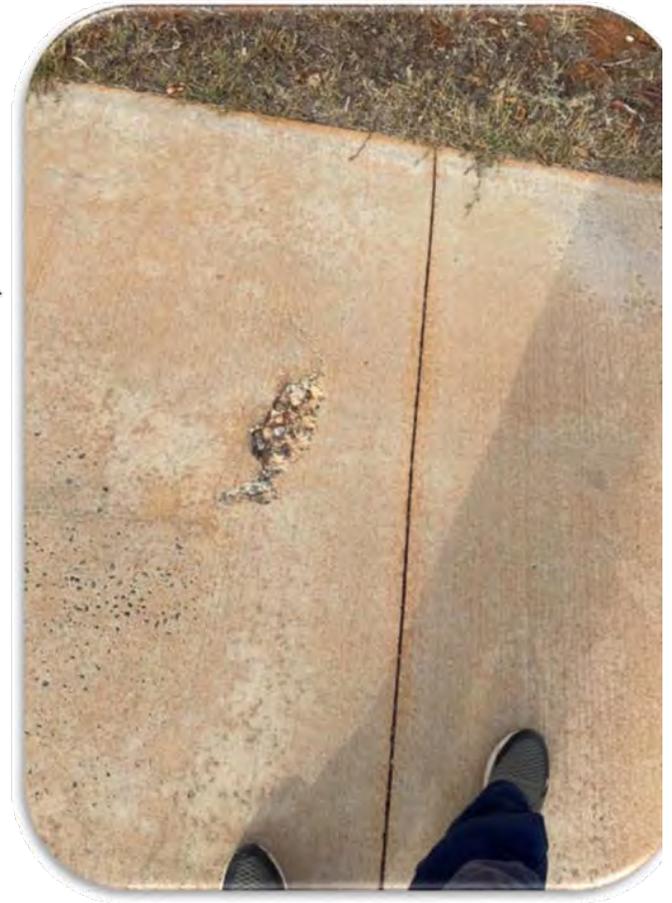
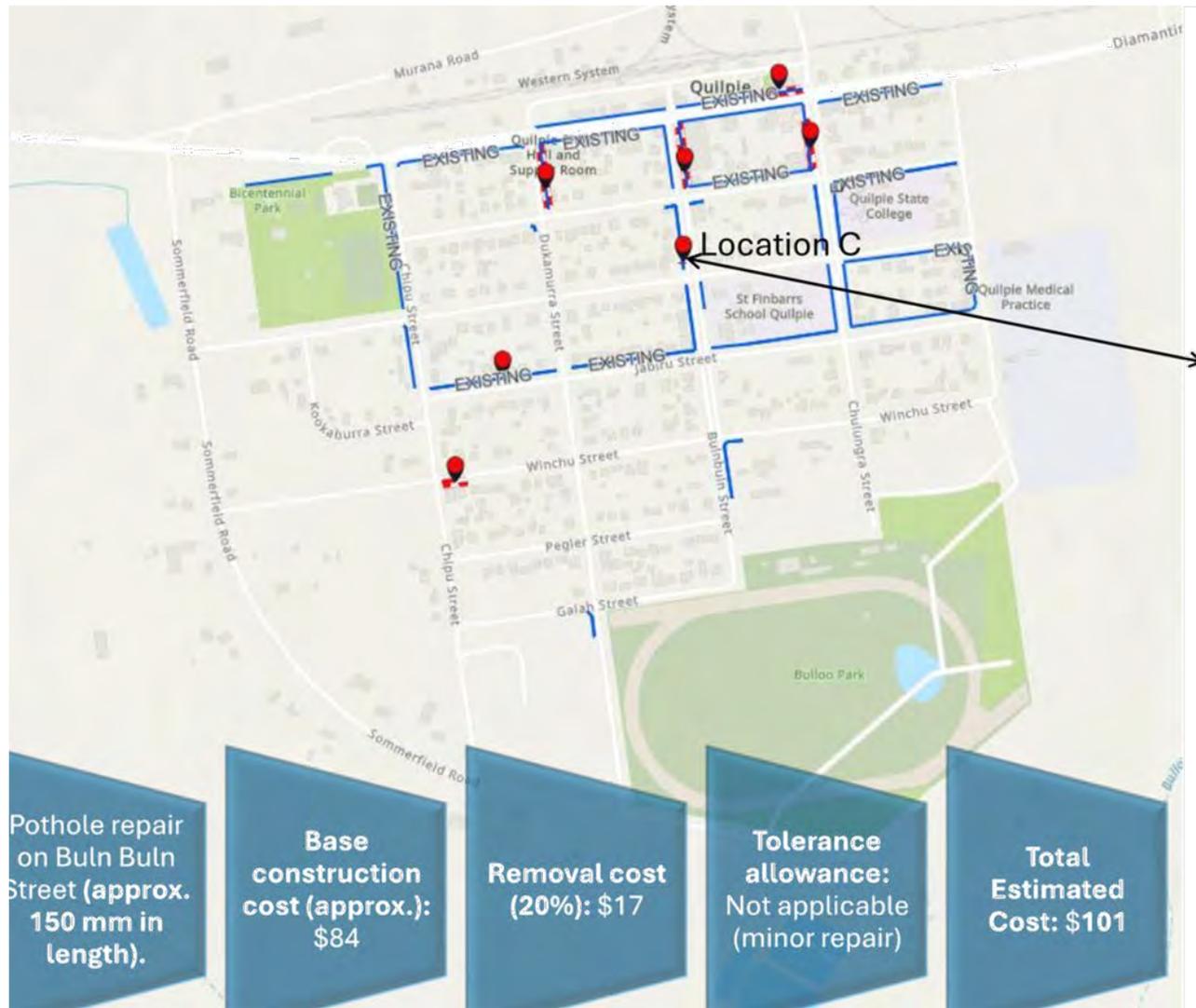
Accordingly, the proposed actions are compatible with all human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld) and do not impose any limitations.

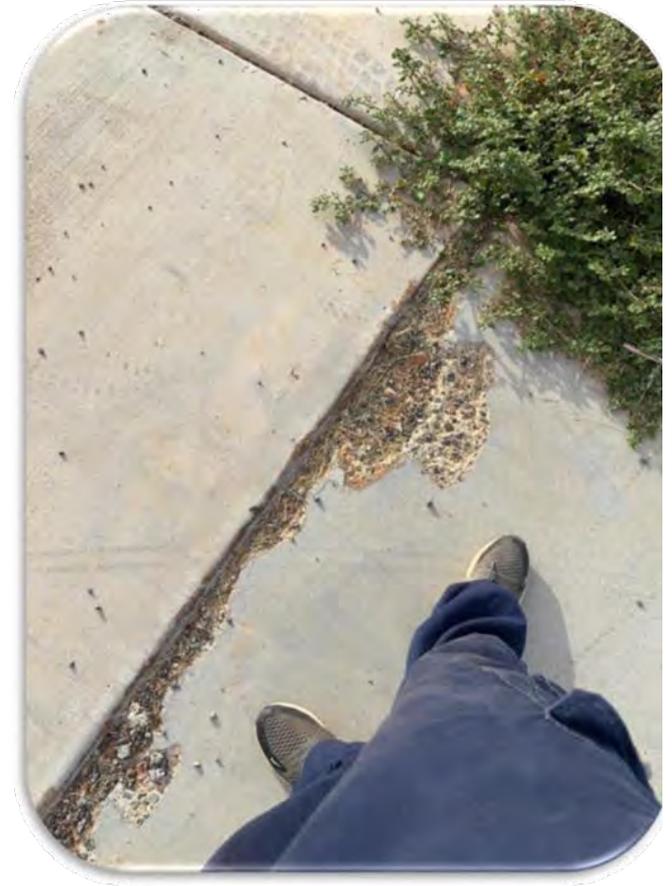
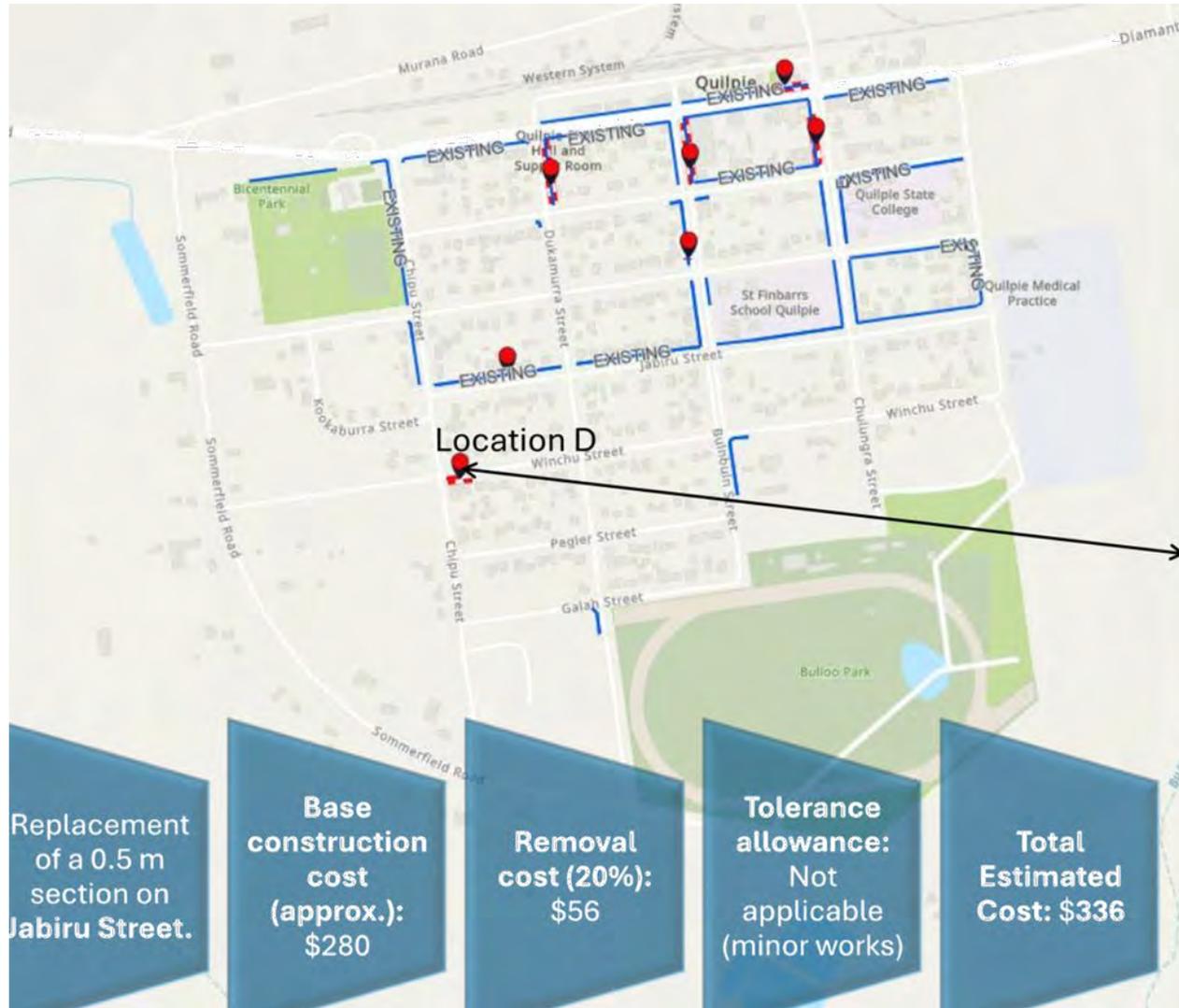
Quilpie Footpath Renewal Plan

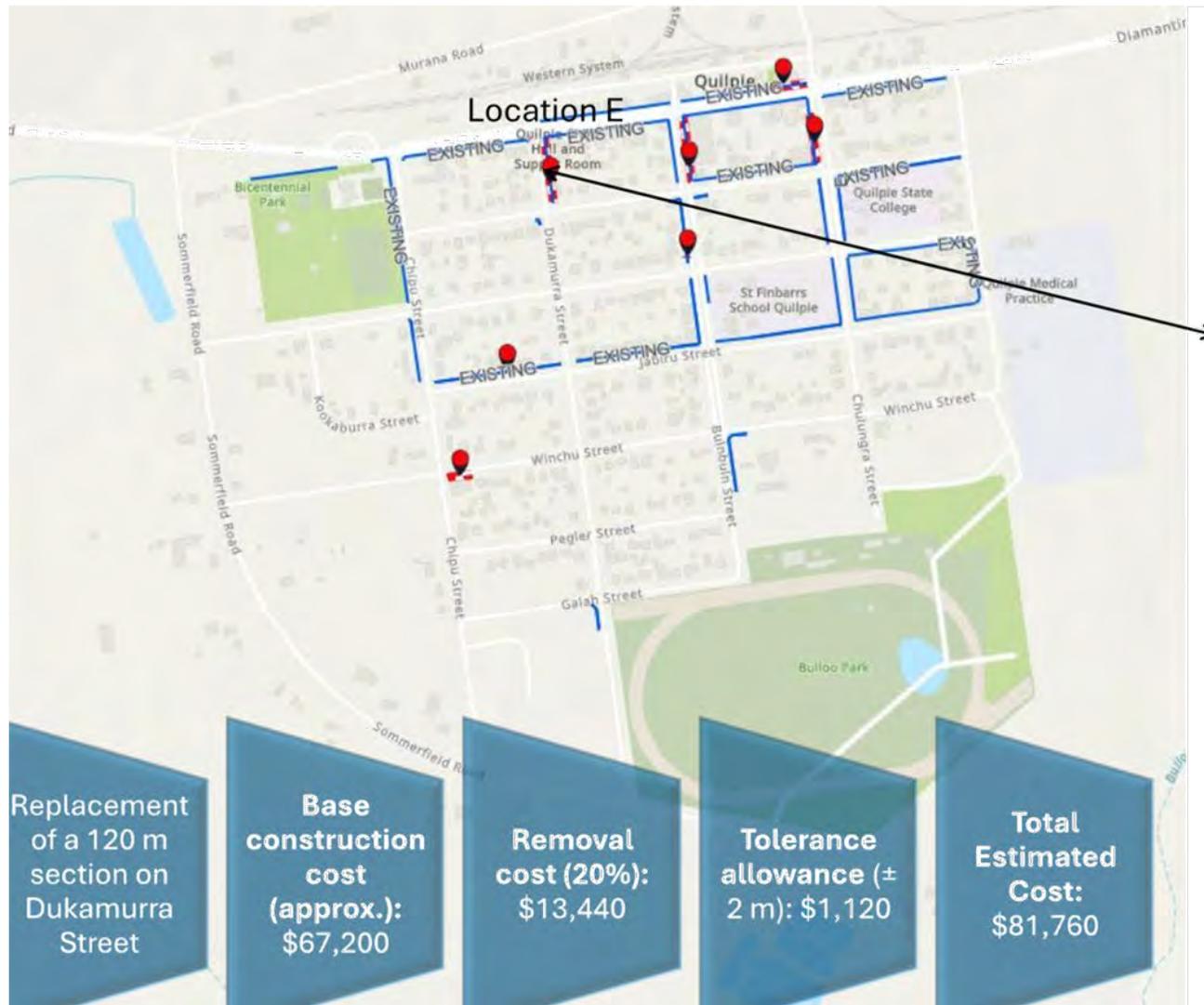


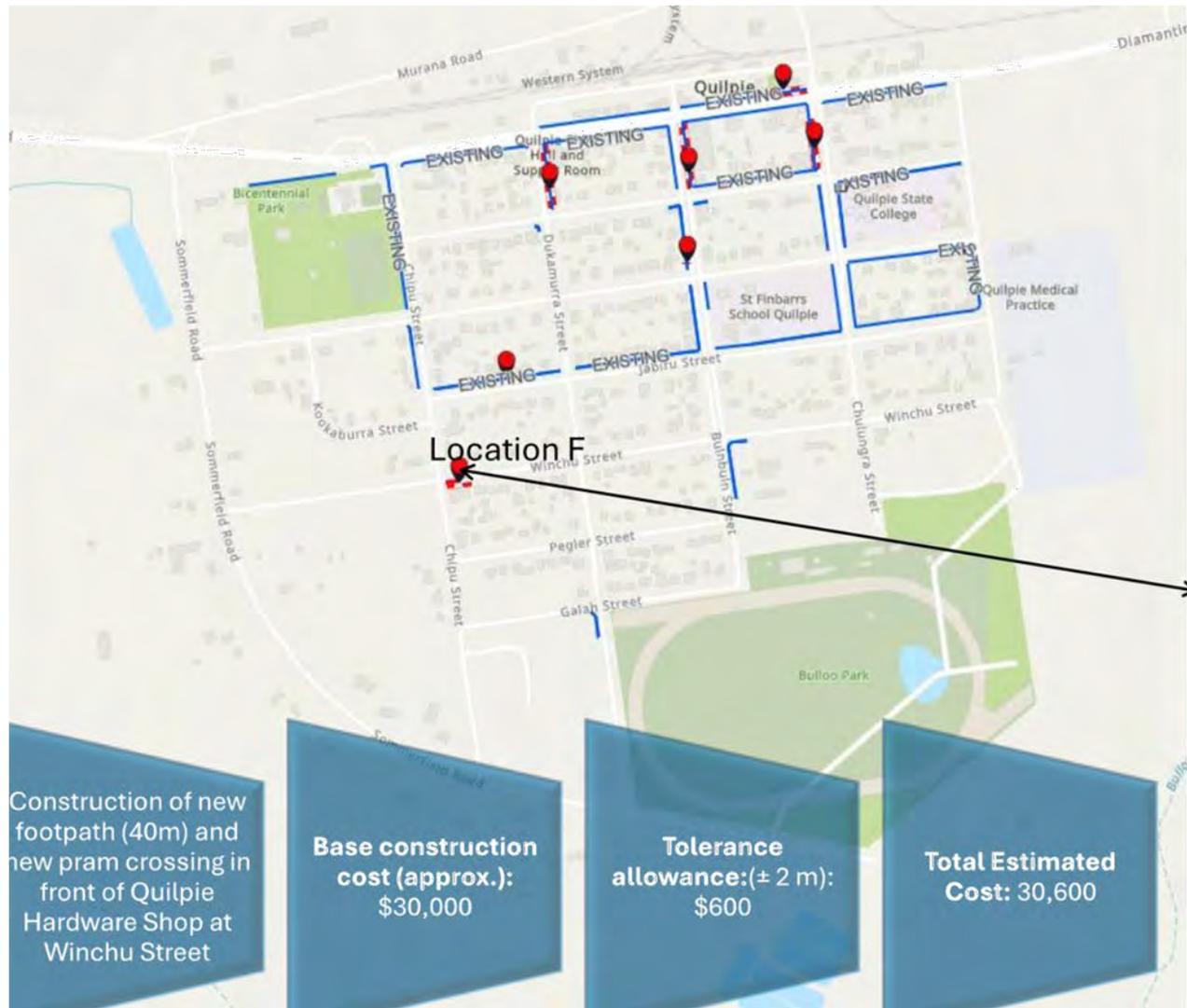












Quilpie Footpath Masterplan (draft) - Long term plan



Footpaths (TMR guidelines)



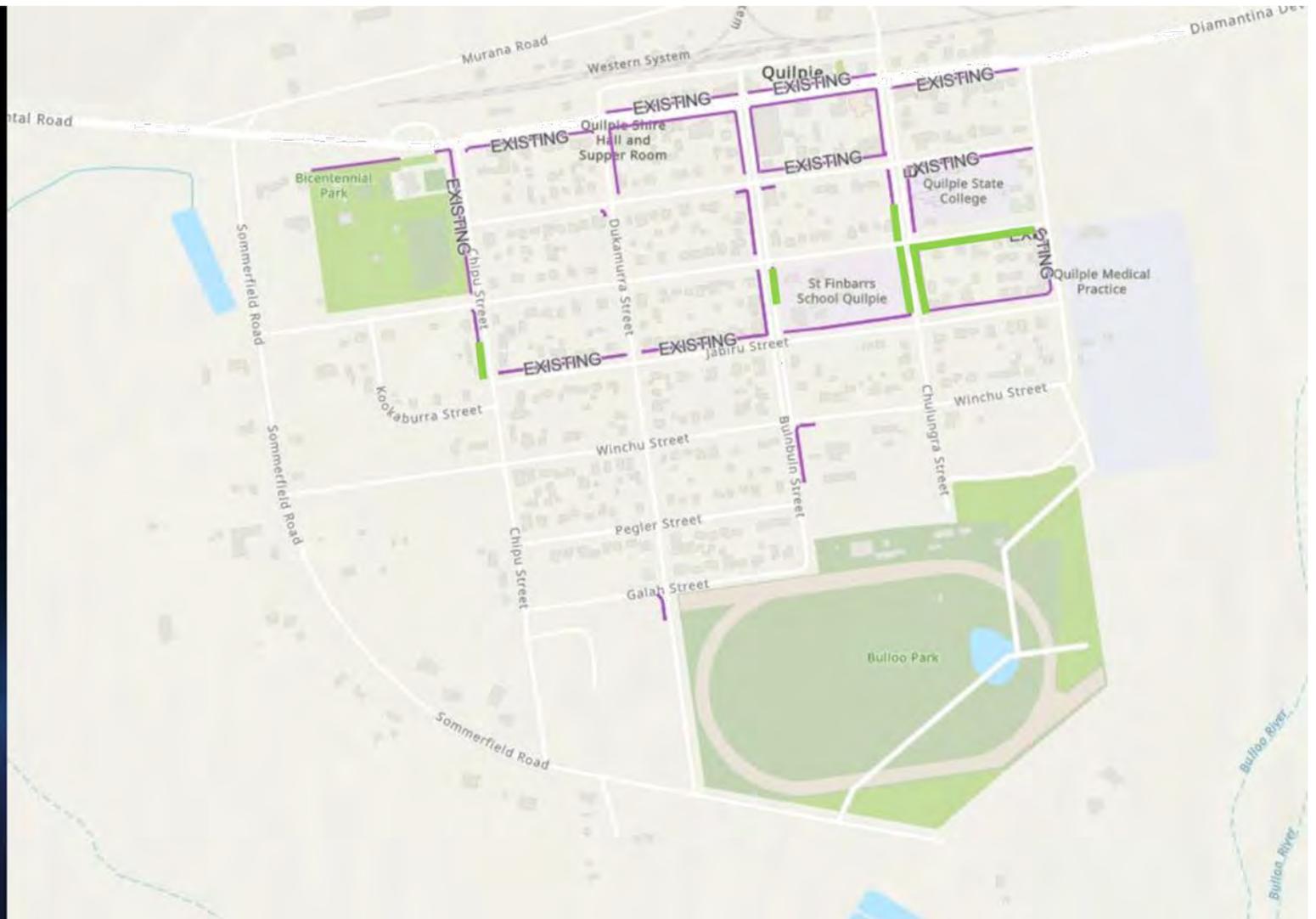
While a footpath necessarily follows the natural topography of the area, it should:

- have a gradient of no steeper than 1 in 20
- have a cross fall of no steeper than 1 in 40
- have kerb cuts with appropriate kerb ramps
- incorporate appropriate Tactile Ground Surface Indicators where necessary to ensure adequate safety and orientation at street crossings
- pedestrian zone minimum clear width of 1.8 metres at the narrowest point and a minimum clear height of 2m
- slip resistant surface during dry and wet conditions



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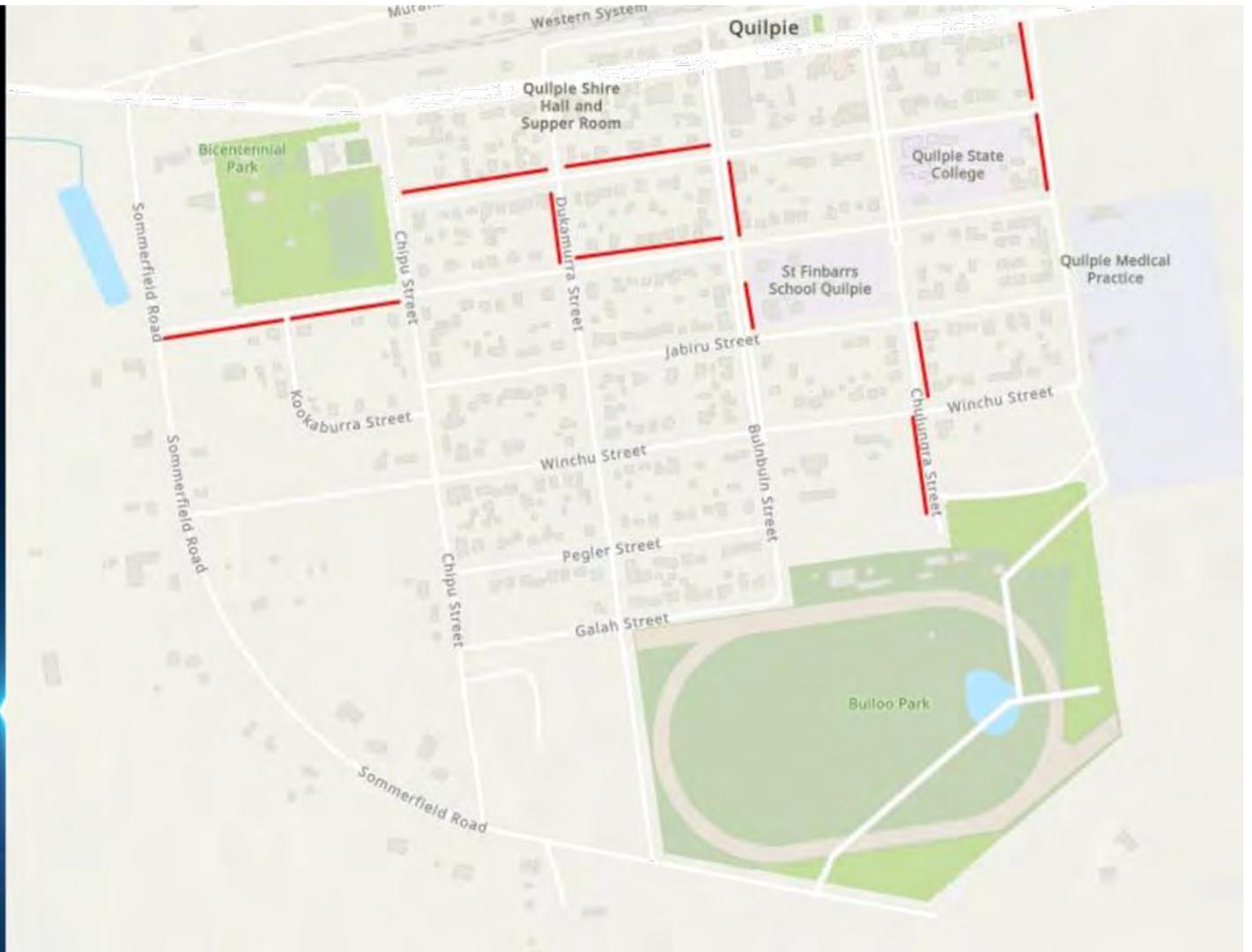
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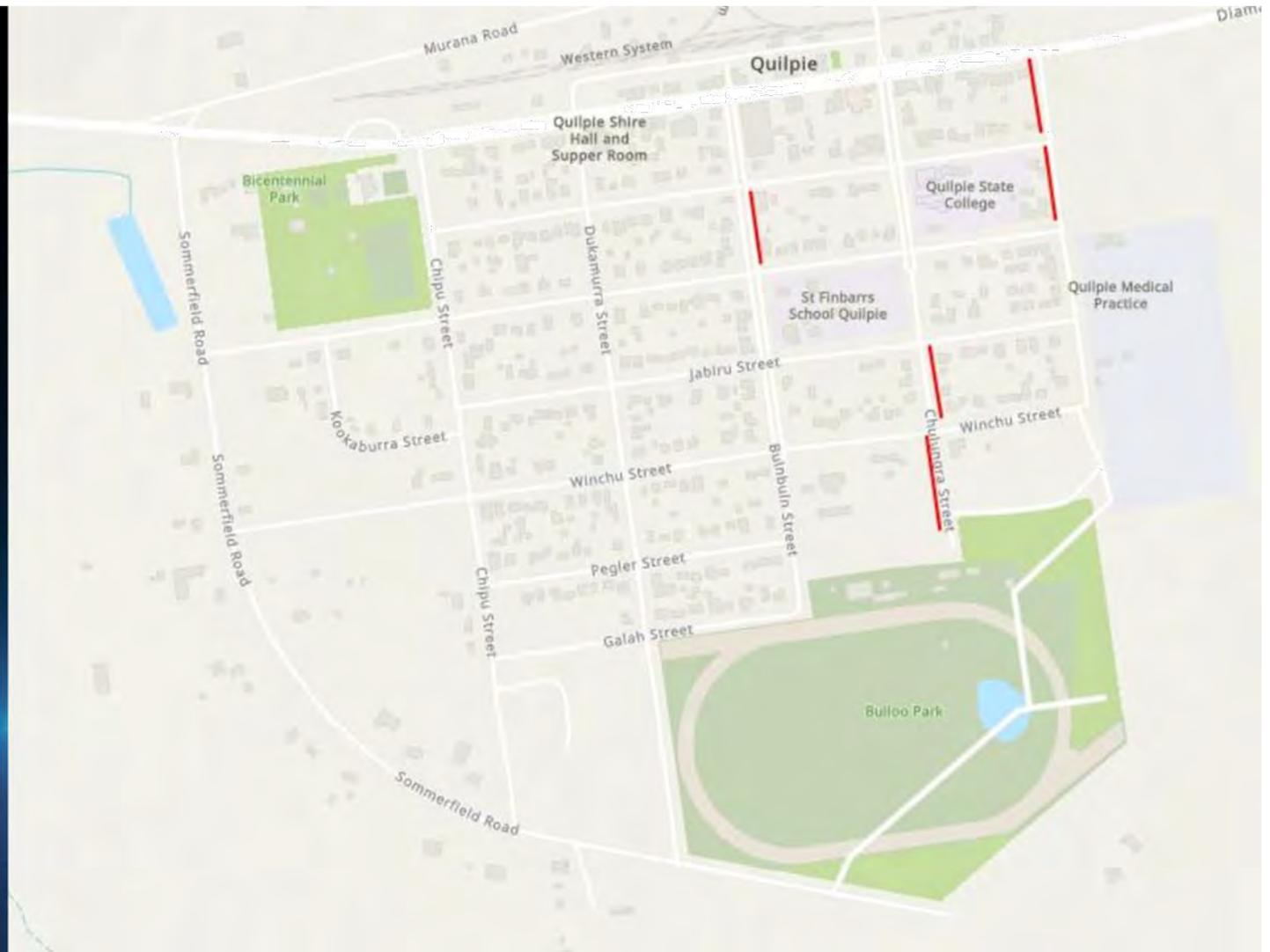
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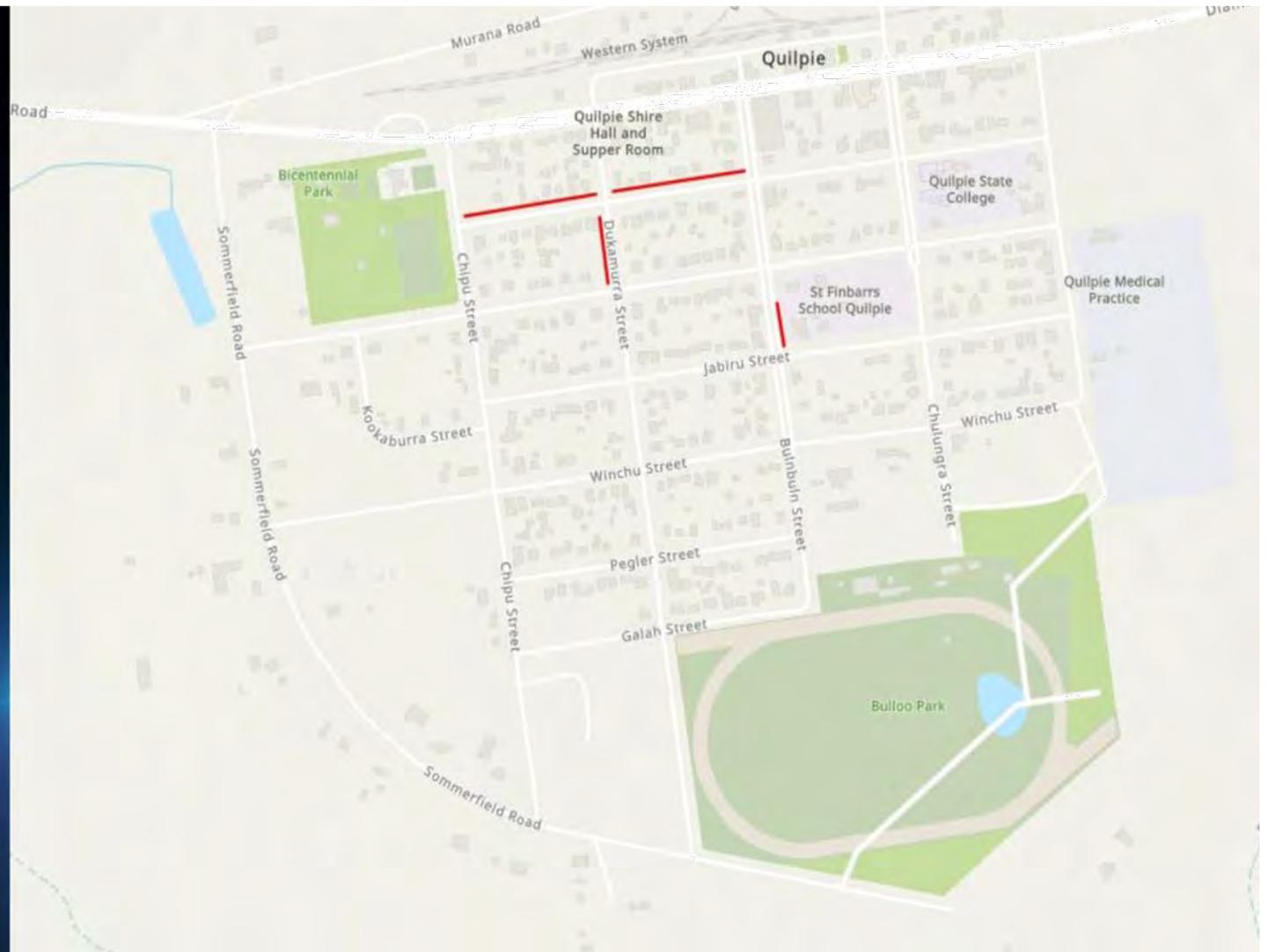
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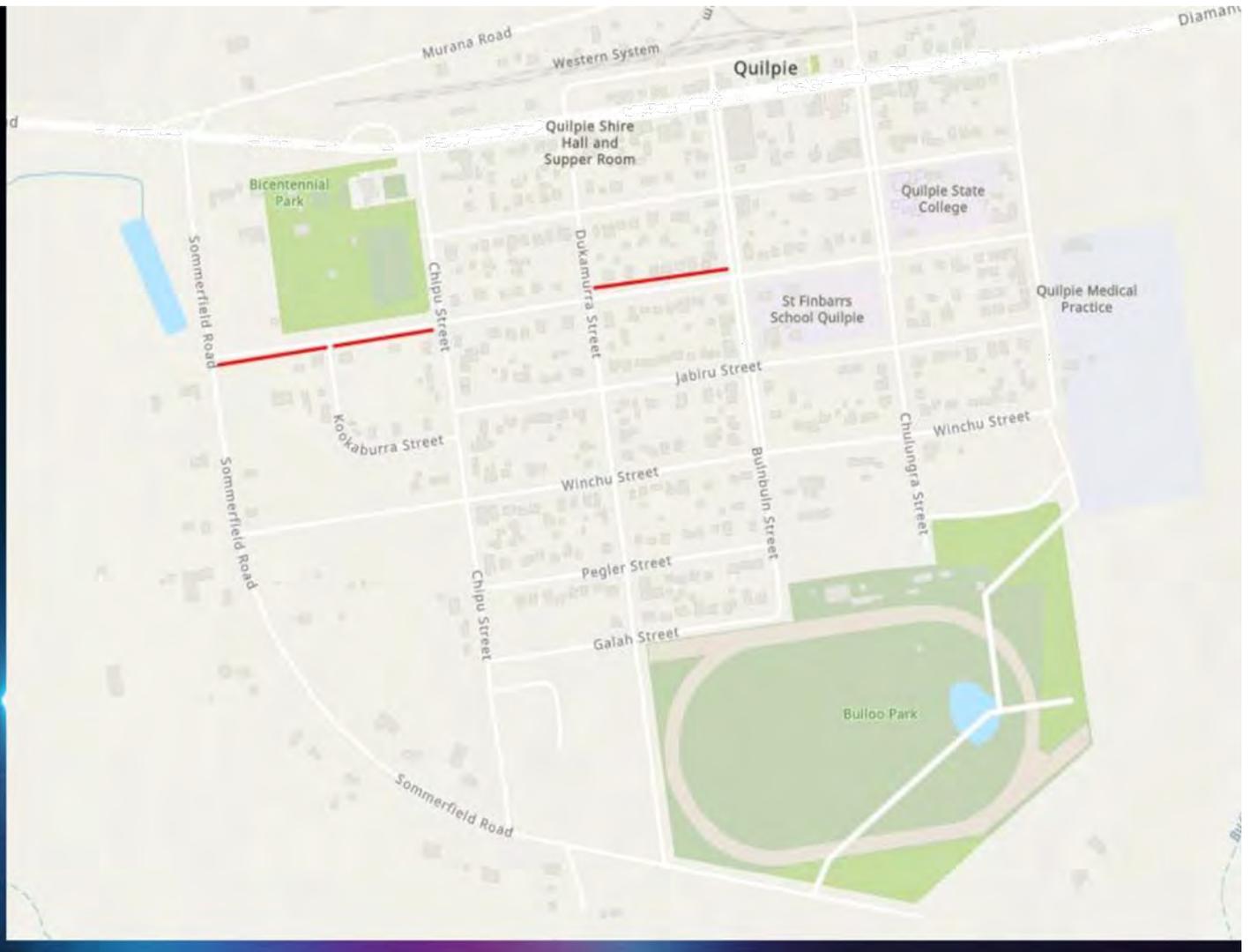
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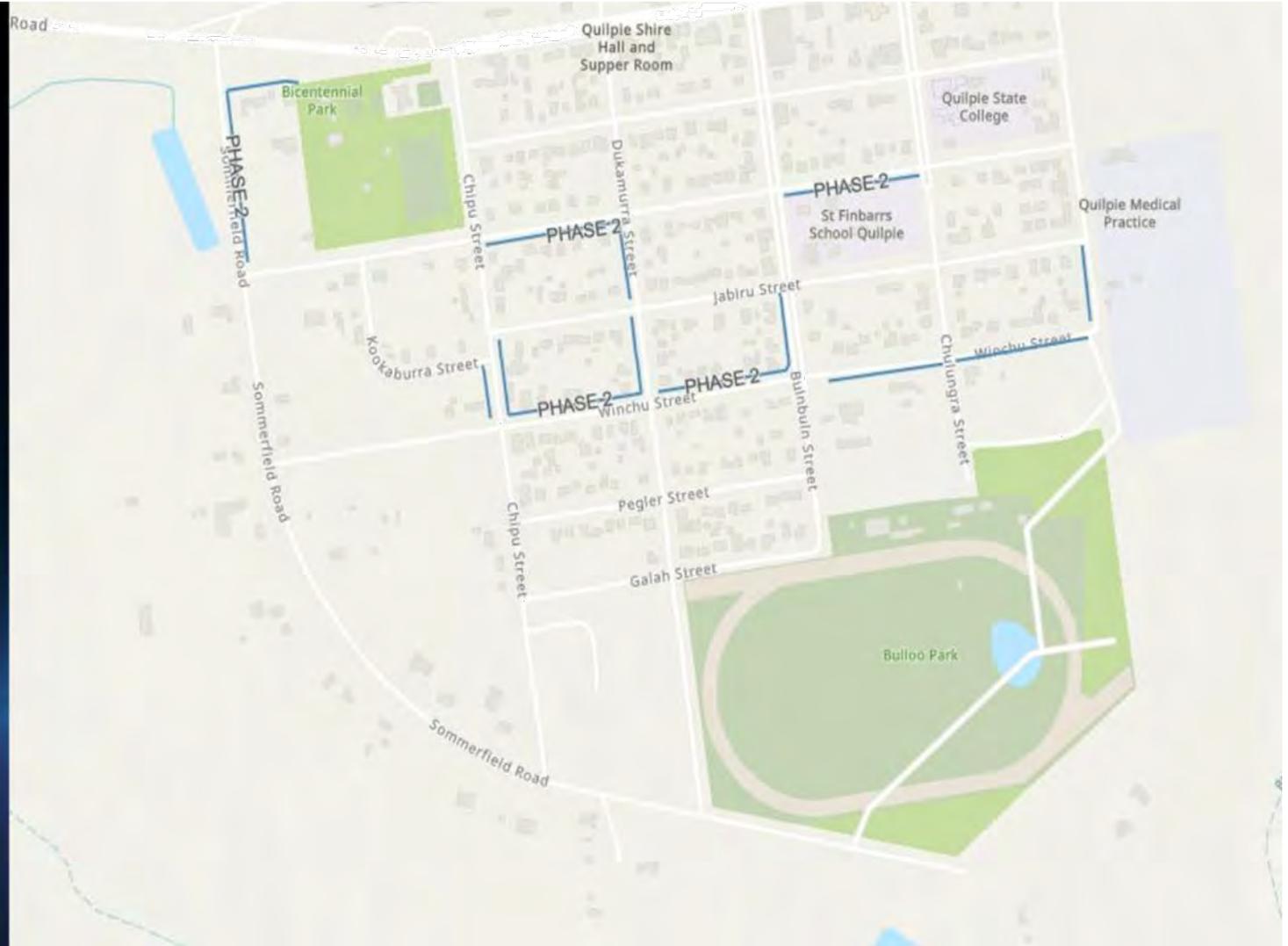


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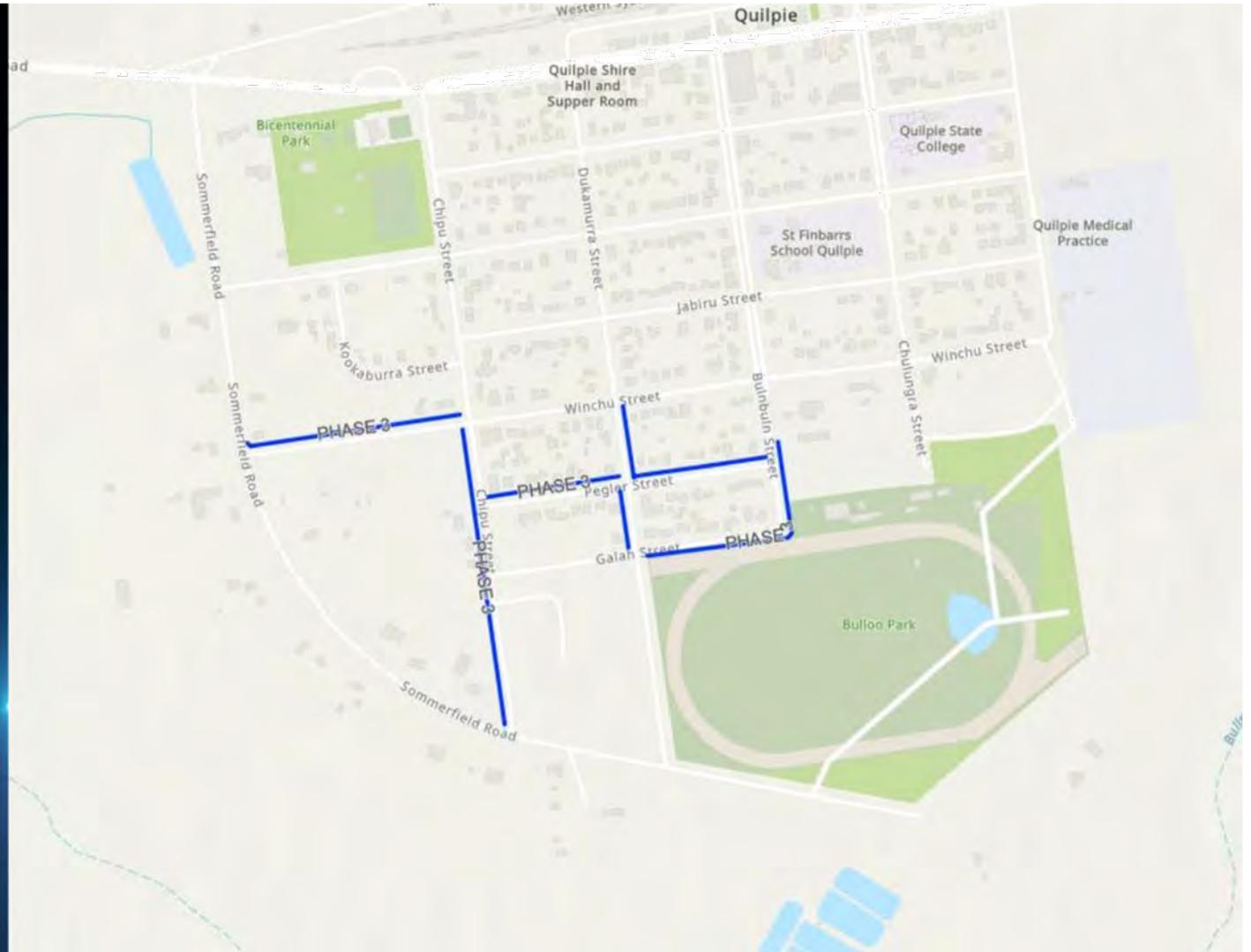
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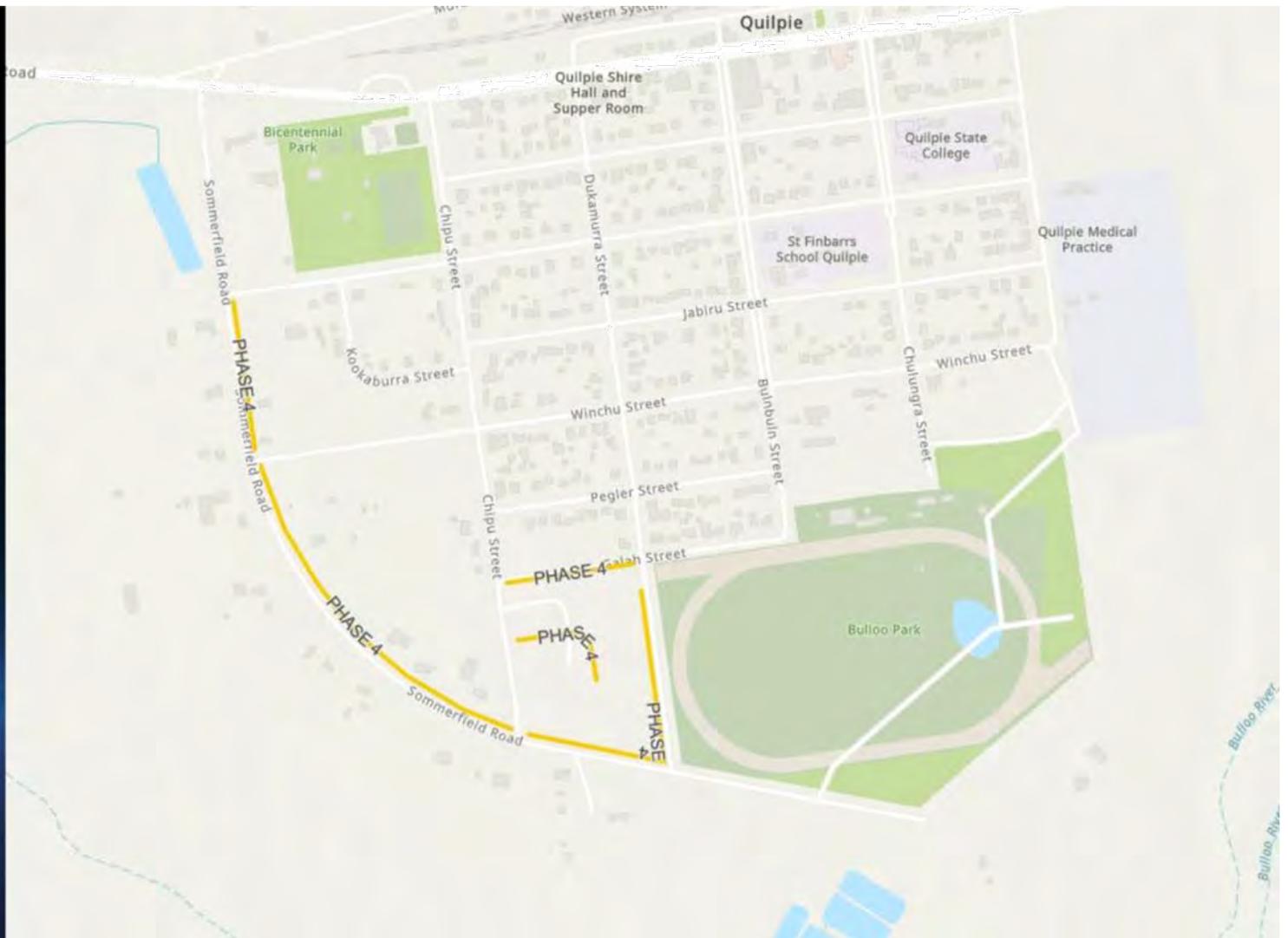
Phase 3 over 4 years (2032 – 2036)

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Phase 4
over 4 years
(2036 – 2040)
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- Existing
- Phase 1
- Phase 1a
- Phase 2b
- Phase 3c
- Phase 2
- Phase 3
- Phase 4

Complete town
over 15 years
(2026 – 2040)

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FOOTPATH REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN QUILPIE (Draft, subject to funding)

Location	Chainage	Length (m)	Replacement Cost	Replacement Year
Brolga Street (North)	Bob Memorial Park to Chulungra Street	71	\$48,792	2027
Winchu Street (South)	Corner footpath (40 m) and new pram crossing in front of Quilpie Hardware Shop	40	\$30,600	2027
Dukamurra Street (West)	Quilpie Shire Hall to Boonkai Street	120	\$81,760	2028
Buln Buln Street (West)	Imperial Hotel/Motel to Boonkai Street	120	\$81,760	2029
Chulungra Street (West)	Old Empire Café (Brolga St) to Boonkai Street	80	\$54,880	2030

AFT PROGRAM FOR NEW FOOTPATH IN QUILPIE (Draft, subject to funding)

Location	Chainage	Length (m)	Construction Cost	Signs	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	FY33	FY34	FY35	FY36	FY37	FY38	FY39	FY40
Gyrica Street (West)	Brolga Street to Boonkai Street	120	\$67,200	1A	\$67,200													
Gyrica Street (West)	Boonkai Street to Quarrion Street	120	\$67,200	1A	\$67,200													
Chulungra Street (East)	Jabiru Street to Winchu Street	120	\$67,200	1A	\$67,200													
Chulungra Street (West)	Winchu Street to Bulloo Park	150	\$84,000	1A	\$84,000													
Bulbuln Street (East)	Boonkai Street to Quarrion Street	120	\$67,200	1A	\$67,200													
Boonkai Street (North)	Chipu Street to Dukamura Street	230	\$128,800	1B		\$128,800												
Boonkai Street (North)	Dukamura Street to Bulbuln Street	230	\$128,800	1B		\$128,800												
Dukamura Street (West)	Boonkai Street to Quarrion Street	108	\$60,480	1B		\$60,480												
Bulbuln Street (East)	Quarrion Street to Jabiru Street	71	\$39,760	1B		\$39,760												
Quarrion Street (North)	Bulbuln Street to Dukamura Street	231	\$129,360	1C			\$129,360											
Quarrion Street (South)	Chipu Street to Kookaburra Street	172	\$96,320	1C			\$96,320											
Quarrion Street (South)	Kookaburra Street to Sommerfield Road	188	\$105,280	1C			\$105,280											
Quarrion Street (South)	Chipu Street to Dukamura Street	231	\$129,360	2A				\$129,360										
Quarrion Street (South)	Bulbuln Street to Chulungra Street	232	\$129,920	2A				\$129,920										
Dukamura Street (West)	Quarrion Street to Jabiru Street	119	\$66,640	2A				\$66,640										
Chipu Street (East)	Jabiru Street to Winchu Street	120	\$67,200	2B					\$67,200									
Dukamura Street (West)	Jabiru Street to Winchu Street	120	\$67,200	2B					\$67,200									
Bulbuln Street (West)	Jabiru Street to Winchu Street	120	\$67,200	2B					\$67,200									
Gyrica Street (West)	Jabiru Street to Winchu Street	120	\$67,200	2B					\$67,200									
Chipu Street (East)	Kookaburra Street to Winchu Street	80	\$44,800	2B					\$44,800									
Winchu Street (North)	Chipu Street to Dukamura Street	230	\$128,800	2C						\$128,800								
Winchu Street (North)	Dukamura Street to Bulbuln Street	230	\$128,800	2C						\$128,800								
Winchu Street (South)	Bulbuln Street to Chulungra Street	190	\$106,400	2C						\$106,400								
Winchu Street (South)	Chulungra Street to Gyrica Street	230	\$128,800	2D							\$128,800							
Sommerfield Road (East)	Quarrion St to Diamantina Devt Rd	270	\$151,200	2D							\$151,200							
Diamantina Devt Rd (South)	John Waugh Park to Sommerfield Road	124	\$69,440	2D							\$69,440							
Winchu Street (North)	Sommerfield Road to Chipu Street	380	\$212,800	3A								\$212,800						
Dukamura Street (West)	Winchu Street to Pegler Street	130	\$72,800	3A								\$72,800						
Chipu Street (East)	Winchu Street to Sommerfield Road	520	\$291,200	3B									\$291,200					
Pegler Street (South)	Chipu Street to Dukamura Street	230	\$128,800	3C										\$128,800				
Pegler Street (South)	Dukamura Street to Bulbuln Street	230	\$128,800	3C										\$128,800				
Dukamura Street (East)	Pegler Street to Galah Street	100	\$56,000	3C										\$56,000				
Galah Street (South)	Dukamura Street to Bulbuln Street	230	\$128,800	3D											\$128,800			
Bulbuln Street (East)	Galah Street to Pegler Street	130	\$72,800	3D											\$72,800			
Dukamura Street (West)	Galah Street to Sommerfield Road	273	\$152,320	4A												\$152,320		
Galah Street (South)	Chipu Street to Dukamura Street	230	\$128,800	4A												\$128,800		
Sommerfield Road (East)	Dukamura Street to Chipu Street	220	\$123,200	4A												\$123,200		
Book Street	Whole street (cul-de-sac)	201	\$112,560	4B													\$112,560	
Sommerfield Road (East)	Quarrion Street to Winchu Street	265	\$148,400	4B													\$148,400	
Sommerfield Road (East)	Chipu Street to Winchu Street	665	\$372,400	4C														\$372,400
Total cost =			\$4,524,240		\$352,800	\$357,840	\$330,960	\$325,920	\$313,600	\$364,000	\$349,440	\$285,600	\$291,200	\$313,600	\$201,600	\$404,320	\$260,960	\$372,400
			\$323,160		\$352,800	\$357,840	\$330,960	\$325,920	\$313,600	\$364,000	\$349,440	\$285,600	\$291,200	\$313,600	\$201,600	\$404,320	\$260,960	\$372,400
			average per year															

11.2 ACTIVE TRANSPORT GRANT PROGRAM FY2026/27 - PROPOSED APPLICATIONS

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Attachments: 1. 2026 Quilpie Footpath Masterplan (draft)

KEY OUTCOME

Key Outcome: 1. Great Place to Live

Key Initiative: 1.2 Spaces to bring people together for recreation, socialisation and enjoyment of the landscapes

Key Outcome: 2. Flourishing Economy

Key Initiative: 2.3 Maintain safe and efficient transport networks

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a grant application under the Active Transport Grant Program FY2026-2027 administered by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) on behalf of Queensland Government.

This report seeks Council's consideration to submit two applications under the Active Transport Grant Program FY2026-2027, administered by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR). The program provides grant funding to support the planning, design, and construction of safe and high-quality walking and cycling infrastructure, particularly in remote areas such as Quilpie.

It is recommended that Council submit applications for:

1. A Planning Project to develop an endorsed Walking Network Plan (WNP) for Quilpie, building on the 2021 Footpath Masterplan, the draft 2026 Masterplan, and the Quilpie Main Street Masterplan. This will enable a staged, 15-30 year implementation program prioritising pedestrian connectivity to key destinations.
2. A Design and Construct Project to deliver priority footpaths on Gyrica Street (Brolga Street to Quarrion Street) and Chulungra Street (Jabiru Street to Bulloo Park), improving safety and access for pedestrians.

The total estimated project cost is \$360,000, with Council's 25% co-contribution of \$90,000 required in FY2026/2027 if the applications are successful.

These projects address existing gaps in footpath infrastructure, reduce risks to pedestrians, and provide long-term strategic benefits, including:

- Improved safety and reduced liability;
- Enhanced community connectivity and accessibility;
- Alignment with Council's long-term asset management and financial planning;
- Eligibility for future State funding; and

- Positive economic, tourism, and social outcomes.

The recommended course of action represents a low-risk, high-value investment in Quilpie's active transport network, supporting public safety, community health, and sustainable infrastructure development.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Support the submission of two applications under the Active Transport Grant Program FY2026–2027 in the Planning Project and Design and Construct categories; and
2. Allocate \$90,000 in the 2026/27 financial year if the applications are successful.

BACKGROUND

The Active Transport Grant Program has been created by Queensland government as part of the Australian Government's commitment, under the National Road Safety Strategy 2021-30, to support Queensland councils to plan, design and construct high quality and safe active transport infrastructure on the local transport network. Active transport includes travel by walking and riding bikes.

This competitive grant program is administered by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and helps to achieve the department's vision of connected communities in a sustainable, thriving and inclusive Queensland. This new Program brings together and supersedes the former previously separate Walking Local Government Grants and Cycling Network Local Government Grants programs into a single, streamlined program.

The application round opened in December 2025 and is scheduled to close on 27 February 2026. However, TMR has granted Quilpie Shire Council via email for an extension of time to submit its application until 13 March 2026.

The Program's key objectives are to provide grant funding to councils to plan, design and construct walking and bike riding infrastructure in line with priority routes included in a Principal Cycle Network Plan (PCNP) and/or a Walking Network Plan (WNP).

The program guidelines require projects should:

- complete missing links and/or remove barriers that present significant obstacles to bike riding or walking
- improve access to key destinations like schools, hospitals and public transport stops and stations, and Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games venues and athlete villages
- support tourism destinations
- meet best practice design and construction standards, and
- anticipate and support future demand and use.

Project eligibility

Active transport projects

For projects that propose to deliver active transport outcomes (includes an infrastructure solution for both bike riding and walking) the route must be at least on one (or both) of:

- a principal route identified in an endorsed Principal Cycle Network Plan (PCNP); and/or
- a route identified in an endorsed Walking Network Plan (WNP).

Bike riding only projects

Projects that propose to only deliver outcomes for bike riding must be on a principal route identified in an endorsed PCNP or on an alternative alignment that delivers the same network outcome

(evidence of further planning undertaken which confirms the priority of route must be provided with the application to be considered eligible).

Walking only projects

Projects that propose to only deliver design and/or construction for walking facilities must be either on a route identified in an endorsed WNP or on an alternative alignment that delivers the same network outcome as evidenced by further planning (evidence of further planning must be provided with submission to be considered eligible).

Project categories supported

Funding is available for the following project categories.

1. Planning Projects

Funding is available for the delivery of planning projects which can be for either a:

- Cycling Options Analysis for a Priority A route identified in a Priority Route Map (PRM) on a locally controlled portion of the Principal Cycle Network (PCN); or
- Walking Network Plan (WNP) around key destinations to improve walking access to and around those destinations through connected, comfortable, safe and accessible walking environments.

2. Design Projects

Funding is available for the delivery of detailed design projects for:

- bike riding infrastructure on the PCNP; and/or
- walking infrastructure identified in a local government endorsed WNP

3. Construction projects

Funding is available for the delivery of construction projects for:

- bike riding infrastructure on the PCNP; and/or
- walking infrastructure identified in a local government endorsed WNP.

4. Design and Construction Projects

Funding is available for the delivery of design and construction projects for:

- bike riding infrastructure on the PCNP; and/or
- walking infrastructure identified in a local government endorsed WNP.

5. Network Delivery Packages

Funding is available for packages comprising of multiple discrete design-and construction projects that collectively establish a connected active transport infrastructure network within a defined local area. This type of grant is capped at a maximum Program contribution of \$3 million. Councils can submit multiple applications for these types of project types.

Council co-contribution

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander councils and Very Remote Area councils are eligible to receive a 75% funding contribution from the Program (requiring a minimum 25% contribution from councils). Hence Quilpie Shire Council will benefit from only 25% co-contribution. In addition, the funding guidelines allow Council to also source their 25% contribution from other TMR or Queensland Government Programs, as well as non-Queensland Government funding programs.

REPORT

At the Council Meeting held on 9 November 2021, Council resolved (reference QSC012-11-21) to adopt the November 2021 Footpath Masterplan (refer Figure 1 below) for consideration of future footpath works.

Since the adoption of the 2021 Footpath Masterplan, Council has delivered several new footpath sections in Quilpie, including the recent construction of a section of Jabiru Street between Chipu Street and Buln Buln Street, completed in February 2025.

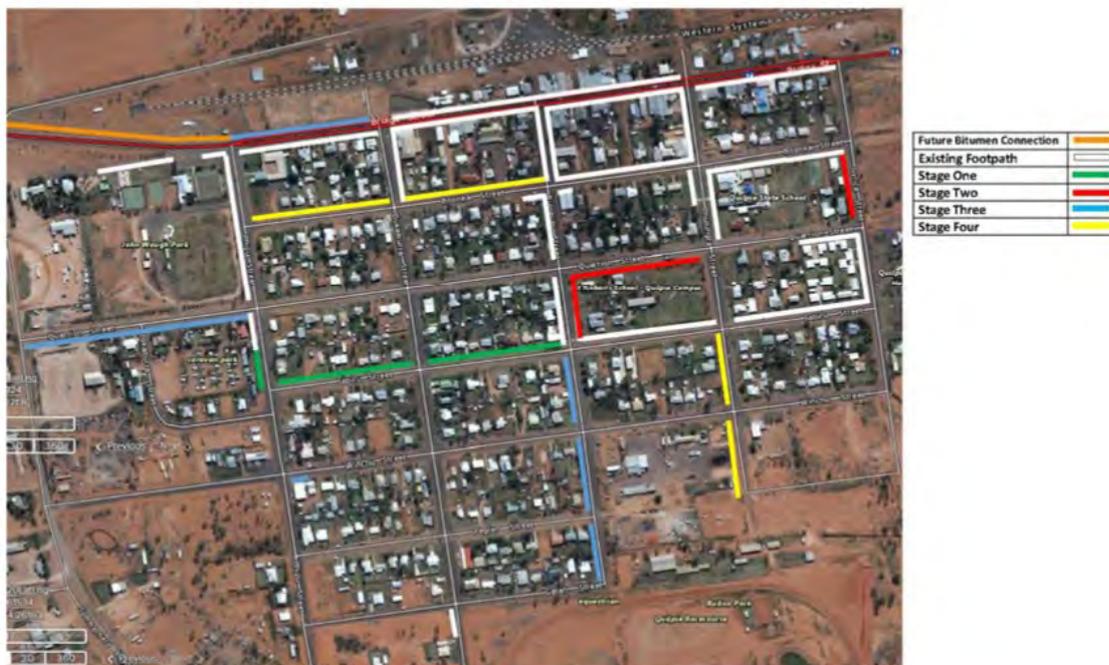


Figure 1: Quilpie Footpath Masterplan (November 2021)

As part of a broader review of the Quilpie Footpath Masterplan, Council officers have undertaken a review of the existing Masterplan and identified footpath opportunities along all roads within Quilpie. A draft long-term delivery program (see Attachment 1) has been prepared subject to funding availability, over a 15 to 30 year planning horizon.

For the Active Transport Grants Program, Council officers propose to submit two applications:

- Application 1 : Planning Project category
- Application 2 : Design and Construct category

Application 1 : Planning Project category

Under this category, council officers discussed with TMR's Senior Project Officer and recommend an application to develop and formalise an endorsed Walking Network Plan (WNP) for Quilpie. This would be achieved by:

- updating and building upon the 2021 Footpath Masterplan and the draft 2026 Quilpie Footpath Masterplan as well as incorporation of the Quilpie Main Street Masterplan, prepared by CUSP Consultant in August 2021 which highlighted the extension of Mulga Walk to connect Quilpie Airport with the town centre;
- prioritising pedestrian connections linking the residential areas, community and key destinations, including local businesses, essential services (such as hospital, schools etc) and major community facilities (e.g. Bulloo Park, John Waugh Park, Bicentennial Park etc);

- undertaking community engagement and consultation to inform a staged and prioritised implementation program over the next 15 to 30 years; and
- Ensuring alignment with the TMR technical requirements, noting that Quilpie Shire Council (QSC) does not currently have an endorsed Walking Network Plan (WNP) as referenced in their website [Walking network plans \(Department of Transport and Main Roads\)](#)

If the funding application is successful, a transport consultant will be appointed to develop a TMR-compliant Walking Network Plan (WNP) by refining the draft long-term Quilpie Footpath Masterplan prepared by council officers and engage the community for feedback.

By having a TMR-compliant WNP, Council is expected to have a stronger success rate in future State-funded footpath-related programs.

Application 2 : Design and Construct category

Although Council does not currently have an endorsed Walking Network Plan that is consistent with TMR requirements, Council officers discussed eligibility with TMR's Senior Project Officer.

TMR confirmed that Council may apply for a walking infrastructure project under the Design and Construct category by referencing the latest adopted Footpath Masterplan, provided that the Masterplan is submitted as part of the application. This will satisfy TMR's requirement for "evidence of further planning" and enable the application to be considered eligible.

For this application under Design and Construct category, Council officers are recommending the construction of the following priority footpath sections:

- Gyrica Street – from Brolga Street (main road in Quilpie) to Quarrion Street, which connects to Gyrica Gardens retirement home and Quilpie Hospital; and
- Chulungra Street – from Jabiru Street to Bulloo Park, the primary venue in Quilpie for large local events such as the Quilpie and District Show and Rodeo, which attracts visitors from across the region and is a major social and economic event for the town.

Project cost estimates

At this stage, a high-level project costing is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1 High-level project cost estimate

Item description	Cost estimate
Application 1 : Planning Project category	
Preparation of Walking Network Plan (WNP) by a transport consultant	\$ 32,000
Community engagement cost	\$ 8,000
Project management cost (Council officers)	\$ 10,000
Total project cost for Application 1	\$ 50,000
Application 2 : Design and Construct category	
Footpath section on Gyrica Street – from Brolga Street to Quarrion Street	\$150,000
Footpath section on Chulungra Street – from Jabiru Street to Bulloo Park	\$150,000
Project management cost (Council officers)	\$ 10,000
Total project cost for Application 2	\$ 310,000
Total project cost for both Applications 1 and 2	\$ 360,000

Budget consideration for FY2026/2027

Council contribution for this application is expected to be 25% (\$90,000).

Given that the closing date for application is 27 February 2026, it is likely that the funding offer will be known at the end of the current financial year (June 2026). Hence if both applications are supported, Council will need to budget for \$90,000 for the next financial year FY2026/2027.

OPTIONSOption 1 – Recommended

That Council:

1. Support the submission of two applications under the Active Transport Grant Program FY2026–2027 in the Planning Project and Design and Construct categories; and
2. Allocate \$90,000 in the 2026/27 financial year if the applications are successful.

Option 2

That Council not support the submission of two applications under the Active Transport Grant Program FY2026–2027 in the Planning Project and Design and Construct categories.

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

Councillors

Chief Executive Officer

Council officers within the Infrastructure Services directorate

LEGISLATION/ LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)

Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The application must work within the Active Transport Grant Program guidelines.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Active Transport Grant Program (ATG) will provide 75 per cent of funding (\$270,000) towards the total estimated project cost of \$360,000, with the remaining 25 per cent (\$90,000) to be covered by Council. The outcome of the funding application is expected to be announced by the end of the current financial year. If the application is successful, Council will need to include \$90,000 in its FY2026/2027 budget to meet the co-contribution requirement. The program allows a project delivery timeline of up to one year, which enables the workload to be spread over a longer period and reduces the resource impact on Council staff, particularly with support from a transport consultant.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Increasing the asset base of concrete footpath will result in future maintenance costs. This should be balanced with reducing various risks including liability and reputational risks to Council if missing footpaths continue in the foreseeable future.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Council has assessed the risks associated with this report in line with the Enterprise Risk Management Policy (G.11) and the Risk Management Framework (G.11-A). Two scenarios have been considered to support decision-making: a Do Nothing scenario and a Do Something scenario.

Do Nothing scenario

If no new footpaths are delivered, many streets in Quilpie would continue to lack formal pedestrian infrastructure. Key risks include:

- **Safety:** Pedestrians, including child cyclists, would share roadways with vehicles, increasing the likelihood of collisions. Risk is higher in areas with limited sight distance, poor lighting, or higher vehicle speeds. Vulnerable users are particularly exposed.
- **Accessibility and equity:** The absence of off-road paths may restrict mobility for residents using walking, prams, or mobility scooters, and those without vehicles. Access to essential services, schools, and community facilities may be reduced.
- **Social inclusion:** Families with young children, wheelchair users, and other vulnerable groups may be excluded from safely accessing key destinations, reducing participation in community life.
- **Legal and reputational:** Continued reliance on shared roadways increases the likelihood of complaints, liability claims, and negative community perception.

Do Something scenario

Developing a formal Walking Network Plan (WNP) and delivering priority footpaths would reduce the risks above and provide additional benefits:

- **Safety:** A planned and prioritised pedestrian network separates pedestrians from vehicles, reducing conflict points and improving road safety.
- **Funding:** An endorsed WNP strengthens eligibility for future “design and construct” funding through the Active Transport Grants Program and other state funding streams.
- **Health and active transport:** Improved connectivity encourages walking and cycling, supporting community health, wellbeing, and reduced reliance on vehicles.
- **Economic and tourism benefits:** Safer, connected pathways enhance visitor experience, support tourism growth, and provide flow-on benefits to local businesses.
- **Reputation and strategic alignment:** Delivery of active transport initiatives strengthens Council’s reputation and aligns with strategic objectives for safety, liveability, and sustainable infrastructure.

Overall risk position

Proceeding with the recommended approach represents a low-risk, high-value strategy. It reduces safety, accessibility, and governance risks while delivering broader social, economic, and reputational benefits.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATION

Under Section 4(b) of the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld), public entities are required to act and make decisions in a manner compatible with human rights, balancing these rights against the rights of others and relevant public policy considerations.

As part of this decision-making process, careful consideration has been given to the 23 human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld). The proposed action to proceed with the grant application supports human rights by improving public infrastructure, enhancing freedom of movement, and promoting public safety. The delivery of footpaths also facilitates access to health services and contributes to general welfare. The recommended actions are therefore compatible with all human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld) and do not impose any limitations.

Quilpie Footpath Masterplan (draft) - Long term plan



Footpaths (TMR guidelines)



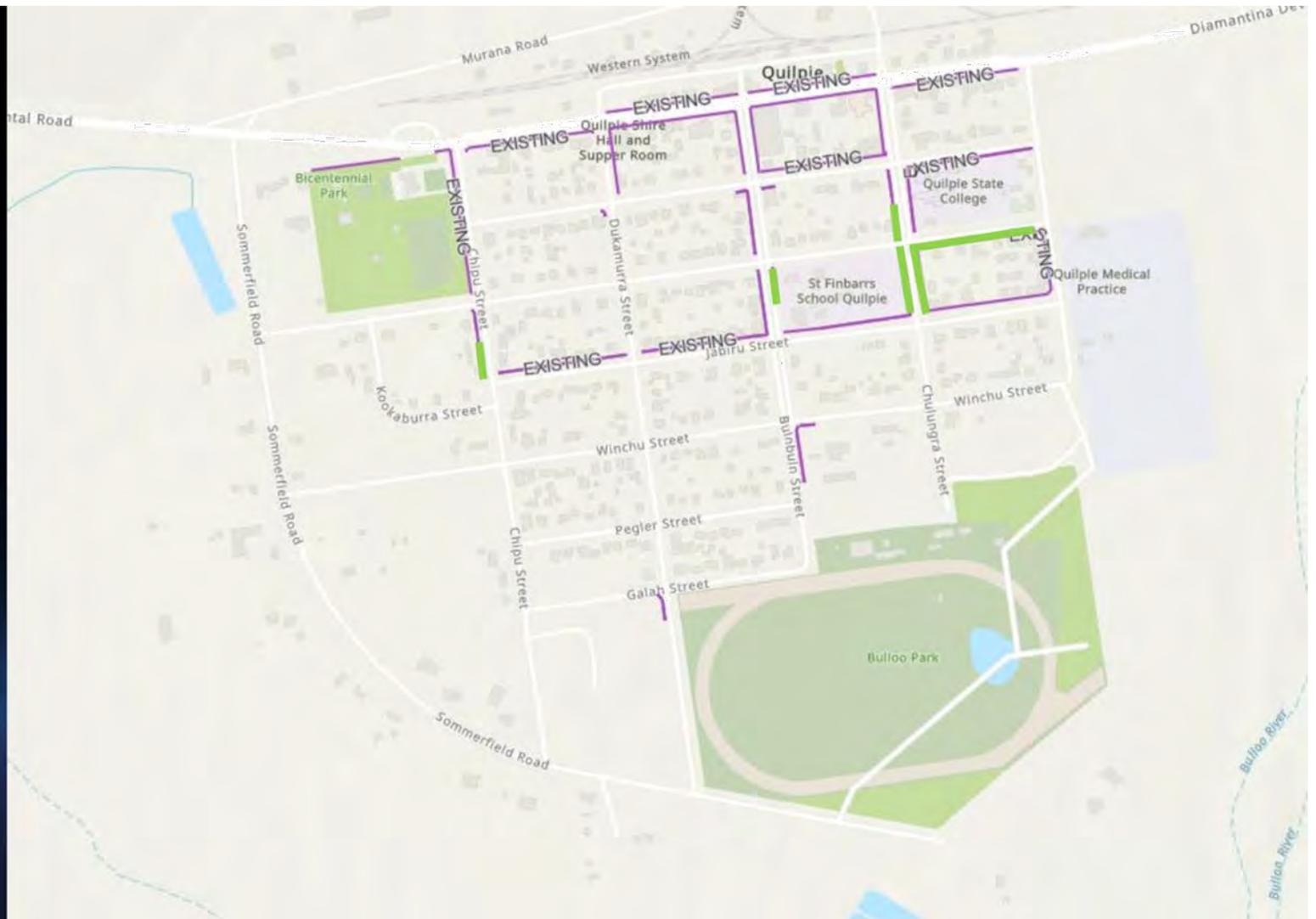
While a footpath necessarily follows the natural topography of the area, it should:

- have a gradient of no steeper than 1 in 20
- have a cross fall of no steeper than 1 in 40
- have kerb cuts with appropriate kerb ramps
- incorporate appropriate Tactile Ground Surface Indicators where necessary to ensure adequate safety and orientation at street crossings
- pedestrian zone minimum clear width of 1.8 metres at the narrowest point and a minimum clear height of 2m
- slip resistant surface during dry and wet conditions



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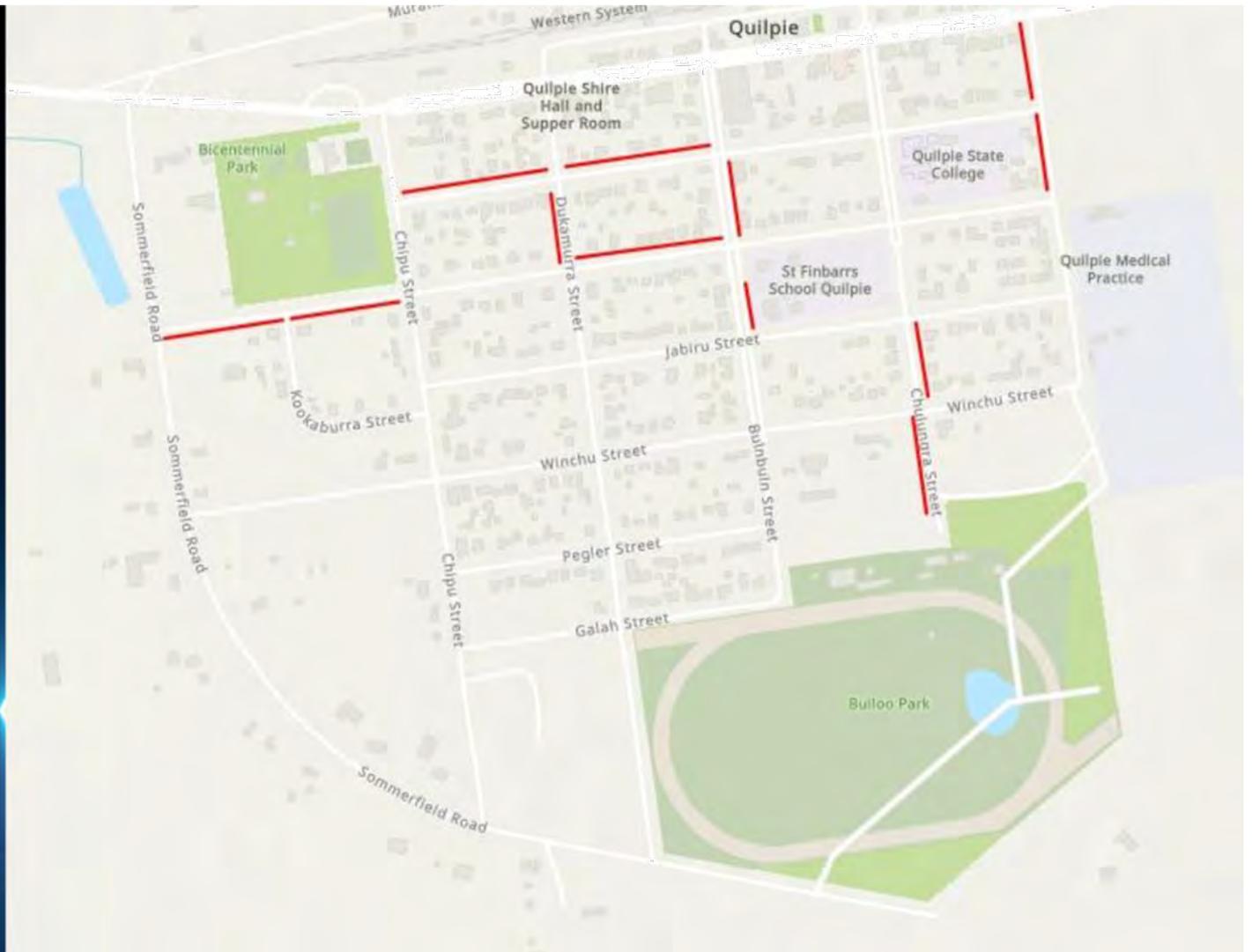
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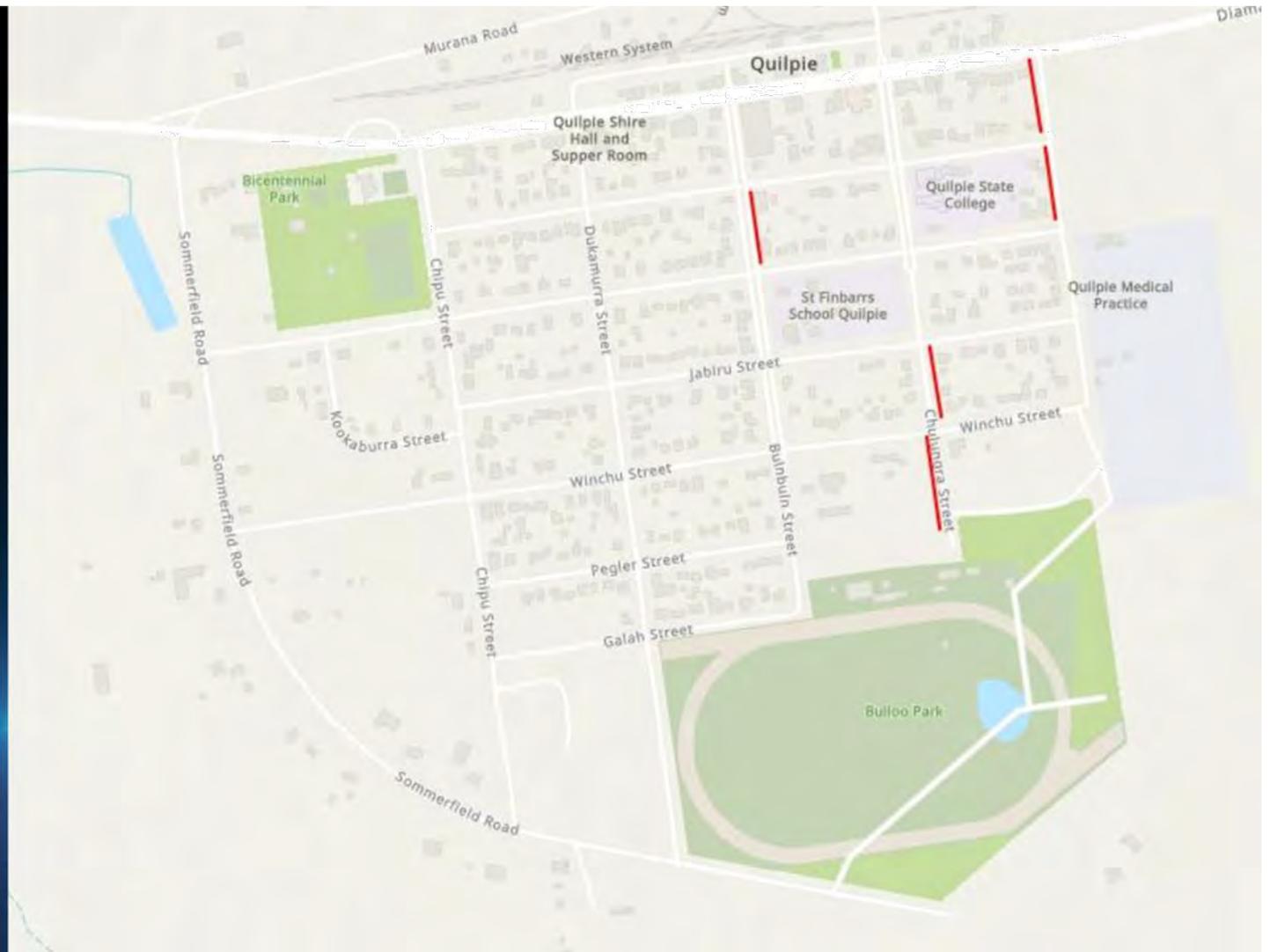
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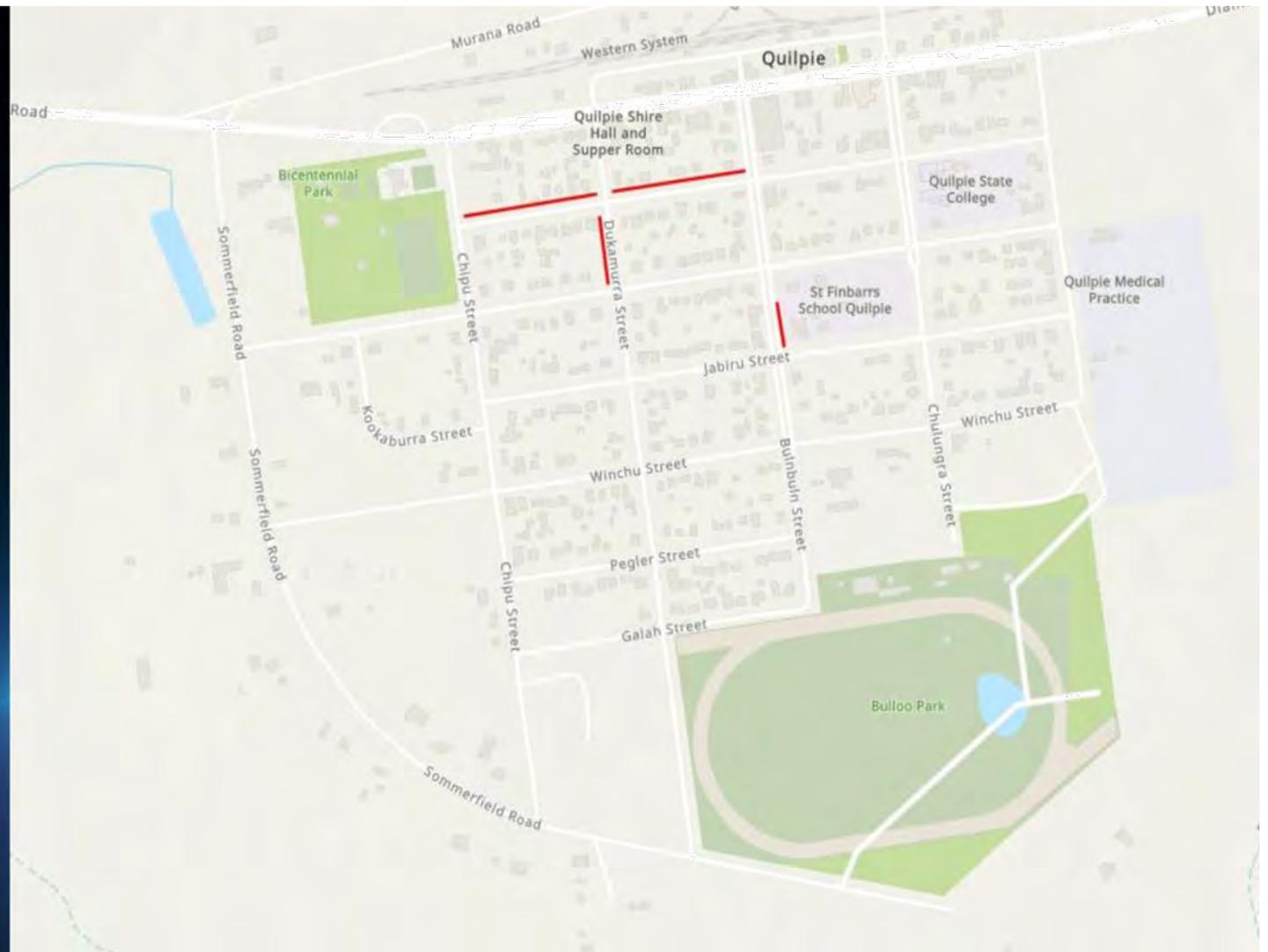
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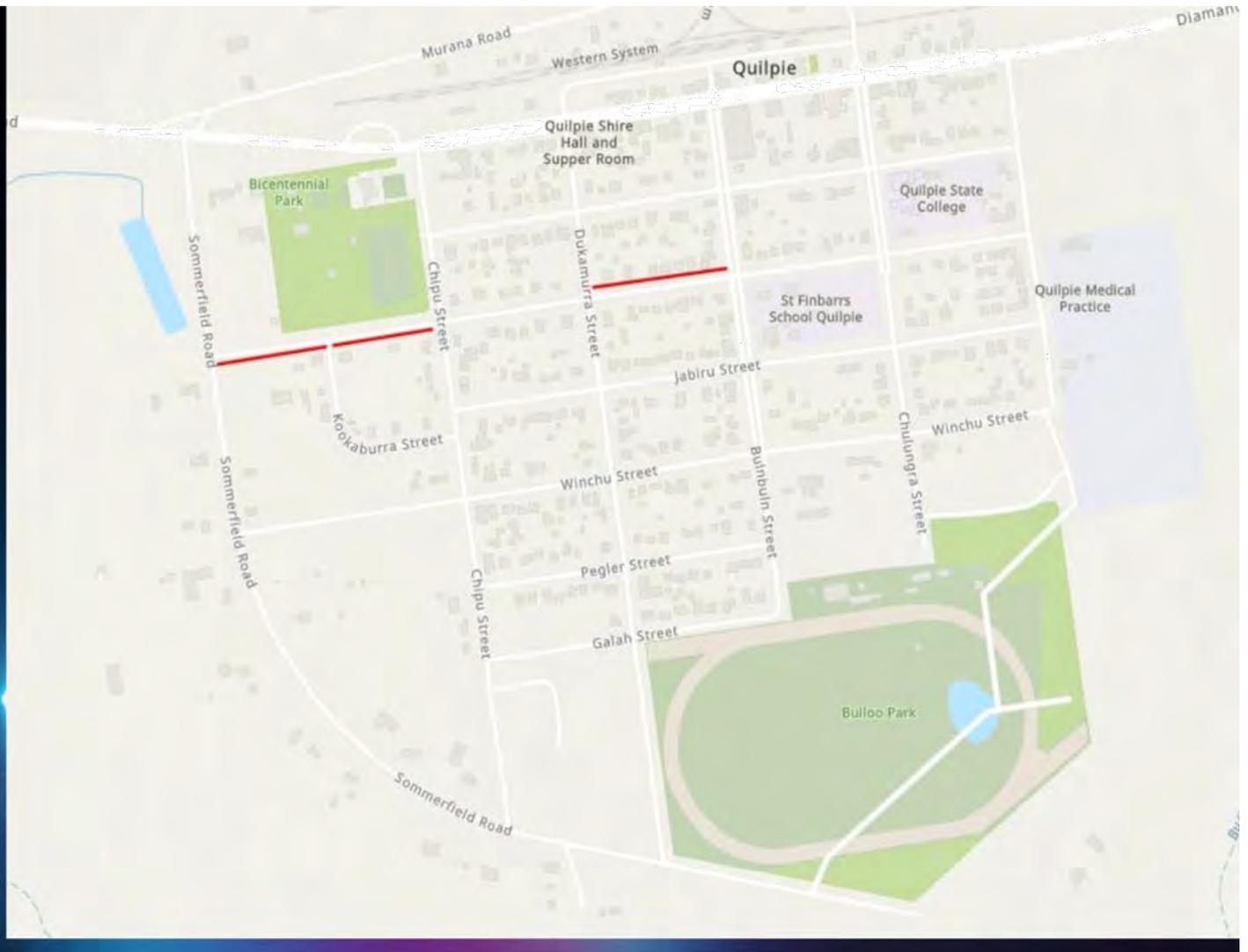
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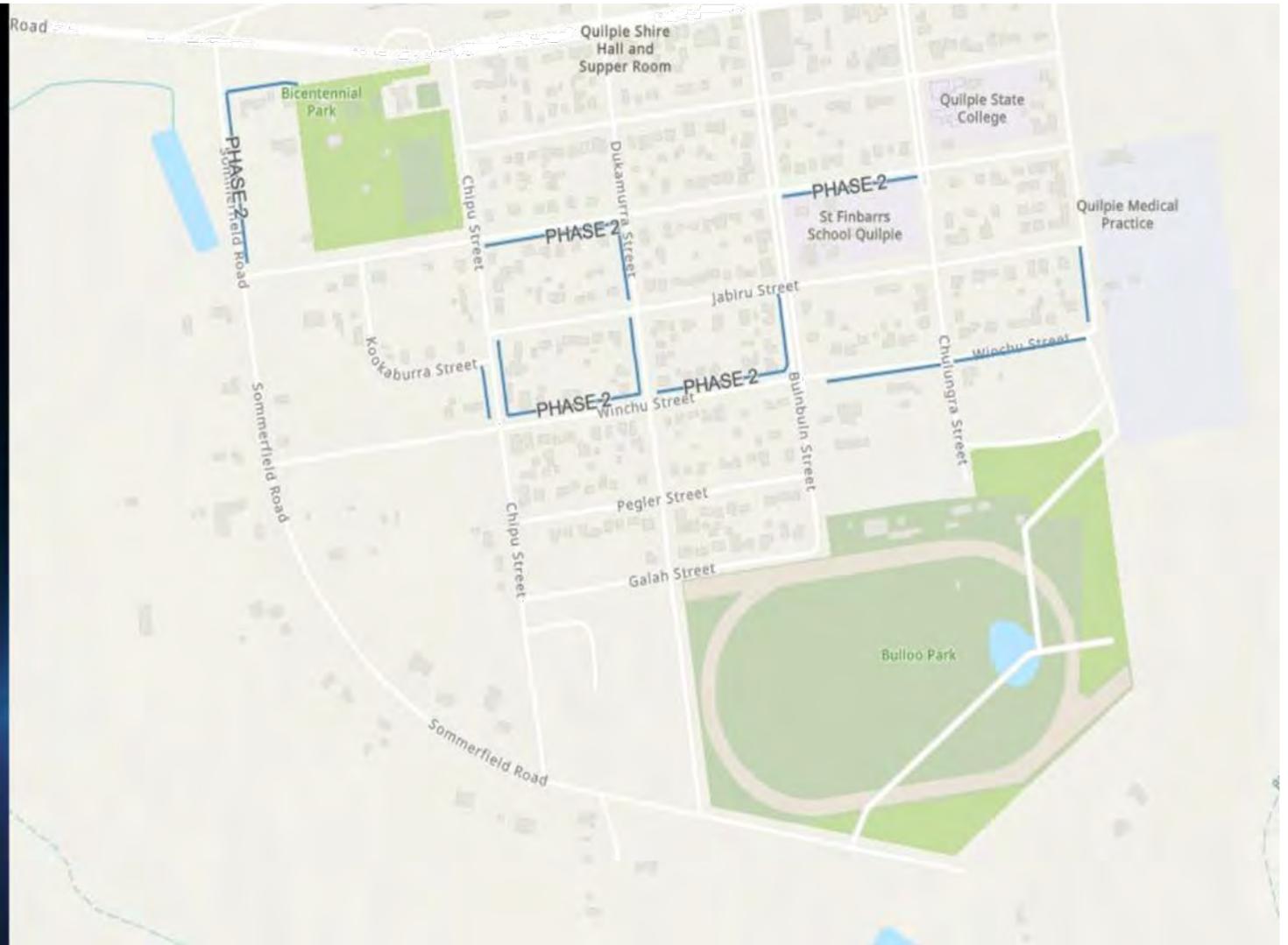


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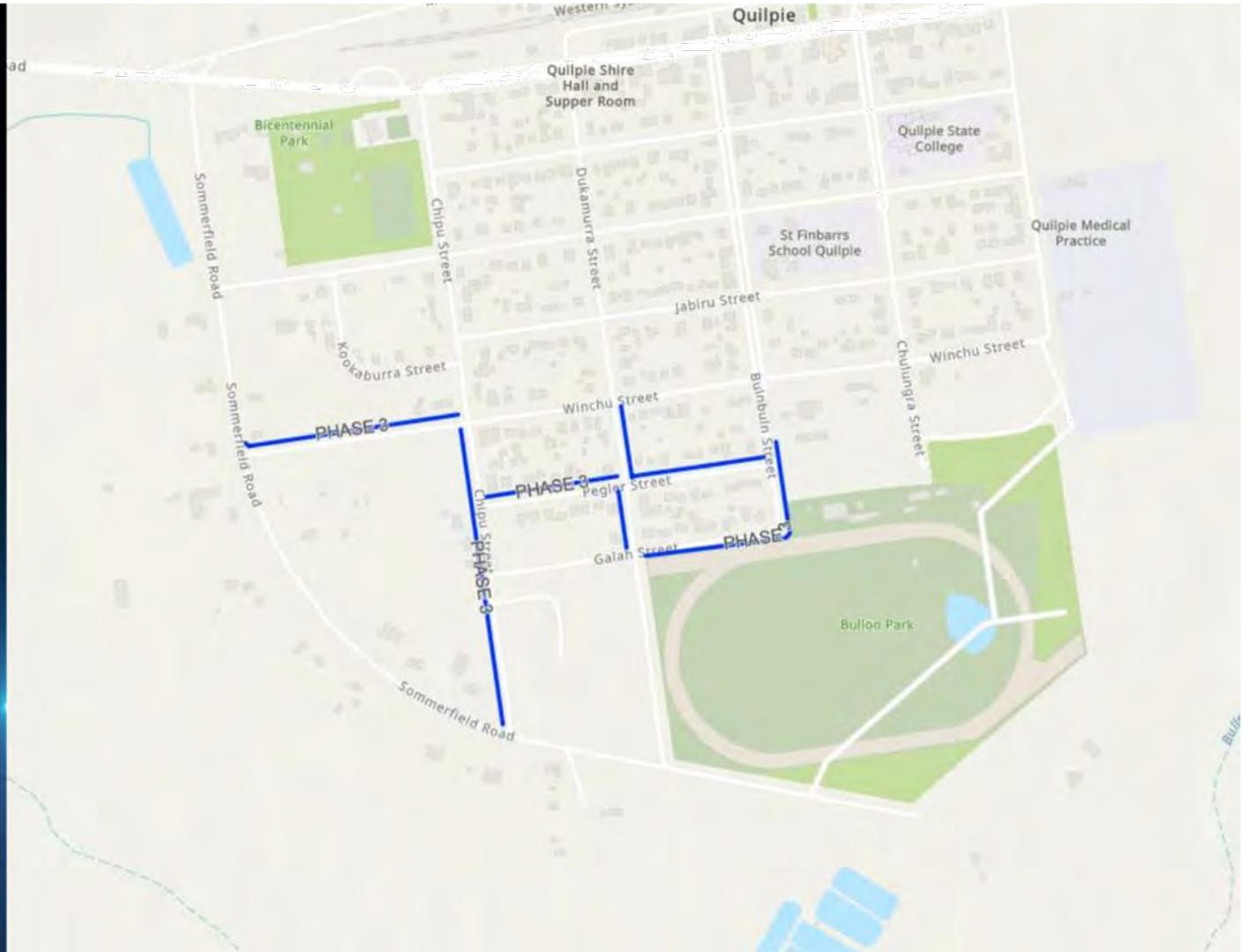
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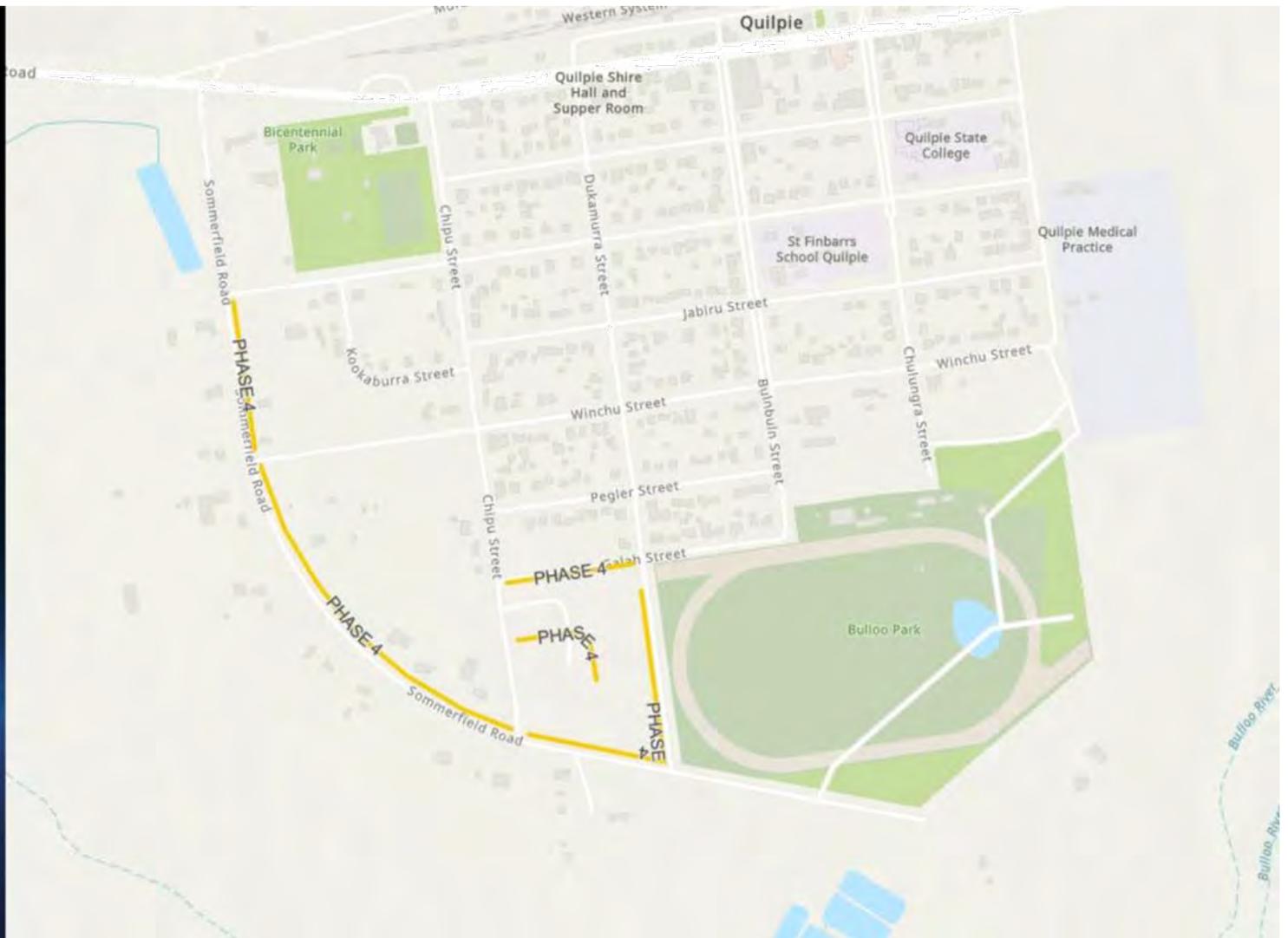
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Phase 4
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11.3 RFQL23 25-26 FLOOD DAMAGE AMBATHALLA RD PKG

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Attachments: Nil

KEY OUTCOME

Key Outcome: 2. Flourishing Economy

Key Initiative: 2.3 Maintain safe and efficient transport networks

Key Outcome: 4. Strong Governance

Key Initiative: 4.3 Maintain good corporate governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends awarding RFQL 23 25-26 Flood Damage Ambathalla Road Package to S.A Travers & S.L Travers.

The project involves reconstruction works to sections of Ambathalla Road damaged during the West Queensland Surface Trough event and associated rainfall and flooding between 21 March and 19 May 2025.

Two conforming submissions were received from prequalified suppliers. Following evaluation, S.A Travers & S.L Travers achieved the highest weighted score and submitted the most advantageous offer to Council, demonstrating value for money and proven capability

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Award RFQL 23 25-26 Flood Damage Ambathalla Rd Pkg to S.A Travers & S.L Travers for an amount of \$2,883,040.18 including GST (\$2,620,945.62 excluding GST); and
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to s. 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld), to negotiate, finalise, and execute all matters related to this contract, including any options or variations, in accordance with Council's procurement policy

BACKGROUND

The Shire is undertaking road restoration works, following damage sustained during the West Queensland Surface Trough and associated flooding between March and May 2025.

These REPA works are funded under the Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements (DRFA) and are essential to restoring safe, reliable access for residents, industry and emergency services.

This request relates specifically to works on Ambathalla Road. The project scope has been designed to deliver the optimum amount of work over the shortest period, while remaining a manageable scale to encourage participation from contractors of varying capacities.

Given project timelines and delivery requirements, all suitably qualified and resourced contractors are invited to submit a quote.

REPORT

RFQL 23 25-26 covers the rehabilitation to sections of Ambathalla Road as part of Council's ongoing reconstruction and maintenance program

Schedule Of Work

A Project Plan for RFQL 23 25-26 works has been developed and is scheduled.

Table 1 RFQL 23 25-26 project plan works

Mobilisation	Start of Works	Duration	Practical Completion
20/2/2026 (subject to contract execution)	28/02/2026	90 days	Program of Works completion ~ May 2026

Procurement Process

In accordance with Council's Procurement Policy and Part 3 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), Council invited four prequalified suppliers from T02 25-26 Panel of Prequalified Suppliers of Road & Civil Construction.

Table 2 Procurement process

Description	Details
Advertising	VendorPanel Portal
RFQ Open	Monday 5 January 2026
RFQ Close	2:00PM Monday 19 January 2026

Table 3 Prequalified suppliers and responses received

Suppliers Invited	Responses
APV Contracting Pty Ltd	RFQ Opened Response Received
SA Travers & SL Travers	RFQ Opened Response Received
Tolbra Earthmovers & Haulage Pty Ltd	RFQ Not Opened No Response
K.G & S.C Bowen	RFQ Not Opened No Response

Two conforming submissions from APV Contracting Pty Ltd SA Travers & SL Travers were received and evaluated using the published criteria.

Table 4 Assessment evaluation criteria

Criteria	Weighting
Price	40%
Experience (Proven Performance)	40%
Quality/Environmental/Safety and Management processes	20%

Evaluation Process

Two officers completed the evaluation through VendorPanel Multiparty. Final scores are summarised below.

Table 5 Final assessment and evaluation scores

Suppliers			APV Contracting PTY LTD	SA Travers & SL Travers
Price including GST			\$3,233,100.82	\$2,883,040.18
Price excluding GST			\$2,939,182.56	\$2,620,945.62
Evaluation Criteria	Price	40%	37.6	40
	Experience (Proven Performance)	40%	36	36
	Quality/Environmental/Safety and other management processes	20%	18	18
Overall Score			89.6	94

Evaluation Outcome

The panel's assessment, detailed in Table 5, scored SA Travers & SL Travers highest overall (94).

Therefore, the panel considers SA Travers & SL Travers to provide the most advantageous outcome overall.

Council may decide not to accept any of the responses it receives. If Council accepts a response, it must select the option that is most advantageous, noting that the lowest price and/or highest weighted score may not necessarily represent the most beneficial outcome.

This assessment aligns with the sound contracting principles in *section 104(3) of the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*, particularly:

- value for money
- open and effective competition
- the development of competitive local business and industry
- environmental protection
- ethical behaviour and fair dealing

OPTIONS

Option 1 (Recommended)

1. Award RFQL 23 25-26 Flood Damage Ambathalla Road Pkg to SA Travers & SL Travers for an amount of \$2,883,040.18 including GST (\$2,620,945.62 excluding GST); and
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to s. 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*, to negotiate, finalise, and execute all matters related to this contract, including any options or variations, in accordance with Council's procurement policy

Option 2

1. Award RFQL 23 25-26 Flood Damage Ambathalla Road Pkg to APV Contracting Pty Ltd for an amount of \$3,233,100.82 including GST (\$2,939,182.56 excluding GST); and
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to s. 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*, to negotiate, finalise, and execute all matters related to this contract, including any options or variations, in accordance with Council's procurement policy

Option 3

1. Resolve not to award RFQL 23 25-26 Flood Damage Ambathalla Road Package

If Council's decision is inconsistent with the recommendation, Council is required to provide reasons for the decision in accordance with Part 2, Division 1A of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld). A statement of reasons must be recorded in the minutes

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

Chief Executive Officer
 Director Infrastructure Services
 Deputy Director Infrastructure Services
 Technical Officer
 Procurement Officer
 Proterra Group.

INTERESTED PARTIES

APV Contracting Pty Ltd
 SA Travers & SL Travers

Note: This list of interested parties has been prepared by Council officers on a best-endeavours basis and may not include all relevant parties.

LEGISLATION / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Under section 254H of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), if Council makes a decision inconsistent with the officer recommendation, and the contract value exceeds \$200,000 or 1% of Council's net rate and utility charges, the minutes must include a statement of reasons.

For the purposes of Section 254H (1)(a)(ii), 1% of Council's net rate and utility charges as stated in Council's audited Financial Statements in the 2024/25 adopted Annual Report is \$59,606.70 (net rates, levies, and charges - \$5,960,670 x 1%).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)
 Local Government Regulations 2012 (Qld)
 Procurement Policy

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Table 7 Previously Awarded Flood Damage Projects (via T02 25-26 list)

RFT/RFQ#	Project Details	Contractor Awarded	Value (\$) excl. GST	Number of Conforming Submissions	Comments
RFQL 25 25-26	Flood Damage Canaway Downs Rd Pkg	APV Contracting Pty Ltd	\$845,742.00	2	Works Commenced
RFQL 27 25-26	Flood Damage Trinidad Road Pkg	APV Contracting Pty Ltd	\$3,010,058.41	2	Not yet Commenced

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The works will restore Ambathalla Road to pre-disaster condition, improving network resilience and serviceability

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Council will manage risks associated with this project in accordance with the G.11 Enterprise Risk Management Policy and the G.11-A Risk Management Framework. Key risks have been identified, assessed and documented, with existing controls applied to reduce the likelihood and impact of adverse outcomes. Risk management activities will continue throughout the procurement and delivery phases to ensure risks remain within Council's approved risk appetite.

Table 6 Risk register

Risk Name & Description <i>What could happen and why?</i>	Current Controls <i>Are there current controls for the risk</i>	Impacts <i>Impact if the risk eventuates</i>	Risk Assessment			Risk Treatment <i>Depending on risk rating - implement additional controls / mitigation strategy (to reduce risk rating)</i>
			Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating	
			<i>Risk calculator provided for measures</i>			
Example: <i>Insufficient funding</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>Delays purchasing to</i>	<i>C Possible</i>	<i>4 Major</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>Ensure funding approvals obtained at start of project.</i>
Limited access to information, No record keeping	Records management procedure, allocated location for project	Approval delays, stakeholder objectives do not align, miss communication	Possible	Minor	Medium	Allocating a staff member who registers all relevant documentation to allocated folder , regular communication between stakeholders
No response to the request	Review plan, amend, repost	Delay in contract completion, funding becomes unavailable	Unlikely	Minor	Medium	Ensuring planning of the request is adequate to promote attractiveness of the tender
Lack of availability of suppliers	Evaluation Criteria set to determine the ability of suppliers	Delays in meeting project deadlines	Unlikely	Minor	Medium	Conduct evaluation and market research ensuring suppliers availability to deliver WUC to Council
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
Weather	Possibility for deadline variation	Delays in meeting project deadlines	Possible	Minor	Medium	Ensuring the documentation to allow variation in project timeline is available
Contractor delays (machinery break downs/ injury)	Possibility for deadline variation, contract allows appointment of additional contractors	Delays in meeting project deadlines	Possible	Minor	Medium	Ensuring there is the documentation to allow variation in project timeline . assigning additional contractors
Response non-conformance	Competitive process allowing multiple suppliers from Councils pre-qualified list to respond. Clear response criteria	No suitable supplier, different procurement approach, additional administrative cost	Possible	Minor	Medium	Ensuring the documentation is clear and the response schedule meets the request criteria

Risk Evaluation and Conclusion

The procurement process itself acted as the primary risk treatment. The use of a prequalified supplier panel, combined with clear evaluation criteria, structured assessment processes and conflict-of-interest controls, significantly reduced the likelihood and consequence of key procurement risks.

The main risks identified, such as conflict of interest, response non-conformance, supplier availability and delivery delays, were effectively mitigated through established controls and Council's governance framework.

As demonstrated in the risk register, the residual risks associated with this procurement are assessed as low. Awarding the contract to SA Travers & SL Travers represents a low-risk outcome that delivers value for money, supports timely project delivery and aligns with Council's risk appetite and governance obligations.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATION

In accordance with section 4(b) of the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld), Council has considered the human rights protected under the Act in making this decision. These rights include, but are not limited to, the right to recognition and equality before the law, the right to life, freedom of movement, property rights, and cultural rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The assessment confirms that awarding RFQL 23 25–26 – Flood Damage Ambathalla Road Package to SA Travers & SL Travers does not limit any protected human rights. The decision is reasonable, proportionate, and consistent with Council's lawful objectives, including the restoration of safe and reliable road access for residents, industry, and emergency services.

By ensuring open and competitive procurement, adherence to established governance frameworks, and effective risk management, Council's decision supports equitable treatment of suppliers and the broader community. This approach demonstrates compatibility with human rights obligations while delivering essential infrastructure in a safe, timely, and accountable manner.

12 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

12.1 POWER HOUSE MUSEUM COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

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Attachments: 1. Power House Community Survey Results

KEY OUTCOME

Key Outcome: 1. Great Place to Live

Key Initiative: 1.1 Well-planned and highly liveable communities

Key Outcome: 4. Strong Governance

Key Initiative: 4.6 Inclusive community engagement and decision-making

Key Outcome: 2. Flourishing Economy

Key Initiative: 2.5 Facilitate and support innovation, ideas-building and new industry

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Quilpie Power House Museum has operated as public tourism and cultural facility since 1988, when Quilpie Shire was switched to the Coastal Grid in December 1987. Now, after 39 years and the Council Depot no longer being located adjacent to the Power House, the facility has fallen into a state of disrepair with significant termite and structural damage. Community consultation was undertaken from the 16 January to the 6 February 2026 to gather community feedback on the future of the Power House Museum in the wake of developments to the previously used Council depot lot. This report seeks determination from Council for the future of the Power House Museum through informed insight from community survey feedback (attached).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the report and note that the community consultation process has been completed, consider the attached survey feedback, and recognise that the facility has been closed due to termite damage; and

2. Approve the demolition of the Power House Museum facility, and the investigation into a solution for the preservation of the engine and collection items.

REPORT

The Quilpie Power House Museum is a free public local history facility that has been frequented by locals and tourists for 39 years. However, since the Council Depot was moved from the adjacent facility to the new Depot in 2017, the Museum facility has received minimal infrastructure maintenance. As part of the future planning for Quilpie Township, the Community and Business Development Team was tasked with undertaking community consultation on the future of the Power House Museum and its current community impact. The existing "Old Depot" land has been provisioned for potential subdivision.

Community consultation commenced on 16 January 2026, with a public notice being distributed through community businesses and on social media, publicising and encouraging community members to provide feedback through an online survey. This survey closed on the 6 February 2026, with eight (8) responses received. The feedback results report is attached.

An additional in-person consultation was held at 5:30pm on Wednesday, 21 January 2026 to allow community members to attend the facility and provide in-person feedback. During this consultation, it was noted that the eastern wall of the Power House facility had become partially dislodged from the frame due to termite damage. Further, additional investigation of the facility revealed there is significant damage in all areas of the building, including the office spaces. As a result, the facility was deemed unsafe for the general public and is currently permanently closed due to Workplace Health and Safety concerns.

Please note that the television retransmission station is housed in this facility, and any decisions regarding the facility's future will affect the outcomes of Quilpie township television services.

OPTIONS

Option 1 (Recommended)

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the report and note that the community consultation process has been completed, consider the attached survey feedback, and recognise that the facility has been closed due to termite damage; and
2. Approve the demolition of the Power House Museum facility, and the investigation into a solution for the preservation of the engine and collection items.

Option 2

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the report and note that the community consultation process has been completed, consider the attached survey feedback, and recognise that the facility has been closed due to termite damage; and
2. Undertake facility renovations and upgrades with the intention of reopening the facility, leaving the existing collection in context and engage pest control to eradicate termites and other vermin from the infrastructure.

Option 3

That Council:

1. Undertake no conservation activities and leave the facility closed to the public.

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

In-person community consultation, Wednesday 21 January 2026

Online survey via SurveySparrow

INTERESTED PARTIES

Quilpie Shire Council

Community members

Note: Interested parties have been identified on a best-endeavours basis.

LEGISLATION / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Building Act 1975

Planning Act 2016

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Community consultation was undertaken in line with Policy G.15 – Community Engagement Policy, applying the community engagement methodologies outlined in **Section 3.5 – Application**.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Budget allocation will be required either through an amendment to the 2025/26 budget or inclusion in the 2026/27 budget. Post-demolition, Asset Code BSDEPOT018/7, with a value of \$54,801.32, will be removed from Council assets.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Demolition of the facility will result in future reductions to management, including pest management, insurance, and minimum maintenance requirements.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Risks are managed in accordance with the Council's Enterprise Risk Management Policy (G.11) and Framework (G.11-A).

Table 1 Risk register

Risk Name & Description <i>What could happen and why?</i>	Current Controls <i>Are there current controls for the risk</i>	Impacts <i>Impact if the risk eventuates</i>	Risk Assessment			Risk Treatment <i>Depending on risk rating - implement additional controls / mitigation strategy (to reduce risk rating)</i>
			Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating	
			<i>Risk calculator provided for measures</i>			
Community pushback regarding loss of historic assets	None	Negative public perception of council	<i>Possible</i>	<i>2 Minor</i>	<i>Medium</i>	Community consultation undertaken
Demolition of facility will impact television re-transmission	None	No free-to-air television services	<i>High</i>	<i>4 Major</i>	<i>High</i>	Separate planning for the future of re-transmission in the shire is underway.

Risk Evaluation and Conclusion

The primary risks identified relate to community perception and the continuity of television retransmission services. Controls have been implemented through structured community consultation and planning for alternative TV services.

The residual risk of negative community reaction is assessed as medium, mitigated by the consultation process and clear communication of Council's rationale. The risk to television services is high but is being actively managed through planning and coordination with relevant stakeholders.

Overall, the risk assessment demonstrates that the proposed actions, including potential demolition of the facility, can proceed safely and in compliance with Council policy. Adequate controls are in

place to minimise impacts, ensuring decisions are lawful, transparent, and consistent with Council's governance and risk management standards.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATION

Council has reviewed its obligations under the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld). In accordance with section 4(b), Council must act compatibly with human rights. All 23 rights were considered, and it is assessed that demolition or other actions will not limit any human rights. The decision supports community wellbeing, access to health and education services, and participation in community life, and is consistent with the Act.

Quilpie Shire Council | Power House Museum Community Consultation

Default Report

Explore the data behind your survey responses. Gain a better perspective of your survey data and uncover insights for further planning.



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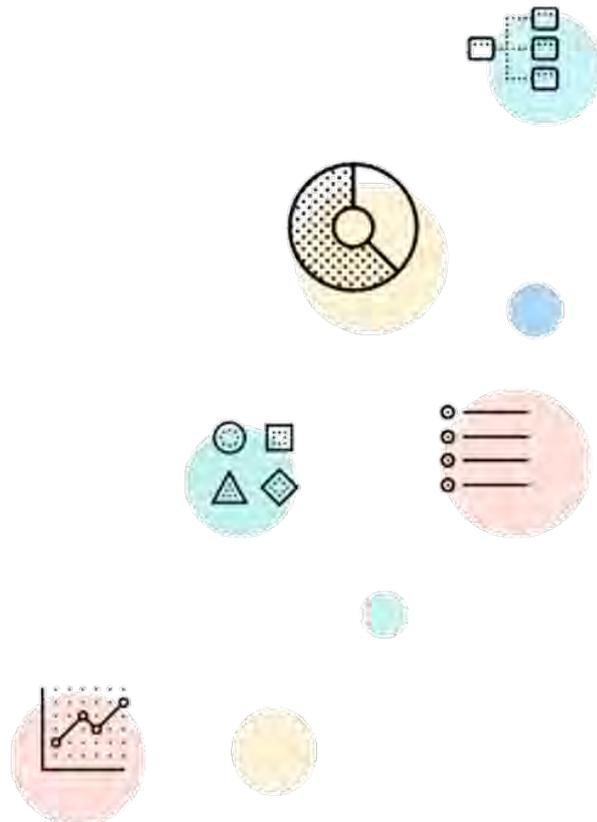
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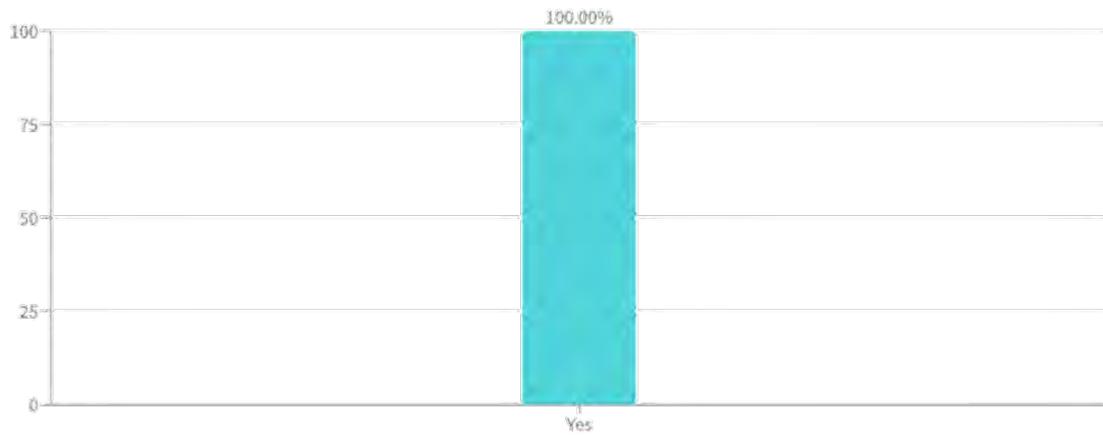
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QUESTION 01 | YES OR NO

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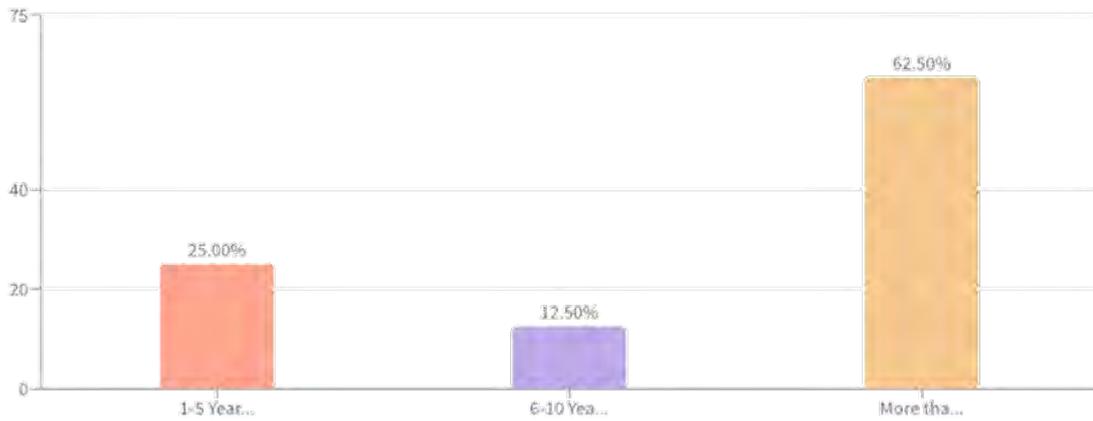


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
Yes	8	100.00 %

QUESTION 02 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

How long have you lived in the Quilpie Shire?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
1-5 Years	2	25.00 %
6-10 Years	1	12.50 %
More than 10 Years	5	62.50 %

QUESTION 03 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

What age group are you in?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0

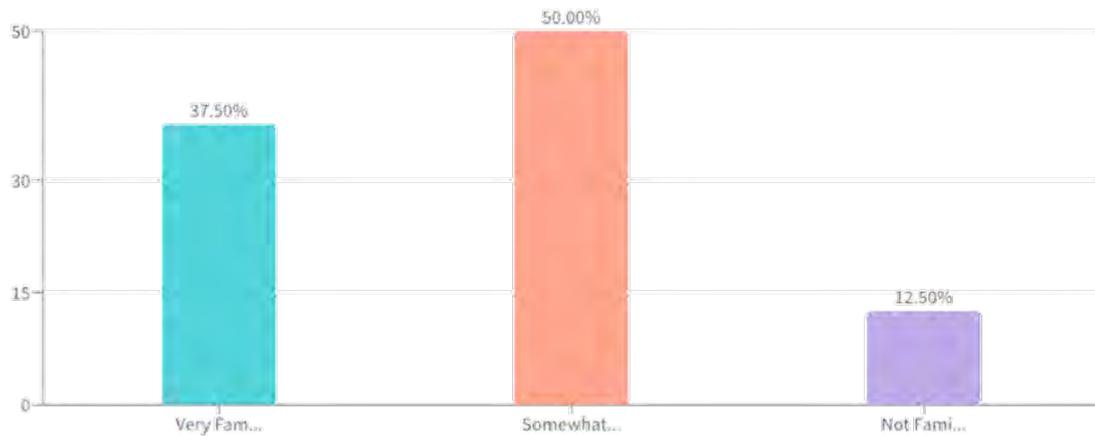


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
18-29	3	37.50 %
45-59	1	12.50 %
60+	4	50.00 %

QUESTION 04 | DROPDOWN

How familiar are you with the Quilpie Power House Museum

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0

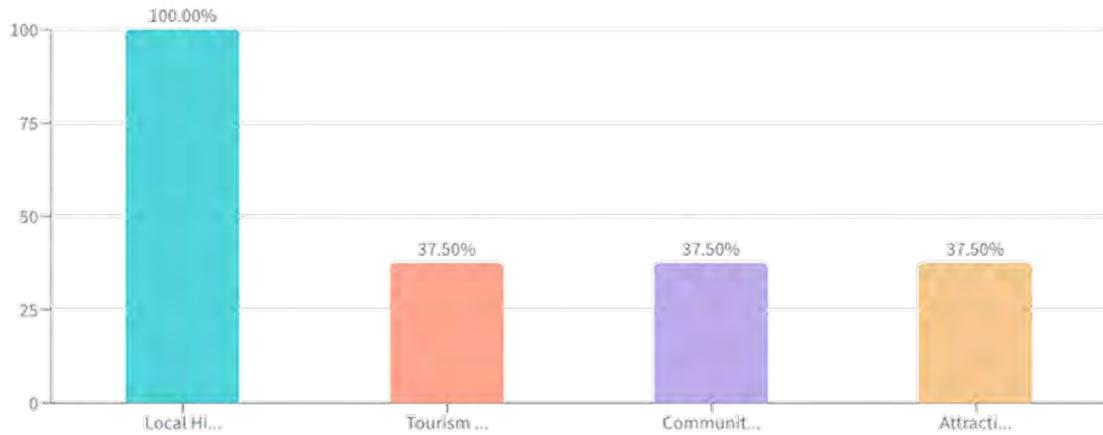


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
Very Familiar	3	37.50 %
Somewhat Familiar	4	50.00 %
Not Familiar	1	12.50 %

QUESTION 05 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

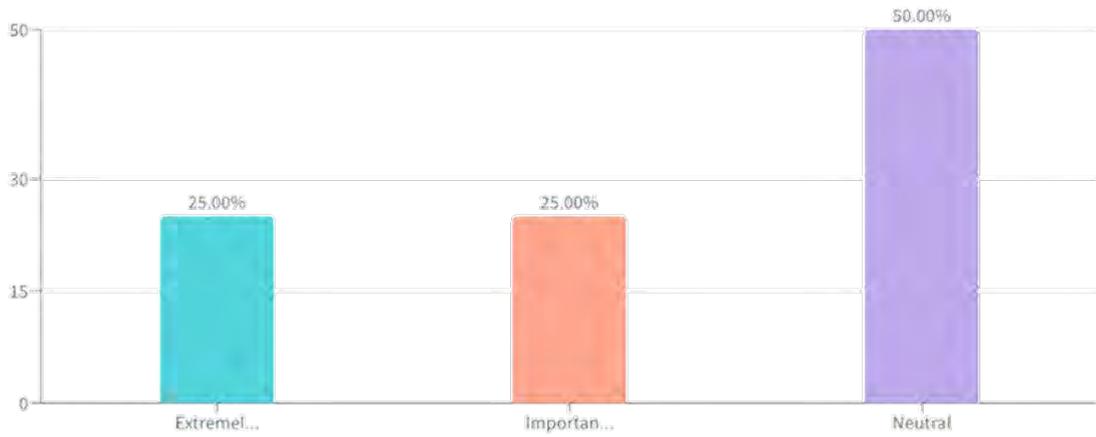
In your opinion does the Power House Museum enhance any of the following

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
Local History	8	100.00 %
Tourism experience	3	37.50 %
Community	3	37.50 %
Attraction to our region	3	37.50 %

QUESTION 06 | DROPDOWN
How important do you think the Power House Museum is to Quilpie's heritage and community?
Answered: 8 Skipped: 0

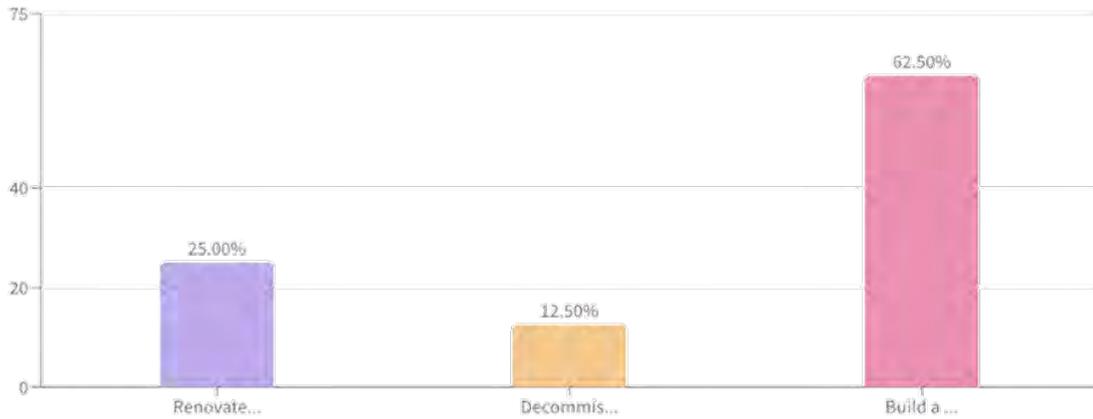


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
Extremely Important	2	25.00 %
Important	2	25.00 %
Neutral	4	50.00 %

QUESTION 07 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

Given that the museum asset is coming to the end of life, which option do you prefer?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0

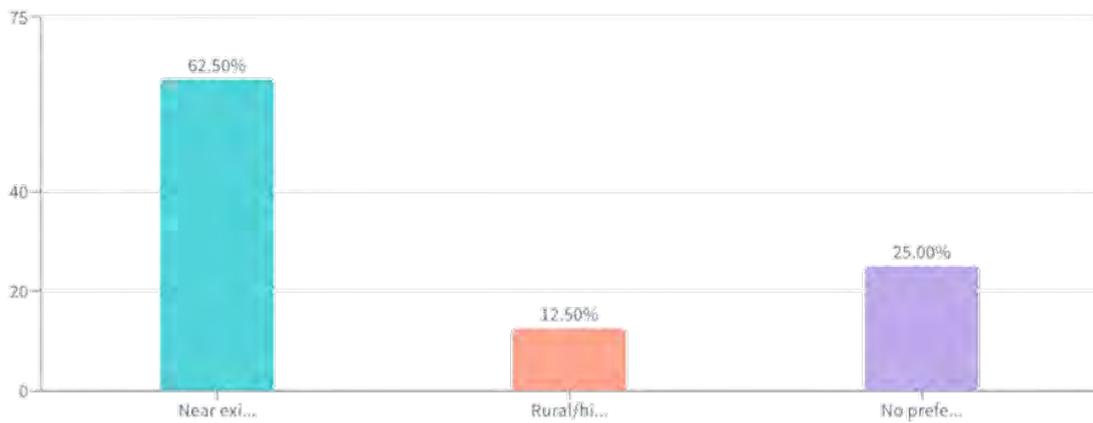


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
Renovate the existing facility	2	25.00 %
Decommission/demolish the museum	1	12.50 %
Build a new facility and re-home collection	5	62.50 %

QUESTION 08 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

If relocated, what type of location would you prefer?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0

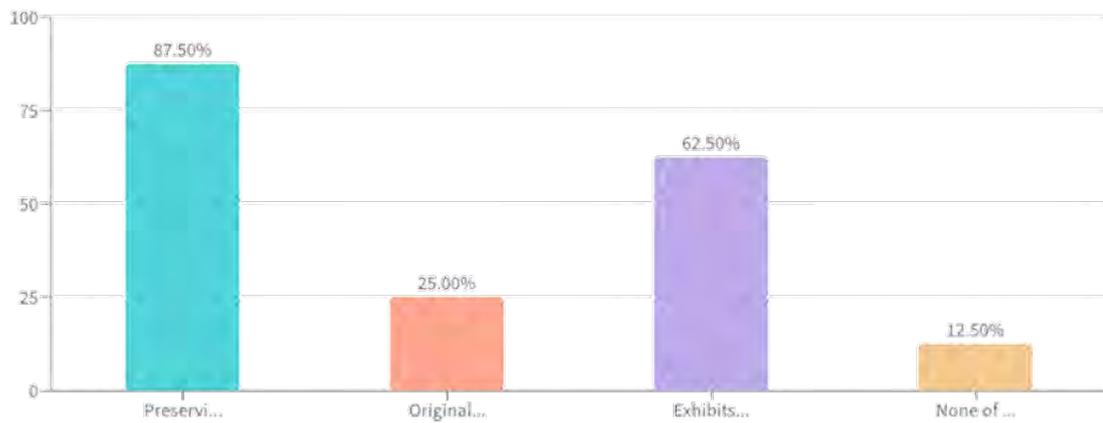


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
Near existing tourist attractions (Visitor Information Centre)	5	62.50 %
Rural/historic setting	1	12.50 %
No preference	2	25.00 %

QUESTION 09 | MULTIPLE CHOICE

If the museum is relocated, what features should be prioritised?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0

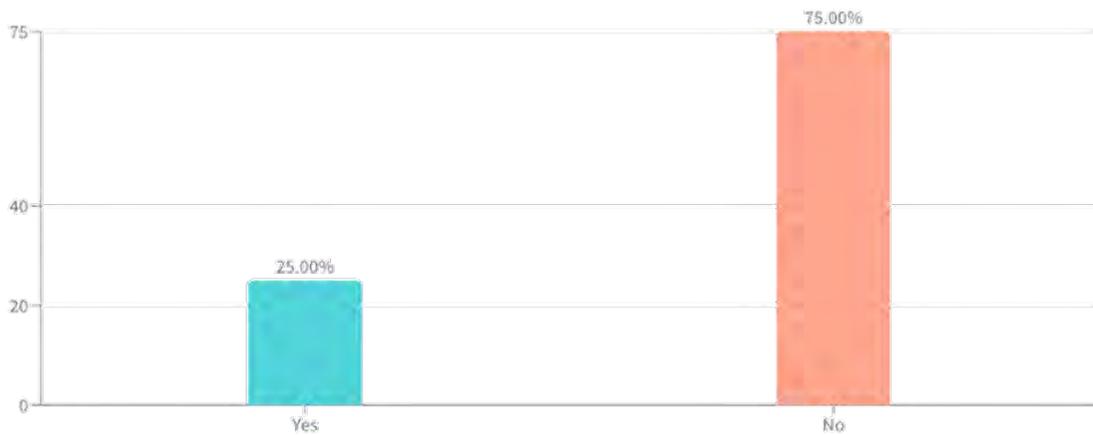


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
Preserving original machinery	7	87.50 %
Original building	2	25.00 %
Exhibits	5	62.50 %
None of the above	1	12.50 %

QUESTION 10 | YES OR NO

Would you personally be willing to contribute (time, donations, advocacy) to help preserve the museum?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE PERCENTAGE
Yes	2	25.00 %
No	6	75.00 %

QUESTION 11 | TEXT

Do you have any other comments or ideas about the future of the Power House Museum?

Answered: 2 Skipped: 6



Anonymous

20 Days ago

We take visitors here regularly, very run down and looks neglected but is important to the history of this town.

Anonymous

20 Days ago

Part of community's history & it needs to be preserved

12.2 QUILPIE AND EROMANGA TOWNSHIP TELEVISION RE-TRANSMISSION

IX: 272185

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Attachments: Nil

KEY OUTCOME

Key Outcome: 1. Great Place to Live

Key Initiative: 1.1 Well-planned and highly liveable communities

Key Outcome: 2. Flourishing Economy

Key Initiative: 2.2 Build digital capacity for townships and end-users

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Quilpie Shire Council currently provides retransmission of free-to-air television services to Quilpie and Eromanga communities under various legacy arrangements. Rising operational costs and ageing infrastructure have prompted an investigation into a more sustainable long-term solution.

VAST (Viewer Access Satellite Television) provides a free-to-air digital satellite service suitable for remote communities and is consistent with solutions adopted by other Western Queensland councils.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the existing free-to-air service in Quilpie and Eromanga is a legacy service, and a solutions-based outcome is required; and
2. Undertake a preliminary assessment of Council-owned assets, and allocate funds in a future budget for Council to offer a redeemable grant, supported by guidelines, through which residents may engage a contractor and apply for reimbursement of changeover costs via an acquittal process.

REPORT

Quilpie Shire Council currently provides retransmission of free-to-air television services to Quilpie and Eromanga townships under various legacy arrangements and is licenced by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). Television retransmission comes at a considerable cost to the shire, both in maintenance and infrastructure.

Action is now required, as the Power House facility, where the retransmission station is located, is in a state of disrepair and currently closed to the public due to WHS concerns. Any decision in regard

to the future of this building may have consequences for the television service. Currently, the system's resourcing is managed by the WHS and Communities teams, and resets and callouts are not tracked as expense items as they are a semi-regular occurrence. The digital infrastructure also requires the temperature to be maintained at 22 degrees year-round.

The Eromanga facility is managed by the Town Maintenance role and is also an aging infrastructure. It is advisable that, if a decision is made to remove Quilpie townships' access to free-to-air, it be a shire-wide decision, and that this would also lead to the closure of the Eromanga service.

Television retransmission continues to provide considerable strain on local governments in regional Queensland, with neighbouring shires such as Barcoo resolving to shut down their retransmission and undertake an initiative to fund satellite television options through VAST. This option provides a free-to-air digital satellite service suitable for remote communities and is a consistent solution for many community members who already utilise it. Barcoo undertook a program of works that tendered for a contractor to install a turnkey system for all relevant households that required upgrades, followed by service shut down.

Table 1: Financial actuals for maintenance and management costs of the TV retransmission service in Eromanga and Quilpie

Financial Year	Costs
2020/2021	\$ 37,149.01
2021/2022	\$ 9,232.03
2022/2023	\$ 34,080.39
2023/2024	\$ 28,267.45
2024/2025	\$ 50,407.83
2025/2026	\$ 5,430.60

Considering the financial cost of rollout, and that Quilpie township now has the NBN to premises, many residents utilise streaming services or have already migrated to a VAST system, reducing the number of free-to-air network users considerably. An altered approach in which Council provides a pool of funds available to residents via a redeemable grant to engage a contractor and apply for reimbursement of costs incurred for changeover is recommended. This would reduce the risk of indemnity in the event that council-engaged contractors cause damage to premises. Further, by implementing a suggested timeline of twelve (12) months to redeem works and an acquittal process to release funds, it ensures that the project will not exceed budget.

It is suggested that consultation with residents in Eromanga and Quilpie be conducted to gauge the systems that the council will be responsible for. Currently, there are no figures on users or the number of systems required across eligible towns and rural properties (to be confirmed through an internal asset review). Additional infrastructure required for residents to use VAST systems includes:

- Installation of roof-mounted satellite dishes
- Supply and installation of VAST set boxes
- Potential sundry cables and electrical upgrades where necessary.

OPTIONS

Option 1 (Recommended)

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the report and that the Quilpie free-to-air service is a legacy service, and a solutions-based outcome is required; and
2. Undertake a preliminary assessment of Council-owned assets, and allocate a pool of funds for Council to offer a redeemable grant, supported by guidelines, through which residents may engage a contractor and apply for reimbursement of changeover costs via an acquittal process.

Option 2

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the report and that the Quilpie free-to-air service is a legacy service, and a solutions-based outcome is required; and
2. Undertake a program of work to engage, through a select tender, a turnkey service from a contractor to install VAST systems on all eligible households within the townships of Eromanga and Quilpie.

Option 3

That Council:

1. Maintain the current retransmission infrastructure as per the current standards and process.

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

Proposed select consultation with residents in council-owned housing, facilities and businesses in Eromanga and Quilpie.

INTERESTED PARTIES

Quilpie Shire Council

Community members

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

LEGISLATION / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Broadcasting Services Act 1992

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Community consultation will be undertaken in line with Policy G.15 – Community Engagement Policy.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Budget allocation will be required either through an amendment to the 2025/26 budget or provisions in the 2026/27 budget. Based on other local council rollouts, an estimated budget provision of \$80,000 to \$100,000.

Discontinuing the retransmission service will provide the council with an estimated annual saving range of \$25,000 to \$50,000.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The digital assets used for retransmission will need to be written off and removed from Council's asset register, with the associated financial disposal completed accordingly.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Risks are managed in accordance with the Council's Enterprise Risk Management Policy (G.11) and Framework (G.11-A).

Table 2 Risk register

Risk Name & Description <i>What could happen and why?</i>	Current Controls <i>Are there current controls for the risk</i>	Impacts <i>Impact if the risk eventuates</i>	Risk Assessment			Risk Treatment <i>Depending on risk rating - implement additional controls / mitigation strategy (to reduce risk rating)</i>
			Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating	
			<i>Risk calculator provided for measures</i>			
Community pushback regarding the loss of free-to-air television	None	Negative public perception and no televisions publicly	<i>High</i>	<i>2 Minor</i>	<i>High</i>	Ensure ample public communication and give community members the opportunity to make the switch before service is closed off.

Risk evaluation and conclusion

The primary risks identified relate to community perception and the continuity of television retransmission services. Controls have been implemented through structured community consultation and planning for alternative TV services.

The residual risk of negative community reaction is assessed as medium, mitigated by the consultation process and clear communication of Council's rationale.

Overall, the risk assessment demonstrates that the proposed actions, including potential demolition of the facility, can proceed safely and in compliance with Council policy. Adequate controls are in place to minimise impacts, ensuring decisions are lawful, transparent, and consistent with Council's governance and risk management standards.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATION

Council has considered its obligations under the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld). In accordance with section 4(b), Council must act compatibly with human rights and properly consider relevant rights when making decisions. For this proposal, the rights potentially engaged include the right to education, as free-to-air television provides access to educational content for children and adults in remote communities; the right to participate in public life, as access to information through television supports community engagement and participation; and cultural rights, as television content can include local and regional cultural programming that contributes to the preservation and sharing of community identity. The proposed transition to the VAST satellite service ensures that residents continue to access equivalent or improved services while addressing safety, infrastructure sustainability, and operational challenges. Council considers that no human rights are limited or negatively impacted, and the decision is reasonable, proportionate, and compatible with the Act.

13 CORPORATE SERVICES

Nil

14 OFFICE OF THE CEO**14.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2026 - REVISED****IX:** 272021**Author:** Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer**Authorisers:** Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**KEY OUTCOME****Key Outcome:** 4. Strong Governance**Key Initiative:** 4.3 Maintain good corporate governance**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report requests Council's approval to amend the previously adopted Ordinary Meeting schedule for 2026, in accordance with Section 254B of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld). The amendment is necessary to accommodate changes in regional meeting dates, conferences, and operational requirements while ensuring compliance with statutory obligations.

The proposed schedule ensures:

- Council meets its statutory obligation under Section 254B to publicly notify the dates and times of its ordinary meetings at least once per year.
- Council meets its ongoing requirement under Section 257 to hold at least one ordinary meeting per month.
- Operational efficiency, including alignment with flight availability for deputations to Charleville, Toowoomba, and Brisbane.
- Avoidance of conflicts with other regional meetings, including the South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC), which typically meets in the second week of each month.
- Sufficient time to complete statutory reporting, including bank reconciliations necessary for monthly Financial Statements.

The proposed amendments involve minor changes to March and August meeting dates, which are reflected in the amended schedule. Adoption of this schedule ensures Council's decision-making is timely, transparent, and compliant with legislative obligations, while minimising operational conflicts.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirm the amended schedule the following dates and times for its Ordinary Meetings in 2026, in accordance with Section 254B of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld).

Month	Day	Date	Time
January	Tuesday	29	9.30am

Month	Day	Date	Time
February	Tuesday	17	9.30am
March	Wednesday	18	9.30am
April	Tuesday	21	9.30am
May	Tuesday	19	9.30am
June	Tuesday	16	9.30am
July	Tuesday	21	9.30am
August	Wednesday	12	9.30am
September	Tuesday	15	9.30am
October	Tuesday	27	9.30am
November	Tuesday	17	9.30am
December	Tuesday	15	9.30am

BACKGROUND

Section 254B of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld) requires Council to publish a notice of its ordinary meeting days and times at least once each year.

Council adopted its Ordinary Meeting schedule for the 2026 calendar year on 28 October 2025 (Resolution no. QSC001-10-25). That schedule was developed to meet statutory requirements while supporting effective governance and operational planning.

Following adoption of the 2026 schedule, changes to regional meeting calendars, conferences, and other external commitments have been identified. These changes require consideration of minor amendments to the adopted schedule to ensure Council can continue to meet its legislative obligations while maintaining effective and accessible decision-making arrangements.

REPORT

Council meetings are typically scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month. This approach supports operational consistency, predictability, and efficient planning for Councillors, staff, and external stakeholders. The adopted 2026 Ordinary Meeting schedule is outlined below.

Table 1 Adopted 2026 ordinary council meeting schedule

Month	Day	Date	Time
January	Tuesday	29	9.30am
February	Tuesday	17	9.30am
March	Tuesday	17	9.30am
April	Tuesday	21	9.30am
May	Tuesday	19	9.30am
June	Tuesday	16	9.30am
July	Tuesday	21	9.30am
August	Tuesday	18	9.30am
September	Tuesday	15	9.30am
October	Tuesday	27	9.30am
November	Tuesday	17	9.30am
December	Tuesday	15	9.30am

Subsequent to adoption of the schedule, alternative meeting dates, conferences, and regional commitments have been confirmed. To address these changes, it is proposed that minor amendments be made to the March and August 2026 meeting dates.

The proposed amendments are intended to:

- Align meeting dates with return flight availability for deputations travelling to Charleville, Toowoomba, and Brisbane.
- Avoid conflicts with other significant regional meetings, including those of the South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC), which typically occur in the second week of each month.
- Provide sufficient time for completion of statutory reporting requirements, including bank reconciliations necessary for monthly financial statements.

The proposed amended schedule is set out below.

Table 2 2026 ordinary council meeting schedule amendment

Month	Day	Date	Time
January	Tuesday	29	9.30am
February	Tuesday	17	9.30am
March	Wednesday	18	9.30am
April	Tuesday	21	9.30am
May	Tuesday	19	9.30am
June	Tuesday	16	9.30am
July	Tuesday	21	9.30am
August	Wednesday	12	9.30am
September	Tuesday	15	9.30am
October	Tuesday	27	9.30am
November	Tuesday	17	9.30am
December	Tuesday	15	9.30am

Adopting the amended schedule maintains consistency with Council's established meeting practices while ensuring operational efficiency and continued compliance with statutory requirements.

OPTIONS

Option 1 (Recommended)

That Council confirm the amended schedule the following dates and times for its ordinary meetings in 2026, in accordance with Section 254B of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld).

Month	Day	Date	Time
January	Tuesday	29	9.30am
February	Tuesday	17	9.30am
March	Wednesday	18	9.30am
April	Tuesday	21	9.30am
May	Tuesday	19	9.30am
June	Tuesday	16	9.30am
July	Tuesday	21	9.30am

Month	Day	Date	Time
August	Wednesday	12	9.30am
September	Tuesday	15	9.30am
October	Tuesday	27	9.30am
November	Tuesday	17	9.30am
December	Tuesday	15	9.30am

Option 2

That Council confirm the following dates and times for its ordinary meetings in 2026, in accordance with Section 254B of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld).

Month	Day	Date	Time
January			9.30am
February			9.30am
March			9.30am
April			9.30am
May			9.30am
June			9.30am
July			9.30am
August			9.30am
September			9.30am
October			9.30am
November			9.30am
December			9.30am

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

Councillors

Executive Leadership Team

INTERESTED PARTIES

Nil.

LEGISLATION / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Adopting the amended schedule ensures Council's business forums are held regularly, transparently, and in accordance with statutory obligations. The decision demonstrates compliance with the following legislative requirements:

- *Section 254B* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), which requires Council to publicly notify the dates and times of its ordinary meetings at least once each year. The amended 2026 schedule fulfils this requirement through formal adoption and publication of the meeting dates and times.
- *Section 257* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), which requires Council to hold at least one ordinary meeting in each calendar month. The amended schedule provides for an ordinary meeting in every month of 2026.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Risks are managed in accordance with Council's Enterprise Risk Management Policy (G.11) and Framework (G.11-A).

Table 3 Risk register

Risk Name & Description <i>What could happen and why?</i>	Current Controls <i>Are there current controls for the risk</i>	Impacts <i>Impact if the risk eventuates</i>	Risk Assessment			Risk Treatment <i>Depending on risk rating - implement additional controls / mitigation strategy (to reduce risk rating)</i>
			Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating	
			<i>Risk calculator provided for measures</i>			
Insufficient ordinary meetings could result in delayed decision-making, inability to address emerging Council business, and non-compliance with legislative obligations under the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> (Qld).	Adoption of an annual ordinary meeting schedule.	Delayed response to critical matters; failure to meet statutory obligations under <i>sections 254B</i> and <i>257</i> ; reputational impact.	3 Moderate	C Possible	High	Ensure Council adopts and publicly notifies an ordinary meeting schedule providing for at least one meeting in each calendar month, in accordance with <i>sections 254B</i> and <i>257</i> of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> (Qld).

Risk evaluation and conclusion

The primary risk of insufficient ordinary meetings, including delayed decision-making and potential non-compliance with *sections 254B* and *257* of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), is mitigated by adopting the amended meeting schedule. The schedule ensures Council holds at least one ordinary meeting in each calendar month and that meeting dates and times are publicly notified.

With the amended schedule in place, Council's decision-making forums remain regular, transparent, and compliant with statutory obligations. As a result, the residual risk is considered low.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATION

Under Section 4(b) of the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld), public entities are required to act and make decisions in a manner that is compatible with human rights.

As part of this decision-making process, careful consideration has been given to the 23 human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld). The proposed action to adopt the schedule does not limit or adversely impact any of these rights.

Setting a public meeting schedule promotes human rights by ensuring transparent and accessible governance. It directly supports the right to take part in public life (section 9) and facilitates the freedom of expression (section 7) and peaceful assembly (section 8) for community members who wish to engage with Council.

The adoption of this schedule does not limit any human rights protected under the Act.

14.2 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE - ANNUAL REVIEW**IX: 272194****Author: Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer****Authorisers: Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer****Attachments: 1. 2026 02 Quilpie Shire Council Organisational Structure****KEY OUTCOME****Key Outcome:** 4. Strong Governance**Key Initiative:** 4.3 Maintain good corporate governance**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report seeks Council's endorsement of proposed revisions and minor amendments to the organisational structure adopted in February 2025. The amendments ensure ongoing compliance with the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* and have been assessed against legislative requirements, workforce efficiency, and operational capability. Minor structural adjustments are proposed to embed new roles, clarify reporting lines, and strengthen organisational performance. Endorsement of the February 2026 organisational structure will demonstrate Council's commitment to sound governance, legislative compliance, and effective service delivery.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the February 2026 Organisational Structure as presented.

BACKGROUND

Under *section 196 of the Local Government Act 2009*, Council is required to adopt, by resolution, an organisational structure that appropriately supports the delivery of its responsibilities. In late 2024, Council commenced a consultation process with staff and union representatives to gather feedback on the existing structure and proposed adjustments.

Following this engagement, Council adopted a revised organisational structure in February 2025. The new structure established three directorates: Infrastructure Services, Corporate Services, and Community and Business Development, along with a People and Safety Division reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer.

Since adoption, all director positions have been filled, and senior management roles have been recruited or redeployed. The annual review of the structure ensures ongoing compliance with *the Local Government Act 2009*, supports workforce efficiency, and confirms staffing arrangements meet Council's operational and legislative obligations.

REPORT

Following the adoption of the new organisational structure in February 2025, Council have filled the executive positions of Director of Infrastructure Services, Director of Community and Business Development, and Director of Corporate Services. The adoption of the structure also required the recruitment or redeployment of the senior Deputy Director and Executive Manager roles.

Meetings were held with the Directors, Deputy Directors, and Executive Managers for each directorate or division regarding the current structure and possible changes to strengthen organisational capability to meet the ongoing responsibilities of local government. The following minor amendments have been recommended for each directorate and division.

People and Safety Department

Following the merger of Human Resources and Workplace Health and Safety in February 2025, the department has been establishing the most efficient reporting lines to embed roles and responsibilities. Having considered this, it is recommended that the People and Culture Specialist, Training and Housing Officer, and HR Officer (Payroll) report directly to the Executive Manager People and Safety for 12 months to embed the new role requirements and amend the role title of HR Officer (Payroll) to People and Culture Officer.

Community and Business Development Directorate

Minor amendments as follows:

- Retitle the position to Community and Business Development to align with the directorate.
- Pest and Livestock Management Coordinator to continue reporting to the Director.
- Quilpie and Eromanga Pools (contract) to continue reporting to the Director.
- Community Recovery and Resilience Officer and Community Recovery Rebuild Support Officer (both grant funded) are funded until March 2027, with funding requests submitted to extend support until December 2027.
- Exclusion Fencing Restitution Program (grant funded) is funded until March 2027.

Corporate Services Directorate

Staff feedback indicates satisfaction with the current structure. Key points are:

- Structure is appropriate and effective, with no immediate need for additional management layers or restructuring.
- The Deputy Director role is viewed positively and provides beneficial support.
- There is an opportunity to review role requirements and potential overlap between the Procurement Officer and Stores Officer roles.

Infrastructure Services

- Council previously employed two road construction and maintenance supervisors. While supervisory support has recently been supplemented externally and only one position has been filled, the geographic spread of the shire necessitates reinstating two road construction and maintenance supervisors.
- Establishment of a roads vegetation officer to undertake road corridor maintenance under RMPC works and provide support to town services in Adavale, Cheepie, Eromanga and Toompine, including maintenance of town streets and parks.
- Reduction of structures and concrete labourer positions from five to three, with surplus vacant roles redistributed across infrastructure services to address operational priorities.
- Council currently employs one permanent and one 12-month fixed-term building tradesperson; due to ongoing difficulty accessing external trades, the proposed structure includes a building tradesperson ganger and a building tradesperson as ongoing positions.
- Reduction of diesel fitter positions from two to one due to extended vacancies and decreased reactive maintenance requirements arising from Council's plant renewal program. Local mechanics within the shire will continue to provide supplementary support as required.

OPTIONSOption 1 - Recommended

That Council adopt the February 2026 Organisational Structure as presented.

Option 2

That Council continue operating under the organisational structure adopted in February 2025.

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

Directors

Deputy Directors

Executive Manager

Staff

INTERESTED PARTIES

Council Employees

Note: The identification of interested parties is provided on a best endeavours basis.

LEGISLATION / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has acted in accordance with relevant legislative and industrial obligations in implementing the proposed amendments to the organisational structure. These obligations include requirements under the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*, consultation and notification under the *Industrial Relations Act 2016*, and obligations in the *Certified Agreement 2024*.

Specifically:

- Sections 194, 196, and 196(3) of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* require Council to appoint a qualified Chief Executive Officer to oversee organisational functions, adopt by resolution an organisational structure that supports the effective performance of its responsibilities, and ensure the CEO is responsible for appointing all local government employees in accordance with the adopted structure.
- Section 4(c) and section 72 of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* require consultation with employees on significant workplace changes, including providing reasonable opportunities for employees on parental leave to discuss impacts on their positions.
- Clauses 12.1–12.2 of the *Certified Agreement 2024* require Council to notify employees and relevant unions of proposed changes, to provide information about the nature and effects of the changes, and to consult on ways to mitigate any potential impact on employees.

Actions demonstrating compliance:

- The CEO consulted with Directors, Deputy Directors, and Executive Manager regarding the current structure and proposed minor amendments.
- Staff feedback and operational considerations were taken into account.
- The proposed amendments were assessed in the context of the *Certified Agreement 2024* and determined not to have significant effects on employees.

These steps demonstrate that Council has complied with legislative and industrial requirements, ensuring that consultation obligations were met and that the amendments support the effective performance of the organisation without adversely affecting employees.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no new or altered Council policies resulting from the proposed amendments to the organisational structure.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The proposed amendments are not expected to have a material financial impact on Council. Minor adjustments, including role retitling and reporting line changes, will be implemented in the 2026–27 financial year and budgeted accordingly.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct asset management implications arising from the proposed amendments.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Council has applied the *G.11 Enterprise Risk Management Policy* and *G.11-A Risk Management Framework* to assess and manage risks associated with the proposed amendments to the organisational structure.

Table 1 Risk register

Risk Name & Description <i>What could happen and why?</i>	Current Controls <i>Are there current controls for the risk</i>	Impacts <i>Impact if the risk eventuates</i>	Risk Assessment			Risk Treatment <i>Depending on risk rating - implement additional controls / mitigation strategy (to reduce risk rating)</i>
			Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Rating	
			<i>Risk calculator provided for measures</i>			
Ineffective performance of Council – Organisational Structure	Adoption of organisational structure aligned with operational requirements; senior management oversight	Potential failure to deliver service obligations; reduced Council credibility	Possible	Major	High	Periodic review of organisational structure and reporting lines; ensure senior management continues to monitor operational performance
Non-compliance with the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (Qld)	Adoption of structure by resolution (s196); CEO responsible for appointments (s196(3)); qualified CEO in place (s194)	Legal liability; reputational damage; impaired governance	Unlikely	Major	High	Maintain adherence to legislative requirements; ensure processes align with statutory obligations; document all appointments and approvals
Failure to comply with consultation requirements under <i>Industrial Relations Act 2016</i>	Consultation with directors, deputy directors, and executive managers; engagement with affected staff	Potential industrial disputes; legal challenges; employee dissatisfaction	Unlikely	Moderate	Moderate	Ensure consultation steps are documented; review consultation outcomes; provide opportunity for feedback
Failure to comply with <i>Certified Agreement 2024</i> consultation obligations	Staff and relevant union notification; consultation regarding changes and impacts; proposed amendments assessed for significance	Industrial relations issues; employee grievances; operational disruption	Unlikely	Moderate	Moderate	Document notifications and consultations; confirm proposed amendments have no significant effect on employees; retain records for audit

The risk assessment demonstrates that the proposed amendments to the organisational structure maintain Council's operational performance and legislative compliance. All director and senior management roles have been filled, reporting lines clarified, and grant-funded positions formalised, which collectively strengthen governance and service delivery. Legislative compliance with the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), including Sections 194, 196, and 196(3), has been confirmed through adoption by resolution, appointment of a qualified CEO, and CEO-led employee appointments.

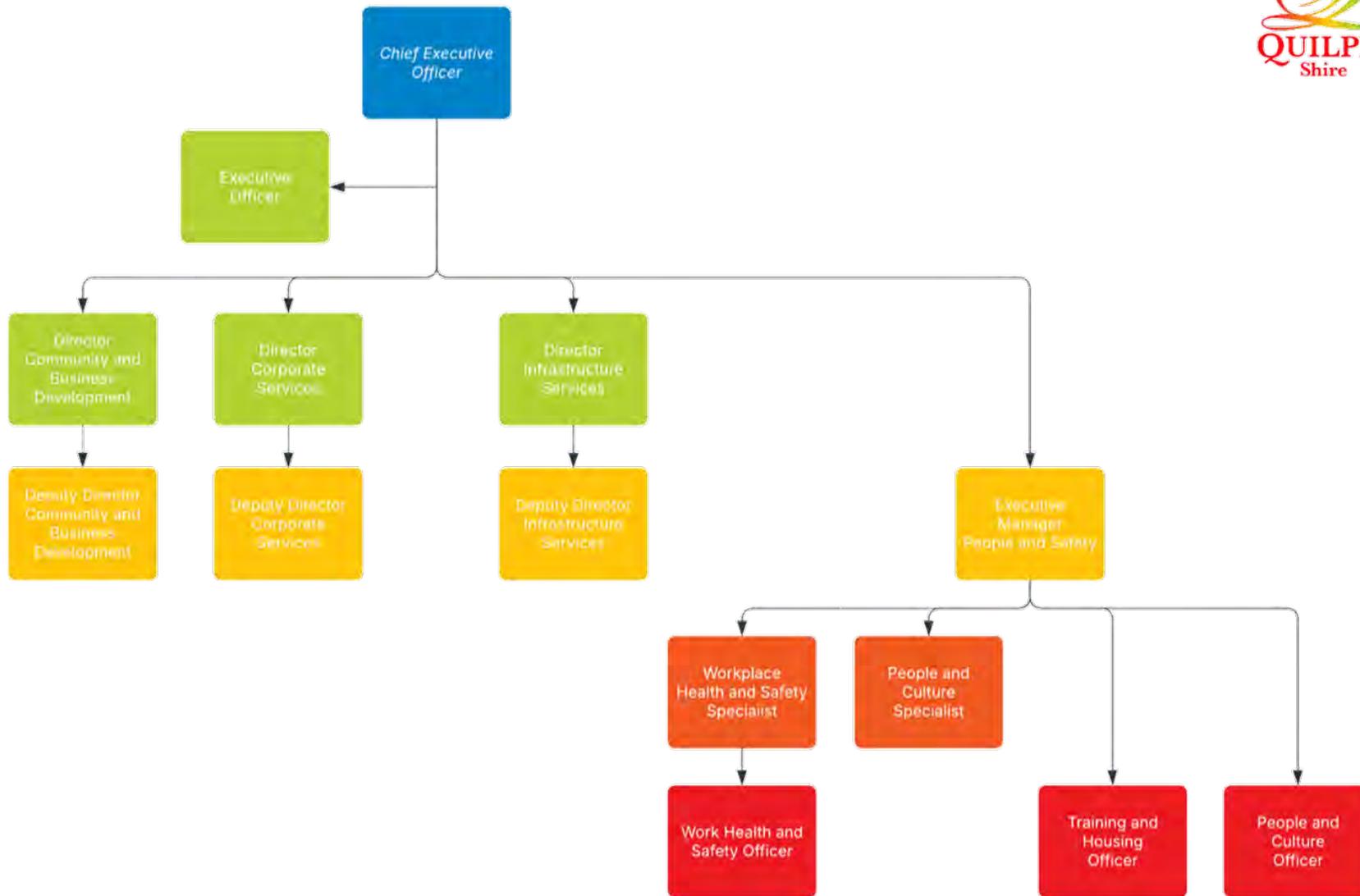
Consultation obligations under the *Industrial Relations Act 2016* and *Certified Agreement 2024* have been satisfied through documented engagement with directors, managers, staff, and unions.

Overall, the residual risks are acceptable, and current controls effectively mitigate potential operational, legal, and consultation failures. Council can therefore be confident that the amendments support the organisation's capability, compliance, and ongoing accountability.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATION

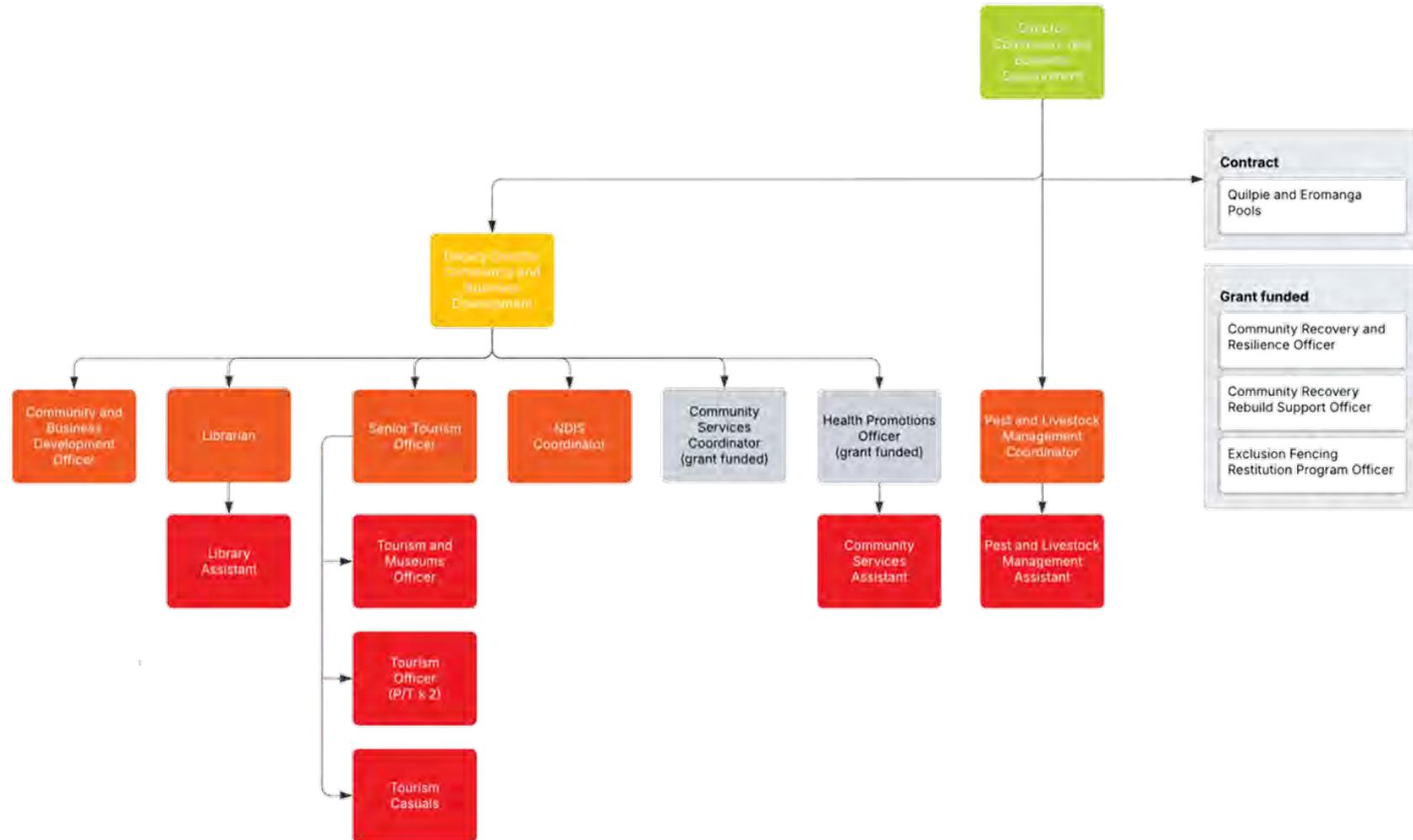
In accordance with *Section 4(b) of the Human Rights Act 2019*, Council must make decisions that are compatible with human rights and limit rights only when necessary and proportionate. In considering the proposed amendments to the organisational structure, Council assessed any potential impacts on employees' human rights, including the right to equality, privacy, and fair work conditions. Senior management engaged with staff and unions to ensure transparency and fairness in clarifying reporting lines, formalising grant-funded positions, and defining role responsibilities. These measures ensure that no employee's human rights are adversely affected by the amendments. Documentation of consultation and operational arrangements provides clear evidence that the decision is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* and demonstrates compliance.

Quilpie Shire Council Organisational Structure



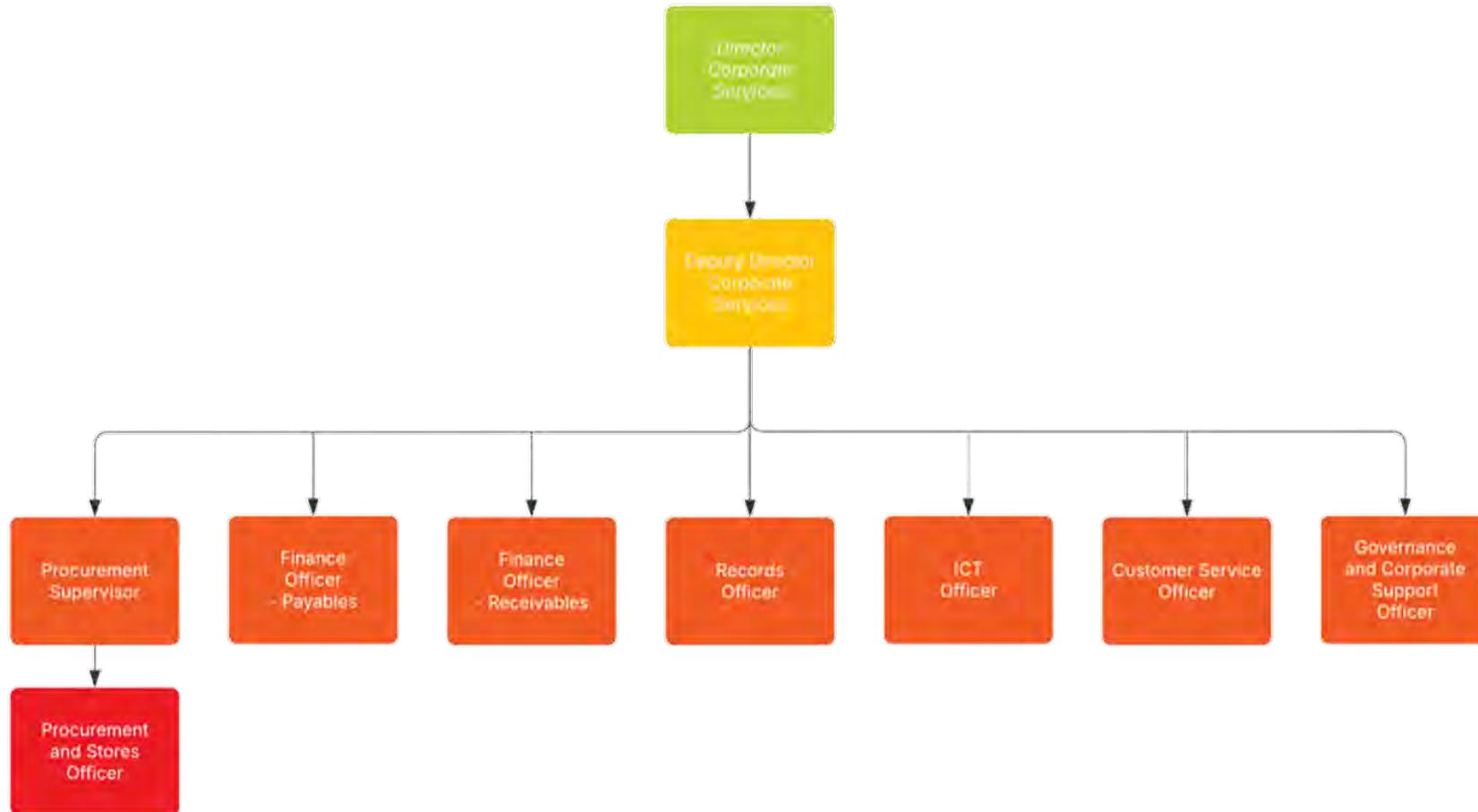
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Quilpie Shire Council Organisational Structure



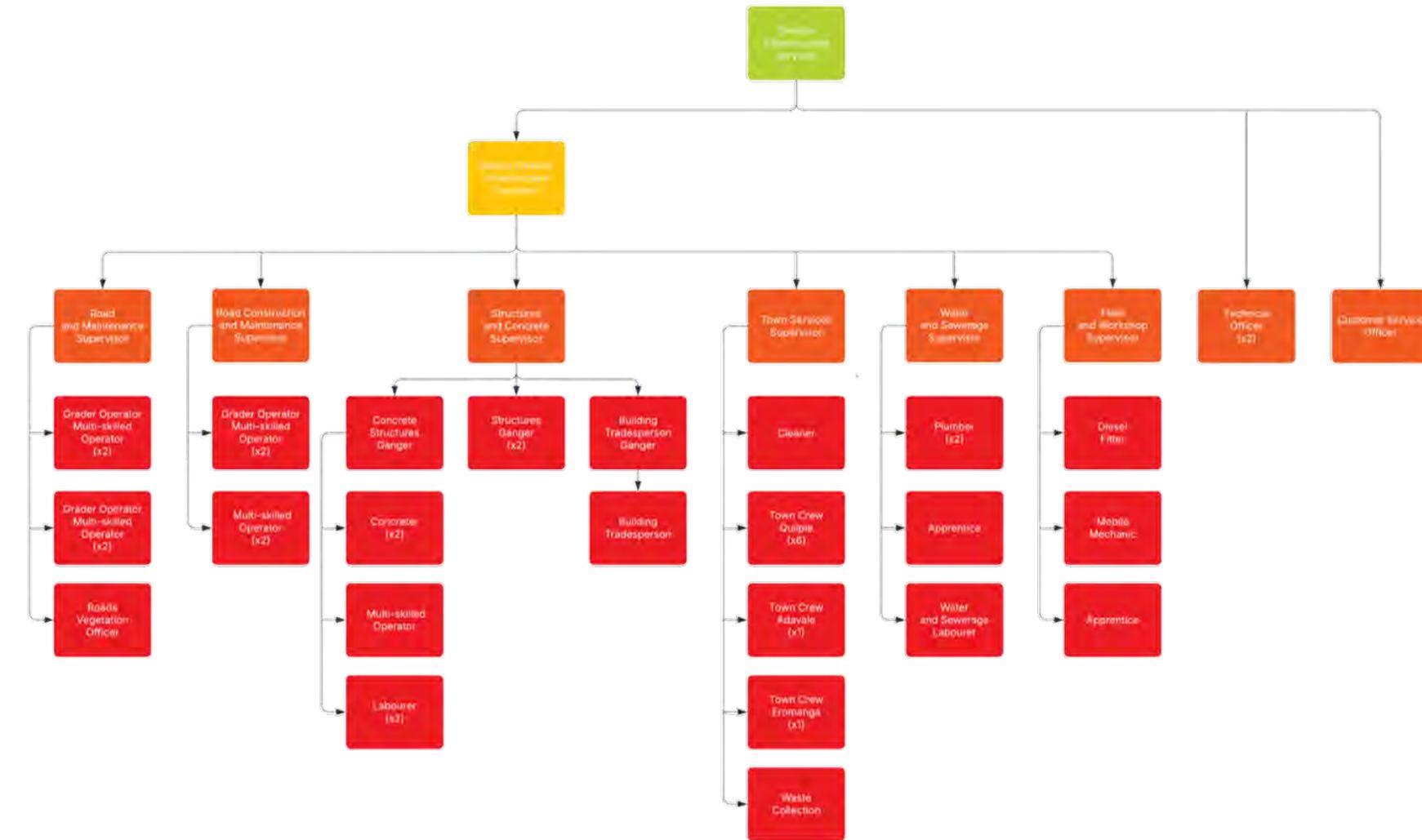
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Quilpie Shire Council Organisational Structure



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14.3 ALGA NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026 - MOTION REQUEST**IX: 272214****Author: Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer****Authorisers: Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer****Attachments:**

- 1. ALGA NGA 2026 Motion - Cutting Disaster Recovery Red Tape and Accelerating Funding Delivery (Quilpie Shire Council)**
- 2. ALGA NGA 2026 Motion - Funding and Governance of Flood Warning Infrastructure (Quilpie Shire Council)**

KEY OUTCOME**Key Outcome:** 1. Great Place to Live**Key Initiative:** 1.1 Well-planned and highly liveable communities**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) invites submissions of motions for consideration at its 32nd National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government, to be held in Canberra from 23–25 June 2026. All motions must be submitted via the online portal by Friday 27 February 2026. Motions should address matters of national significance to local government, including financial sustainability, infrastructure and roads, housing and planning, climate resilience, workforce challenges, and community wellbeing.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the following motions for the Australian Local Government Association 32nd National General Assembly:
 - (a) This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to substantially increase and sustain funding for flood warning infrastructure across Australia, and to immediately resolve governance and ownership arrangements for this infrastructure in partnership with states, territories and local government. Reliable flood warning systems are vital to community safety and disaster resilience, yet fragmented ownership and inconsistent governance arrangements continue to undermine its effectiveness. An improved nationally coordinated and timely response to resolving these issues will enhance performance, data access and ensure systems meet local needs, particularly in high-risk flood-prone regions; and
 - (b) This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to, in partnership with State and Territory governments, urgently cut red tape and expedite the announcement of disaster relief and recovery funding packages, including the rapid establishment of program guidelines and opening of applications. This must include streamlined, risk-based and trust-centred assessment processes, reduced duplication, and timely upfront payments that enable councils, primary producers and local businesses to commence recovery immediately following disaster events, particularly in remote, regional and disaster-prone communities.

BACKGROUND

The NGA serves as the peak national forum for local government, enabling councils to debate key issues and develop a shared advocacy agenda with the Federal Government. Submitting motions ensures that Quilpie Shire Council's priorities and challenges gain national recognition.

As a member of the South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC), Quilpie Shire Council identified motions that have regional significance. SWQROC cannot submit motions on behalf of councils because only financial members of their state or territory local government association may do so. Therefore, Quilpie Shire Council submits these motions directly.

REPORT

Submitting motions to the NGA brings councils from across Australia together to debate key issues and build a shared advocacy agenda with the Federal Government. Submitting a motion ensures Quilpie Shire Council's local priorities and challenges are represented at a national level.

Quilpie Shire Council, as a member of the South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC), identified motions that have regional significance for South West Queensland councils. Only councils that are financial members of their state or territory local government association can submit motions, so SWQROC cannot submit motions on behalf of its members.

The following motions are proposed for adoption and submission by Quilpie Shire Council because they reflect issues of local, regional and national significance.

OPTIONS

Option 1 – Recommended

That Council:

1. Endorse the following motions for the Australian Local Government Association 32nd National General Assembly:
 - (a) This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to substantially increase and sustain funding for flood warning infrastructure across Australia, and to immediately resolve governance and ownership arrangements for this infrastructure in partnership with states, territories and local government. Reliable flood warning systems are vital to community safety and disaster resilience, yet fragmented ownership and inconsistent governance arrangements continue to undermine its effectiveness. An improved nationally coordinated and timely response to resolving these issues will enhance performance, data access and ensure systems meet local needs, particularly in high-risk flood-prone regions; and
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Option 2

That Council does not endorse motions to submit to the Australian Local Government Association 32nd National General Assembly.

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils

INTERESTED PARTIES

Not applicable.

LEGISLATION / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Submitting motions does not incur additional costs. Council attendance at the NGA provides advocacy and professional development opportunities but is not mandatory.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Council will manage risks in accordance with G.11 Enterprise Risk Management Policy and G.11-A Risk Management Framework. Submitting these motions presents no risks.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATION

Section 4(b) of the *Human Rights Act 2019* requires public entities to make decisions that are compatible with human rights. Council has assessed the proposed submission of motions to the Australian Local Government Association 32nd National General Assembly against the 23 protected human rights.

The assessment found that the motions:

- Support freedom of expression (s.21) and participation in public life (s.23): Submitting motions allows Council to contribute to national decision-making and advocate on matters of public interest.
- Do not limit rights to recognition and equality before the law (s.8) or privacy (s.25): The motions apply generally and do not affect individuals' legal rights or personal information.

No other human rights are affected. Council concludes that endorsing and submitting these motions does not limit or interfere with any human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* and is fully compatible with the Act.

ALGA NGA 2026 Motion - Cutting Disaster Recovery Red Tape and Accelerating Funding Delivery

Category

Emergency Management

Motion Subject

Cutting Disaster Recovery Red Tape and Accelerating Funding Delivery

Motion

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to, in partnership with State and Territory governments, urgently cut red tape and expedite the announcement of disaster relief and recovery funding packages, including the rapid establishment of program guidelines and opening of applications. This must include streamlined, risk-based and trust-centred assessment processes, reduced duplication, and timely upfront payments that enable councils, primary producers and local businesses to commence recovery immediately following disaster events, particularly in remote, regional and disaster-prone communities.

National Objective

To ensure disaster-affected communities can move quickly from response to recovery through faster, simpler and more predictable access to relief and recovery funding. The objective is to minimise administrative burden during crisis periods, support economic continuity, protect community wellbeing, and strengthen national resilience by enabling councils, businesses and primary producers to focus on recovery activities rather than complex and delayed funding processes.

Summary of Key Arguments

Recent disaster events have highlighted systemic delays between disaster declaration, funding announcements, finalisation of program guidelines and the opening of applications. These delays compound the impacts of disasters on councils, primary producers and local businesses at a time when capacity is already stretched. Complex, duplicative and documentation-heavy processes slow recovery, particularly in remote and regional areas where councils and businesses operate with limited administrative resources. Faster funding decisions, upfront payments and simplified, risk-based assessment models would deliver immediate on-the-ground benefits, accelerate economic recovery and reduce long-term costs to governments. Cutting red tape during declared disasters supports local employment, business continuity and community resilience, while reinforcing the critical role of local government as first responders and recovery partners. Prompt action will ensure disaster assistance is practical, timely and effective where it is most needed.

ALGA NGA 2026 Motion – Increased Flood Warning Infrastructure Investment and Resolution of Governance and Ownership Arrangements

Category

Disaster Resilience, Flood Risk Reduction and Infrastructure

Motion Subject

Increased Flood Warning Infrastructure Investment and Resolution of Governance and Ownership Arrangements

Motion

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to substantially increase and sustain funding for flood warning infrastructure across Australia, and to immediately resolve governance and ownership arrangements for this infrastructure in partnership with states, territories and local government. Reliable flood warning systems are vital to community safety and disaster resilience, yet fragmented ownership and inconsistent governance arrangements continue to undermine its effectiveness. An improved nationally coordinated and timely response to resolving these issues will enhance performance, data access and ensure systems meet local needs, particularly in high-risk flood-prone regions.

National Objective

To strengthen Australia's flood preparedness, resilience and community safety by ensuring flood warning infrastructure and systems are modern, well-maintained, interoperable and under clear governance and ownership arrangements. Increased funding and clarified responsibilities will support national consistency, improve data quality and accessibility, and enhance mitigation and emergency response capabilities. This national investment will reduce disaster costs and better protect people, property and local economies.

Summary of Key Arguments

Recent National General Assembly (NGA) motions have called for national action to develop flood resilience strategies, increase funding for early warning systems, and enhance integration with emergency management frameworks. Flood warning infrastructure, including river and rainfall gauges, telemetry, and data networks is critical for timely and accurate warnings that save lives and reduce economic loss. However, governance and ownership arrangements still remain fragmented across jurisdictions, creating gaps in maintenance responsibility, data standards, and system interoperability. An improved nationally coordinated investment approach, coupled with clear governance frameworks, will improve system reliability, enable local co-location of sensors and tools, and support consistent national data access. Strengthening these systems aligns with NGA's broader calls for proactive infrastructure funding, harmonisation of governance, and enhanced disaster resilience, ensuring local governments can deliver effective warnings tailored to community risk profiles.

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 Debt Recovery - Assessments 886-500, 886-610, 886-620, 886-630 and 886-640	((d)) rating concessions; ((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;	Council has received correspondence from the ratepayer regarding the overdue amounts.

- 16 LATE ITEMS**
- 17 GENERAL BUSINESS**
- 18 MEETING DATES**