Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Wednesday 17 December 2025

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 WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2025 AT 9.30AM

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11:06 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), Eng Lim (Director Infrastructure Services), Ms Sharon Frank (Director Corporate Services) and Callie Dabovich (Secretariat).

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

On behalf of Council, formal condolences were extended to the family of the late Michael O'Brien.

During the meeting, Council noted the passing of Heather Myles and expressed the intention to send formal condolences to her family.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC250-12-25)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 November 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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6.2 SPECIAL MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC251-12-25)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 5 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	19.11.25	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	1
Water Community Session - Eromanga	20.11.25	Eromanga	1	1	1		
Christmas in the Gallery Opening- VIC	22.11.25	Quilpie		1	1		
Year 10 Graduation dinner - Quilpie State College	27.11.25	Quilpie	1	1	1		
Quilpie Swimming Carnival	28.11.25	Quilpie	1	1	1		
Eromanga State School - awards	02.12.25	Eromanga	1	1	1		
St Finbarr's School - awards	03.12.25	Quilpie	1	1	1		1
LGAQ Webinar	04.12.25	Teams		1	1		
Quilpie State College - awards	04.12.25	Quilpie	1	1	1		1
Special Meeting	05.12.25	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	
Councillor Briefing Session	05.12.25	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	
2025 Staff Christmas Party	05.12.25	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	
Seniors' Christmas Lunch	12.12.25	Quilpie	1				
Telecommunication Resilience Review	12.12.25	Quilpie	1				
Town Xmas Party - Local buy voucher draw	12.12.25	Quilpie	1	1			
Telstra Briefing	16.12.25	Online		1			

9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Council acknowledged the opening of Christmas in the Gallery and the incredible display designed by the Visitor Information staff.

10 OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORTS

10.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the key activities and achievements of the Infrastructure Services Directorate for November 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 standard levels, with additional support provided for emergent works on Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) networks.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC252-12-25)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

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10.2 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

10.2.1 PEST AND LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC253-12-25)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

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10.2.2 TOURISM STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides Council with an update on Visitor Information Centre (VIC) operations and tourism activities in Quilpie Shire for the period October to December 2025.

Key highlights include:

- The Bronze Award at the 2025 Queensland Tourism Awards.
- Significant progress in tourism product development, including new itineraries, packages, and reservation systems.
- Positive engagement and visitation outcomes across VIC, social media, and local exhibitions despite early-year flooding impacts.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC254-12-25)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

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10.2.3 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

November saw strong community engagement across health and wellbeing initiatives, with popular programs such as After School Craft, Youth Group, and Aqua Exercise attracting solid participation. Planning progressed for the Quilpie Health Expo 2026 and the launch of Cook + Connect, while TRACC's Christmas Wreath Workshops drew high interest region-wide. Key NDIS updates included the upcoming rollout of computer-generated plans and continued uncertainty around Thriving Kids funding. The Community Health Survey highlighted the need for medical transport services, prompting discussions with Goondiwindi Regional Council on their successful Meditrans model. Cultural and library programs were well attended, including the Cinderella Spinderella performance and First 5 Forever Christmas Party, alongside digital literacy workshops and school holiday preparations.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC255-12-25)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

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10.3 FINANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

10.3.1 CORPORATE SERVICES STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC256-12-25)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

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10.4 GOVERNANCE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

10.4.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report updates Council on key activities within the Chief Executive Officer's portfolio, including the approved Ministerial Exemption for a staff housing sale, community distribution of the Adavale Options Discussion Paper, and the submission of a variation request for the Growing Regions Program.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC257-12-25)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

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Council observed a minute of silence for the victims of the Bondi Beach tragedy.

Following a lunch adjournment from 12:31 PM to 1:17 PM, the meeting resumed.

11 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Nil

12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

12.1 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION - QUILPIE COMMUNITY CHURCH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Quilpie Community Church holds non-denominational services at the Quilpie Shire Hall Supper Room. Council previously approved an in-kind community assistance grant for the first Sunday of each month until 21 December 2025.

The Church, represented by Sandra Mocke, submitted a new application requesting in-kind use of the Supper Room and kitchen on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 4 January to 20 December 2026. Approving this request allows the Church to continue holding services while maintaining Council oversight.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC258-12-25)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council

1. Acknowledges receipt of the Community Assistance Grant application submitted by Quilpie Community Church; and
2. Approves the Church's request for in-kind use of the Quilpie Shire Hall Supper Room and kitchen on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 4 January to 20 December 2026, on the condition that the Supper Room and kitchen remain clean and tidy after each service.

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12.2 ANIMAL REGISTRATION INSPECTION PROGRAM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* requires all dogs in Queensland to be registered once they are over 12 weeks old. Exceptions include dogs kept by a pound or shelter, government entity dogs, working dogs (as defined in the Act), or other classes of dogs prescribed under regulation.

This report seeks Council approval for a systematic Approved Inspection Program in the Quilpie and Eromanga townships to ensure compliance with dog registration requirements. Approval authorises Council officers and appointed staff from Balonne Shire Council to conduct inspections.

The program is scheduled to commence 1 March 2026 and will run for up to six months, consistent with the Act. A communications campaign will inform residents of the program.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC259-12-25)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council

1. Approves a systematic Approved Inspection Program in the Quilpie and Eromanga townships, commencing 1 March 2026, for up to six months, to ensure compliance with dog registration requirements under the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008.*

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Deputy Director Corporate Services, Mwewa Chisenga, entered the meeting at 1:20pm

13 FINANCE

13.1 FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT MONTH ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 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 30 November 2025.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC260-12-25)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

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

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14 GOVERNANCE

14.1 QUEENSLAND AUDIT OFFICE - FINAL MANAGEMENT REPORT 2024/25

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) Final Management Report for the financial year 2024/25. The report confirms the audit outcome for the year. The Mayor will present the Final Management Report to Council in compliance with legislative requirements.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC261-12-25)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council receive and note the Queensland Audit Office Final Management Report for 2024/25, as presented by the Mayor, in accordance with Section 213(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

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15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

(a) the matter that is to be discussed; and

(b) an overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed.

Agenda Item	Reasons Matters to be discussed (to close the meeting under the *Local Government Regulation 2012*)	Overview
15.1 Request for Sealing - Keeroongooloo Road (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	This report provides an update on the progress of discussions and cost estimates and seeks Council endorsement to execute a Roadwork Agreement with GPC. The agreement formalises the sealing of 18.7 km of Keeroongooloo Road, enabling coordination with QRA-funded flood

		reinstatement works to minimise mobilisation costs, ensure timely delivery, and achieve cost efficiencies.
15.2 RFQL 02 25-26 Flood Damage Sealed Road Reconstruction Kyabra Rd Pkg and 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	The report outlines the recommended contractual variations, associated costs, and delivery options for both projects, and now seeks Council's approval to progress the works in accordance with the options presented.
15.3 Recovery of Rate Arrears - Advanced Debt Recovery Action	(f.) starting or defending legal proceedings involving the local government (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	Debt recovery activity was temporarily paused due to the flood event. With recovery operations now stabilised, Council is resuming advanced debt recovery actions in accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Council's Recovery of Overdue Rates and Charges Policy (F.10). The report outlines: • properties where Council has completed the debt recovery process and acquired land for unpaid rates and charges • assessments with signification arrears being progressed or where debt recovery was on hold due to flood event • new assessments now three years or more overdue • petroleum leases with overdue rates • recommended next steps, including issuing letters of demand and progressing legal recovery where appropriate.

MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC262-12-25)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council moves into closed session at 1:30 PM

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1:53 PM: Rates Officer Alisha Moody entered the meeting.

2:16 PM: Rates Officer Alisha Moody exited the meeting.

MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC263-12-25)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 2:16 PM.

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15.1 REQUEST FOR SEALING - KEEROONGOOLOO ROAD (UPDATE)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2022, Georgina Pastoral Company Pty Ltd (Keeroongooloo Station) requested that Council consider sealing Keeroongooloo Road at their cost. At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 21 March 2023, Council resolved (QSC048-03-23) to support the sealing of the road with all maintenance, preparation, sealing, and bitumen costs incurred by Georgina Pastoral Company Pty Ltd on a cost-recovery basis.

This report provides an update on the progress of discussions and cost estimates and seeks Council endorsement to execute a Roadwork Agreement with Georgina Pastoral Company Pty Ltd. The agreement formalises the sealing of 18.7 km of Keeroongooloo Road, enabling coordination with QRA-funded flood reinstatement works to minimise mobilisation costs, ensure timely delivery, and achieve cost efficiencies.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC264-12-25)

Moved: Cr Tony Lander
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Endorse execution of the *Roadwork Agreement (Reinstatement and Upgrade)* with Georgina Pastoral Company Pty Ltd for sealing 18.7 km of Keeroongooloo Road, as detailed in Attachment 1.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the agreement as a deed under delegated authority in accordance with section 236 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld).
3. Acknowledge that Georgina Pastoral Company Pty Ltd will fully fund the upgrade (two-coat bitumen seal, 4 metres wide), including an initial advance payment of $295,500 and the remaining balance via equal half-yearly instalments aligned with Council rate notices over the next three financial years.

4. Note that the agreement enables the upgrade works to be coordinated efficiently with QRA-funded flood reinstatement works, minimising mobilisation costs and improving project delivery outcomes.
5. Approve the use of a special charge mechanism to secure payment of the remaining balance in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) and Chapter 4 Part 6 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld).

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15.2 RFQL 02 25-26 FLOOD DAMAGE SEALED ROAD RECONSTRUCTION KYABRA RD PKG AND RFQL20 25-26 RECONSTRUCTION OF SEALED ROADS PKG - UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the progress of negotiations undertaken by Council officers in relation to RFQL 02 25–26 – Flood Damage Sealed Road Reconstruction: Kyabra Road Package, as well as proposed variations associated with the already awarded RFQL 20 25–26 – Flood Damage Sealed Road Reconstruction: Package 1.

The report outlines the recommended contractual variations, associated costs, and delivery options for both projects, and now seeks Council's approval to progress the works in accordance with the options presented.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC265-12-25)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Accept Variation 01, valued at $230,855.14 including GST ($209,868.31 excluding GST), under the current RFQL20 25–26 contract with Stabilcorp Pty Ltd;
2. Approve Variation 02, valued at $330,633.59 including GST ($300,575.99 excluding GST), for the stabilisation and bitumen sealing components of the Kyabra Road works (RFQL02 25–26) to be delivered by Stabilcorp Pty Ltd under the existing contract rates;
3. Engage contractors through Council's Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers of Road and Civil Construction to undertake the remaining Kyabra Road works listed under NPV 01 (RFQL02 25–26), provided the total cost is within budget; and
4. Delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract, including without limitation, any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement policy.

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15.3 RECOVERY OF RATE ARREARS - ADVANCED DEBT RECOVERY ACTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides Councillors with an update on the status of rate arrears subject to advanced debt recovery action, including properties already acquired by Council for overdue rates and charges, and assessments where further recovery action is proposed.

Debt recovery activity was temporarily paused due to the flood event. With recovery operations now stabilised, Council is resuming advanced debt recovery actions in accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Council's Recovery of Overdue Rates and Charges Policy (F.10).

The report outlines:

- properties where Council has completed the debt recovery process and acquired land for unpaid rates and charges
- assessments with signification arrears being progressed or where debt recovery was on hold due to flood event
- new assessments now three years or more overdue
- petroleum leases with overdue rates
- recommended next steps, including issuing letters of demand and progressing legal recovery where appropriate.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC266-12-25)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

1. Notes the status of rate arrears subject to advanced debt recovery action as outlined in this report; and
2. Endorses the continuation of advanced debt recovery actions, including the issue of letters of demand and progression to legal recovery where required, in accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Council's Recovery of Overdue Rates and Charges Policy.

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16 LATE ITEMS

16.1 AGISTMENT EXTENSION FOR DILLON'S WELL - SCOTT EDWARDS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the June 2025 Ordinary Meeting, Council approved an application from Scott and Mel Edwards to agist 40–50 heifers on Dillon’s Well Reserve for a three-month period. This approval expired on 5 December 2025.

Scott and Mel Edwards have since requested an extension of the agistment agreement until 31 March 2026. They have advised they have secured alternative agistment from that date.

The Pest and Livestock Management Coordinator has confirmed that Dillon’s Well Reserve remains in suitable condition to support the stock for the proposed extension period.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC267-12-25)

Moved: Cr Tony Lander
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council:

1. Acknowledges receipt of the request from Scott and Mel Edwards to extend the agistment of 40–50 heifers on Dillon’s Well Reserve until 31 March 2026; and
2. Approves the extension in accordance with Council’s Schedule of Fees and Charges.

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16.2 RFQL06 25-26 FLOOD DAMAGE TOBERMORY AREA SCREENING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends awarding RFQL 06 25-26 – Flood Damage Tobermory Area Screening. The screening package involves material preparation at multiple pit locations across the Quilpie Shire to support the reconstruction of flood-damaged road networks.

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: (QSC268-12-25)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council:

1. Award RFQL 06 25-26 Flood Damage Tobermory Area Screening to APV Contracting Pty Ltd for an amount of $1,666,108.62 including GST ($1,514,644.20 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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16.3 PURCHASE OF PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES FOR BALDY TOP WALKWAY PROJECT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's approval to purchase three composite fibre pedestrian bridges from Wagners CFT Manufacturing Pty Ltd for the Baldy Top Walkway Project.

Following route changes required after the March 2025 flood event, Council must construct three pedestrian bridges to comply with legislative and regulatory requirements.

The bridges are time-critical to meet funding conditions under the *Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4*. Officers investigated available suppliers and concluded that Wagners CFT Manufacturing Pty Ltd is the only supplier reasonably able to deliver the bridges within the required timeframe.

The procurement is recommended under the sole-supplier exemption in section 235(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC269-12-25)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Resolve, pursuant to section 235(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), that there is only one (1) supplier reasonably available to provide the composite fibre pedestrian bridges by the required date and:
   (a) Award the purchase of three composite fibre pedestrian bridges to Wagners CFT Manufacturing Pty Ltd for $243,721.50 including GST ($221,565.00 Ex GST); and
   (b) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) to negotiate, finalise and execute all matters relating to this project and contract, including options and variations in accordance with Council's procurement policy.

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16.4 RFQL 25 25-26 FLOOD DAMAGE CANAWAY DOWNS RD PKG

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends awarding RFQL 25/25–26 – Flood Damage Canaway Downs Road Package to APV Contracting Pty Ltd.

The project involves reconstruction works to sections of Canaway Downs 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: (QSC270-12-25)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Award RFQL 25 25-26 Flood Damage Canaway Downs Pkg to APV Contracting Pty Ltd for an amount of $930,316.20 including GST ($845,742.00 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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16.5 AMENDMENT TO COUNCILS PURCHASING CARD LIMITS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's authorisation to increase the total purchasing card threshold from $85,000 to $120,000 and to update individual card limits. The changes align with a shift to a new corporate purchasing card system and reflect a review of actual spending patterns.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC271-12-25)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council:

1. Amend Council's purchasing card threshold to $120,000.00;
2. Approve the changes to the individual purchasing card limits; and
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to update the Register of Delegations and Sub-Delegations with the following purchasing cards (position titles and purchasing limits).

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17 GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Councillor Lyn Barnes inquired about the completion and installation plans for the street arbours. The Director of Infrastructure Services will recirculate the arbour designs and the layout plan for the first median strip.

Councillor Lyn Barnes queried the progress on a Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) weather radar. Mayor Ben Hall advised that mayors from the South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC) met with BOM last month. Planning for a new radar will commence in 2026, with an estimated delivery timeframe of at least 3 years.

Councillor Lyn Barnes asked about releasing additional industrial land following recent enquiries. Chief Executive Officer Justin Hancock advised that planning is underway to develop more land for industrial purposes, likely for release in mid-2026.

Councillor Lyn Barnes inquired about the development and release of rural residential land. The Chief Executive Officer advised that a project manager has been engaged and has commenced final plans for the estate. The subdivision is currently forecast for completion and sale in 2027.

Councillor Lyn Barnes queried the expected timeframe for upgrades to the Bulloo Park entrance. The Director of Infrastructure Services, Eng Lim, advised the project is budgeted for, but due to staff constraints, completion is unlikely before June 2026. Director of Community and Business Development, Lisa Hamlyn, noted that the masterplan for the complex was adopted in 2015. While reviews and strategies have been discussed, it may be beneficial to plan for a full masterplan review in the 2026–27 period.

Councillor Lyn Barnes asked if anyone attended a recent community meeting at The Lake. Mayor Ben Hall advised he attended in a private capacity and provided a summary of the discussion.

18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Thursday 29 January 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 3:10 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 Thursday 29 January 2026 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street, Quilpie commencing at 9:30 AM.