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# Ordinary Meeting of Council

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## MINUTES

Wednesday 18 March 2026

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom  
50 Broлга Street, Quilpie



**MINUTES OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL BOARDROOM, 50 BROLGA STREET, QUILPIE  
ON WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 2026 AT 9:30 AM**

## 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:55 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 Corporate and Community Services), Ms Sharon Frank (Director Corporate Services) (via Teams), Mr Eng Lim (Director Infrastructure Services), and Ms Callie Dabovich (Secretariat).

## 3 APOLOGIES

Nil

## 4 CONDOLENCES

Formal condolences from Council were forwarded to the family of Drew Bignell and Jeffery Scott.

## 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.

### Declaration 1 of 3

Information required	Legislation	Declaration
<b>Agenda item number</b>	s254C (for notice of meetings and agendas for councillors and committee members). <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>	12.2
<b>Agenda item description</b>		Community Assistance Grant Application – Quilpie Cultural Society
<b>Declaring councillor</b>	Chapter 5B (Councillors' conflicts of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	Councillor Lyn Barnes
<b>Person with the interest</b> <i>Close associate</i>	s150EJ (for Prescribed conflict of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	Councillor Lyn Barnes
<i>Related party</i>	s150EP (for Declarable conflict of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	Not applicable
<i>Other relationship</i>	s150EN (Declarable conflict of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	Councillor Barnes is regularly engaged as a paid tutor by the Quilpie Cultural Society, the organisation whose grant application is the subject of this agenda item. The grant application seeks Council funding for an Arts Development Officer whose role would include applying for RADF funding to present arts workshops, including workshops of the type delivered by Councillor Barnes.

Information required	Legislation	Declaration
Particulars of interest	s150EL (for Prescribed conflict of interest) s150EQ (for Declarable conflict of interest) - <i>Related party (s150EQ (4)(b))</i> - <i>Gift or loan (s150EQ (4)(c))</i> - <i>Other (s150EQ (4)(a))</i> <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	A declarable conflict of interest is recorded pursuant to s150EQ(4)(a) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (another interest). The interest arises from Councillor Barnes' ongoing paid engagement as a tutor with the Quilpie Cultural Society. If Council funds the engagement of an Arts Development Officer, that officer may apply for RADF funding for workshops of the type currently delivered by Councillor Barnes, creating a perceived financial benefit or competitive advantage.
Type of conflict	Part 2 – s150EG, s150EH and s150EI (for Prescribed conflict of interest) Particular gifts or loans (s150EG) Sponsored travel or hospitality benefits (s150EH) Other (s150EI) Part 3 – s150EN (for Declarable conflict of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	Declarable conflict of interest pursuant to s150EN of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> .
Action	s150EM (2) (for Prescribed conflict of interest) - Must leave s150ES (2) (for Declarable conflict of interest) - Voluntarily leave Or s150ES (1)-(6), excluding (2) – Council decision <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	Councillor Barnes declared a declarable conflict of interest. Pursuant to s150ES(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> , Councillor Barnes elected to voluntarily leave the meeting and was absent for the discussion and vote on Item 12.2.

## Declaration 2 of 3

Information required	Legislation	Declaration
Agenda item number	s254C (for notice of meetings and agendas for councillors and committee members). <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>	12.4
Agenda item description		Community Assistance Grant Application – Channel Country Ladies Day
Declaring councillor	Chapter 5B (Councillors' conflicts of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	Councillor Lyn Barnes
Person with the interest <i>Close associate</i>	s150EJ (for Prescribed conflict of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	Councillor Lyn Barnes
<i>Related party</i>	s150EP (for Declarable conflict of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	Not applicable
<i>Other relationship</i>	s150EN (Declarable conflict of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	Councillor Barnes is a paid contributor to Channel Country Ladies Day, the organisation that is the subject of this grant application.
Particulars of interest	s150EL (for Prescribed conflict of interest) s150EQ (for Declarable conflict of interest) - <i>Related party (s150EQ (4)(b))</i> - <i>Gift or loan (s150EQ (4)(c))</i> - <i>Other (s150EQ (4)(a))</i> <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	A declarable conflict of interest is recorded pursuant to s150EQ(4)(a) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (another interest). The interest arises from Councillor Barnes' paid engagement with Channel Country

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		Ladies Day, the organisation whose Community Assistance Grant Application is the subject of this agenda item. This financial relationship means Councillor Barnes may receive a benefit if funding is approved.
<b>Type of conflict</b>	Part 2 – s150EG, s150EH and s150EI (for Prescribed conflict of interest) Particular gifts or loans (s150EG) Sponsored travel or hospitality benefits (s150EH) Other (s150EI) Part 3 – s150EN (for Declarable conflict of interest) Local Government Act 2009	Declarable conflict of interest pursuant to s150EN of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> .
Action	s150EM (2) (for Prescribed conflict of interest) - Must leave s150ES (2) (for Declarable conflict of interest) – Voluntarily leave Or s150ES (1)-(6), excluding (2) – Council decision Local Government Act 2009	Councillor Barnes declared a declarable conflict of interest. Pursuant to s150ES(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> , Councillor Barnes elected to voluntarily leave the meeting and was absent for the discussion and vote on Item 12.4.

## Declaration 3 of 3

Information required	Legislation	Declaration
<b>Agenda item number</b>	s254C (for notice of meetings and agendas for councillors and committee members). <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>	12.7
<b>Agenda item description</b>		Community Assistance Grant Application – Toompine Progress Association
<b>Declaring councillor</b>	Chapter 5B (Councillors' conflicts of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	Councillor Milan Milosevic
<b>Person with the interest</b> <i>Close associate</i>	s150EJ (for Prescribed conflict of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	Councillor Milan Milosevic
<i>Related party</i>	s150EP (for Declarable conflict of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	Toompine Progress Association
<i>Other relationship</i>	s150EN (Declarable conflict of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	Councillor Milosevic holds the position of Treasurer of the Toompine Progress Association, the organisation whose Community Assistance Grant Application is the subject of this agenda item.
<b>Particulars of interest</b>	s150EL (for Prescribed conflict of interest) s150EQ (for Declarable conflict of interest) - <i>Related party (s150EQ (4)(b))</i> - <i>Gift or loan (s150EQ (4)(c))</i> - <i>Other (s150EQ (4)(a))</i> <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	A declarable conflict of interest is recorded pursuant to s150EQ(4)(a) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (another interest). The interest arises from Councillor Milosevic's role as Treasurer of the Toompine Progress Association. In that capacity, Councillor Milosevic has a financial management responsibility within the Association and a perceived interest in the outcome of this grant application.

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Action	s150EM (2) (for Prescribed conflict of interest) - Must leave s150ES (2) (for Declarable conflict of interest) – Voluntarily leave Or s150ES (1)-(6), excluding (2) – Council decision Local Government Act 2009	Councillor Milosevic declared a declarable conflict of interest. Pursuant to s150ES(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> , Councillor Milosevic elected to voluntarily leave the meeting and was absent for the discussion and vote on Item 12.7.

## 6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2026

#### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC065-03-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes  
 Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 February 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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### 6.2 SPECIAL MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2026

#### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC066-03-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz  
 Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 24 February 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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### 6.3 SPECIAL MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2026

#### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC067-03-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 10 March 2026 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
Special Meeting	24.02.26	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	1
Budget Workshop	24.02.26	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	1
State Parliament Deputation	03-05.03.26	Brisbane	1	1	1	1	1
High Tea - Quilpie State College	09.03.26	Quilpie	1	1			
Special Meeting of Council	10.03.26	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	1
Local Government session with John Oberhardt	10.03.26	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	
Regional Director SES visit	10.03.26	Boardroom	1	1	1		
Community Budget Session - Toompine	10.03.26	Toompine	1	1	1	1	1
Community Budget Session - Quilpie	10.03.26	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
Community Budget Session - Adavale	11.03.26	Adavale	1	1		1	1
Community Budget Session - Eromanga	11.03.26	Eromanga	1	1		1	
DLGWV Webinar – Empowering Councils Bill	16.03.26	Teams		1			

## 9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Nil

## 10 OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORTS

### 10.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

#### 10.1.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES STATUS REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the key activities and achievements of the Infrastructure Services Directorate for February 2026. It summarises the progress of major infrastructure projects, routine maintenance across the Shire, and the continuing delivery of flood-damage restoration works from the March 2025 rain event. Council operations have largely returned to business-as-usual, noting some delays of roadworks impacted by the more recent February rain event.

#### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC068-03-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

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The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:26am and resumed at 11:25am.

Corey Richards, Deputy Director, Community and Business Development, entered the meeting at 11:25 am.

## 10.2 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORTS

### 10.2.1 PEST AND LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT STATUS REPORTS

#### 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.

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#### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC069-03-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

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At 11:30 am, Cr Lyn Barnes left the meeting.

At 11:32 am, Cr Lyn Barnes returned to the meeting.

### 10.2.2 TOURISM STATUS REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides Council with an update on the operations and activities of the Quilpie Visitor Information Centre (VIC) for the period January to March 2026. The report covers grant acquittal progress, awards nominations, promotional show attendance, publication of the 2026 Visitor Guide, and the planned exhibition program for the remainder of the calendar year.

Key outcomes for the period include:

- Grant acquittals: Final milestone reporting is underway for two successful 2024 grants — the Building Bush Tourism grant and the Accessible Tourism grant. Both grants have delivered tangible infrastructure and accessibility improvements to tourism assets in Quilpie Shire.
- Top Tourism Town Awards: Quilpie has been nominated in the 2026 Queensland Top Tourism Town Awards. The VIC is actively coordinating promotional support with local stakeholders to drive community voting.
- Promotional shows: Staff attended two major caravan and camping shows in February 2026 as part of the South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC) Tourism Group, recording a combined stand attendance of approximately 1,820 visitors.
- 2026 Visitor Guide: The 2026 Visitor Guide has been published and distribution to local businesses and visitor centres is underway.
- Gallery exhibitions: Six exhibitions are scheduled across the VIC gallery from April 2026 through to January 2027, spanning community, artistic, and seasonal themes.

No decisions are required. This report is presented for Council's information and noting.

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#### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC070-03-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

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At 11:45 am, Cr Lyn Barnes left the meeting.

At 11:47am, Cr Lyn Barnes returned to the meeting.

### **10.2.3 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Final preparations for the Spirit of the Bush Flood Anniversary Event are progressing well, with strong registrations, media interest, and support from local businesses. Recruitment for disaster recovery roles continues, and Swift Water Rescue personnel are temporarily based in Quilpie to support regional readiness and community engagement. The Exclusion Fence Restitution Program remains active with 34 EOIs and an extended deadline, supported through ongoing collaboration with Yellow Company and DPI. Bushfire mitigation planning has advanced following the recent Area Bushfire Management Committee meeting. Strategic planning work with the Bulloo Park User Group is scheduled, and the recent Country Education Foundation information session showed strong support for regional expansion. Council is also exploring future uses of the Quilpie QCWA building, and the Quilpie Swimming Pool Lessee Reports note minor operational delays due to heat-related chemical imbalances.

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#### **RESOLUTION NO: (QSC071-03-26)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

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### **10.2.4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Business Development undertook a successful engagement visit to Eromanga, with a strong interest in forming a business collaboration group. The Car Hire EOI closed with two (2) submissions, and twenty-one (21) tenders were received for the Destination Management and Economic Development Plans. Work progressed on the Quilpie Intermodal Transport Precinct EOI, and the team supported regional education opportunities through participation in the Country Education Foundation session.

The team progressed key community wellbeing, health and development initiatives. Community Services advanced planning for the new Parenting Group, continued support for programs including Not Quite a Park Run, Cook + Connect, Home Medication Review promotion and the Defibrillator Map, and finalised major components of the upcoming Quilpie Health Expo. The Health Promotions Program recorded strong participation across seniors, youth and school-based activities, continued weekly health messaging, supported visiting doctors and attended key community meetings.

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#### **RESOLUTION NO: (QSC072-03-26)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

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Mwewa Chisenga, Deputy Director, Corporate Services, entered the meeting at 11:50 am.

Corey Richards, Deputy Director, Community and Business Development, left the meeting at 12:02 pm

### **10.3 CORPORATE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS**

#### **10.3.1 CORPORATE SERVICE STATUS REPORT - FEBRUARY 2026**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides Council with an update on Corporate Services activities and operational matters for the month of February 2026. Key areas covered include procurement of goods and services, rates and charges, information technology, stores and compliance administration, grant funding progress and applications, finance activities, preparations for the 2025/26 financial statements, governance matters, and meetings attended by Corporate Services.

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##### **RESOLUTION NO: (QSC073-03-26)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

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Mwewa Chisenga, Deputy Director, Corporate Services, left the meeting at 12:08 pm.

### **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 February 2026.

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##### **RESOLUTION NO: (QSC074-03-26)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic  
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

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#### **10.4.2 PEOPLE AND CULTURE STATUS REPORT**

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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##### **RESOLUTION NO: (QSC075-03-26)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

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## 11 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

### 11.1 RFQL 33 25-26 BLACKALL- ADAVALE DESIGN

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends awarding RFQL 33 25-26 Blackall- Adavale Design to Proterra Group.

The project involves the design and surveying needs for the upgrade of 30km of the Blackall – Adavale Road in preparation for TIDS-funded works in future financial year.

Five conforming submissions were received from pre-qualified suppliers. Following evaluation, Proterra Group achieved the highest weighted score and submitted the most advantageous offer to Council, demonstrating value for money and proven capability.

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#### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC076-03-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

1. Award RFQL 33 25-26 Blackall-Adavale Design to Proterra Group for an amount of \$164,978.00 including GST (\$149,980.00 excluding GST); and
2. Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) section 257, delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority 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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### 11.2 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, with a recent update in January 2026 Council Meeting.

The prioritisation strategy applies a framework that 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. This approach is designed to provide a consistent, evidence-based, and replicable methodology for assessing and ranking road improvement projects across the shire.

Council is requested to endorse the updated priority list for future works 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.

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#### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC077-03-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Note the outcome of the second and final round of engagement with property owners adjacent to Cheepie Adavale Road, Big Creek Road and Wareo Road;
2. Endorse the updated priority list for future works; and
3. 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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### **11.3 SAFER LOCAL ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (SLRIP) - PROPOSED APPLICATION**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a grant application under the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA) on behalf of the Australian Government.

This report seeks Council's support to submit one application under this program to construct a new rest area on the Diamantina Development Road (93B) next to the intersection with Kyabra Road.

The total estimated project cost is \$1 million, with Council's 20% co-contribution of \$230,000 per year for the next two financial years FY2026/2027 and FY2027/2028 if the application is successful.

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#### **RESOLUTION NO: (QSC078-03-26)**

Moved: Cr Tony Lander

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Support the submission of one (1) application to construct a rest area on the Diamantina Development Road (93B) next to the intersection with Kyabra Road under the Heavy Vehicle Rest Area (HVRA) initiative within the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program; and
2. Allocate \$230,000 per year for the next two financial years FY2026/2027 and FY2027/2028 if the application is successful.
3. Subject to project approval and completion, request that the Department of Transport and Main Roads assume responsibility for the ongoing ownership, operation and maintenance of the proposed rest area.

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## **12 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

### **12.1 DONATION REQUEST - EROMANGA DISTRICT RODEO ASSOCIATION**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council is asked to authorise the disposal of the existing pool shade structure at 13 Donald Street, Eromanga (L302 E3051) to the Eromanga District Rodeo Association (EDRA) at no cost to Council.

The structure was installed as a temporary facility to provide shade at the Eromanga Swimming Pool while longer-term solutions were developed. A new purpose-built shade structure is now being installed, making the existing structure surplus to Council's operational requirements.

EDRA has formally requested the structure to provide shade for families, spectators, and volunteers at its annual rodeo event. The disposal is proposed under the community-organisation exception in section 236 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), which permits disposal of a non-current asset to a community organisation by Council resolution, without a public tender or auction.

All costs and responsibilities associated with removal, transport, permitting, and installation are to be borne by EDRA. The written-down asset value as at 31 January 2026 is \$46,065.27.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC079-03-26)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council:

1. In accordance with *section 236 of the Local Government Regulation 2012*, authorise the disposal of the pool shade structure located at 13 Donald Street (L302 E3051) to the Eromanga District Rodeo Association to provide adequate shade for families, spectators and volunteers;
2. All associated permits and costs associated with the removal of the shade structure are the responsibility of the Eromanga District Rodeo Association; and
3. 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.

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At 12:27 pm, Cr Lyn Barnes left the meeting due to a declarable conflict of interest.

**12.2 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION - QUILPIE CULTURAL SOCIETY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Quilpie Cultural Society has submitted a Community Assistance Grant application seeking \$3,000 in financial support to sustain the employment of an Arts Development Officer. This role is crucial for securing funding, preparing and submitting grant applications through the Quilpie Shire Regional Arts Development Fund, managing acquittals, overseeing advertising and social media efforts, and ensuring accurate reporting.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC080-03-26)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council

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1. Acknowledges the application from the Quilpie Cultural Society; and
  2. Approves the Community Assistance Grant request for \$3,000 financial assistance to support the continued employment of an Arts Development Officer.

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At 12:31 pm, Cr Lyn Barnes returned to the meeting.

### **12.3 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION - EROMANGA DISTRICT RODEO ASSOCIATION INC**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Eromanga District Rodeo Association (ERDA) Inc. has submitted a Community Assistance Grant application for the 2026 Eromanga Easter Rodeo and Campdraft Event.

The application has two components. The first is a cash contribution of \$4,300 to cover the cost of insurance and Queensland Ambulance Service. The second is in-kind support for preparation works at the Eromanga Rodeo Grounds.

The in-kind support requested includes whipper snipping and mowing the grounds, a water and plumbing inspection, and an electrical inspection of the facility.

Council is asked to acknowledge the application and approve both the cash contribution and the in-kind support.

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#### **RESOLUTION NO: (QSC081-03-26)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the Community Assistance Grant application received from Eromanga District Rodeo Association and approves:
  - (a) A direct cash contribution of \$4,300 to assist with the cost of insurance and Queensland ambulance; and;
  - (b) In-kind support to:
    - (i) Whipper snip and mow the grounds in preparation for the event;
    - (ii) Conduct a water and plumbing inspection at the Eromanga Rodeo facility; and
    - (iii) Engage an electrician to conduct an electrical inspection at the Eromanga Rodeo facility.

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At 12:35 pm, Cr Lyn Barnes left the meeting due to a declarable conflict of interest.

### **12.4 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION - CHANNEL COUNTRY LADIES DAY**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Channel Country Ladies Day has submitted a Community Assistance Grant application for their 2026 event in Quilpie.

The application has two components. First, Channel Country Ladies Day requests in-kind support. This includes a waiver of Bulloo Park hire fees and assistance with event setup and clean-up. Second, they have submitted sponsorship packages for Council's consideration.

Council is asked to acknowledge the application, approve the in-kind support, and resolve whether to purchase a sponsorship package.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC082-03-26)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council

1. Acknowledges the Community Assistance Grant application received from Channel Country Ladies Day and resolves to sponsor the event by purchasing a Gold Sponsorship Package, including the provision of in-kind support of up to \$5,000.00, including waiving the fees for the hire of Bulloo Park and assisting with standard event setup and clean-up and \$5000.00 cash.

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At 12:43 pm, Cr Lyn Barnes returned to the meeting.

**12.5 2026 ANZAC DAY PROGRAM OF SERVICES****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council is asked to endorse the proposed 2026 ANZAC Day program and authorise staff to proceed with coordination and delivery.

The program comprises three events. A Twilight Service and community BBQ will be held at the Quilpie Cemetery on 24 April 2026. A Dawn Service will be held at Bob Young RSL Park on 25 April 2026. An ANZAC March through Quilpie will follow, concluding with a Community Service at the Quilpie Shire Hall.

The program is consistent with previous years. An application for Defence ceremonial participation has been submitted to JOSS SWQ and is awaiting confirmation. A road closure application has been submitted to the Department of Transport and Main Roads. Catering quotes are yet to be finalised, pending Council's endorsement. Based on 2025 costs, catering is expected to total approximately \$6,034.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC083-03-26)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council endorses the proposed program for the 2026 ANZAC Day services and authorises staff to proceed with the coordination of the program and delivery of the event as outlined in this report.

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## 12.6 MANAGEMENT OF TOWN COMMONS, QUILPIE SHIRE

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides Council with an update following the Quilpie Town Common muster conducted on 14 February 2026. The muster outcomes indicate a significant reduction in stock numbers and a declining number of active Common users. Several operational and compliance issues have been identified, including infrastructure limitations, reduced reporting from permit holders, and ongoing management considerations for equity, safety, and financial sustainability.

This report seeks Council direction on the long-term management of the Quilpie Town Common. Decisions made for Quilpie will also inform consistent management of Eromanga and Adavale Commons.

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### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC084-03-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report on the Quilpie Town Common post muster outcomes; and
  - a) Council utilises the Town Commons within Quilpie Shire to run cattle in support of the Cattle for the Community Program, with profit generated to be directed towards supporting the Community Assistance Grant Program; and
  - b) Council provides written notice to all Permit Holders on Town Commons within the Quilpie Shire of Council's decision to destock the Commons and Reserves by 30 November 2026 and transition to a Council operated stock model; and
  - c) That the Director of Community and Business Development develops a policy reflecting the revised use of the Town Commons.

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At 12:53 pm, Cr Milan Milosevic left the meeting due to a declarable conflict of interest.

## 12.7 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION - TOOMPINE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Toompine Progress Association has submitted a Community Assistance Grant application for the 2026 Toompine Annual Easter Gunshoot, scheduled for 4 and 5 April 2026.

The application requests a cash contribution of \$2,000 and in-kind support comprising generator hire, six wheelie bins, and a skip bin.

Council is asked to acknowledge the application and approve the cash contribution and in-kind support.

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### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC085-03-26)

Moved: Cr Tony Lander

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the Community Assistance Grant application received from Toompine Progress Association and approves:
  - (a) A direct cash contribution of \$2,000.00
  - (b) In-kind support of:
    - (i) Generator hire;
    - (ii) 6 wheelie bins; and
    - (iii) Skip bin hire

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At 12:57 pm, Cr Milan Milosevic returned to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:58 pm and resumed at 1:52 pm.

Mwewa Chisenga, Deputy Director, Corporate Services, entered the meeting at 1:52 pm.

## **13 CORPORATE SERVICES**

### **13.1 POLICY REVIEW - F0.3 REVENUE POLICY**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present a review of the current Revenue Policy and provide a draft Revenue Policy for consideration and adoption by Council for the 2026/27 financial year.

A Revenue Policy outlines the principles Council follows for:

- Levying rates and charges;
- Granting concessions for rates and charges;
- Recovering overdue rates and charges; and
- Cost recovery methods (fees).

The policy will also guide the preparation of Council's Revenue Statement for 2026/27.

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#### **MOTION**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council adopt the 2026-27 Revenue Policy in accordance with s.193 of *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

### **13.2 FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT MONTH ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2026**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present the Monthly Finance Report for the period ending 28 February 2026, in accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld).

The report provides a summary of Council's financial performance against the adopted budget, including operating results, revenue and expenditure, capital activity, and cash and investment positions.

It is recommended that Council receive and note the Monthly Finance Report for the period ending 28 February 2026.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC086-03-26)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council receive and note the Monthly Finance Report for the period ending 28 February 2026.

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Mwewa Chisenga, Deputy Director, Corporate Services, left the meeting at 2:18 pm.

Maree Radnedge, Executive Manager, People and Safety, entered the meeting at 2:18 pm.

**14 OFFICE OF THE CEO****14.1 RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT POLICY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council owns a significant portfolio of residential properties to support workforce attraction, service delivery, and community partnerships. The existing Housing Policy provides only high-level guidance and lacks sufficient detail, contemporary administrative processes, and alignment with the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008* (Qld) and its Regulations.

A new CS.01 Residential Tenancies and Property Management Policy has been drafted to replace the current version. The new policy introduces comprehensive governance, clearly articulates the roles and responsibilities of Council, the appointed property management agent, and tenants, and sets out modernised processes for tenancy allocation, maintenance management, inspections, financial management, compliance, and dispute resolution. It also embeds sustainability, asset life-cycle planning, and human rights considerations.

Council endorsement is now sought to adopt the new Policy.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC087-03-26)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

1. Repeals the existing CS.01 Council Housing Policy; and
2. Adopts the revised CS.01 Residential Tenancies and Property Management Policy as presented.

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Maree Radnedge, Executive Manager, People and Safety, left the meeting at 2:20 pm.

## 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 at 2:21 pm 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.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Reasons Matters to be discussed (to close the meeting under <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>)</b>	<b>Overview</b>
15.1 Consultation - Application for Conversion to Freehold - L8 on SP246643	(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State;	The Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (the 'Department') has sought Council's views on an application for conversion to freehold over Lot 8 on Plan SP246643. Council is asked to advise the Department that it has no objection to the application.
15.2 Consultation - Application For Conversion - L3 on NK38	(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State;	The Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (the 'Department') has sought Council's views on an application for conversion to freehold over Lot 3 on Plan NK38. Council Officers have reviewed the application and identified no grounds to object. Council is asked to advise the Department accordingly.

15.3 Consultation - Application for Conversion - L6 on PO64 and L8 on PO27	(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State;	<p>The Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (the Department) has received two applications for conversion to freehold. The applications are for Lot 6 on Plan PO64 and Lot 8 on Plan PO27.</p> <p>The Department is seeking Council's views as part of its assessment of each application against legislative requirements under the <i>Land Act 1994</i> (Qld).</p> <p>Council Officers have reviewed both applications. No grounds to object have been identified. Council is asked to advise the Department that it has no objection to either application.</p>
15.4 Amended 2025/26 Budget - 18 March 2026	(c) the local government's budget	This report presents an Amended Budget for 2025/26 for Council's consideration and adoption.
15.5 Outback Car Hire Result of Expression of Interest (EOI)	(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 presents the outcomes from the recently advertised Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Quilpie Shire Council Outback Car Hire Project. The outcomes of the Vendor Panel Evaluation have been presented to two (2) respondents, and the Council is sought for resolution regarding the next stage of the procurement process.

### MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

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#### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC088-03-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council moves into closed session at 2:21 pm.

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### MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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#### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC089-03-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 2:35 pm.

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### 15.1 CONSULTATION - APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION TO FREEHOLD - L8 ON

**SP246643****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (the 'Department') has sought Council's views on an application for conversion to freehold over Lot 8 on Plan SP246643. Council is asked to advise the Department that it has no objection to the application.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC090-03-26)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development that it has no objection to the application for conversion to freehold over Lot 8 on Plan SP246643.

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**15.2 CONSULTATION - APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION - L3 ON NK38****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (the 'Department') has sought Council's views on an application for conversion to freehold over Lot 3 on Plan NK38. Council Officers have reviewed the application and identified no grounds to object. Council is asked to advise the Department accordingly.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC091-03-26)**

Moved: Cr Tony Lander

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development that it has no objection to the application for Conversion to Freehold over Lot 3 on Plan NK38.

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**15.3 CONSULTATION - APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION - L6 ON PO64 AND L8 ON PO27**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (the Department) has received two applications for conversion to freehold. The applications are for Lot 6 on Plan PO64 and Lot 8 on Plan PO27.

The Department is seeking Council's views as part of its assessment of each application against legislative requirements under the *Land Act 1994* (Qld).

Council Officers have reviewed both applications. No grounds to object have been identified. Council is asked to advise the Department that it has no objection to either application.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC092-03-26)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development that it has no objection to the applications for conversion to freehold over:

- a) Lot 6 on PO64; and
- b) Lot 8 on PO27.

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**15.4 AMENDED 2025/26 BUDGET - 18 MARCH 2026****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC093-03-26)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

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) which are 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

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(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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## **15.5 OUTBACK CAR HIRE RESULT OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report presents the outcomes from the recently advertised Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Quilpie Shire Council Outback Car Hire Project. The outcomes of the Vendor Panel Evaluation have been presented to two (2) respondents, and the Council is sought for resolution regarding the next stage of the procurement process.

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### **RESOLUTION NO: (QSC094-03-26)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

1. Endorses the shortlist of respondents for the two (2) EOI received by Outback Car Hire Pty Ltd and International Venue Group Pty Ltd
2. Approves the progression to a selective Request for Tender process in accordance with section 228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld);
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and release the selective Request for Tender documentation to the shortlisted respondents; and
4. Requests that a further report be presented to Council upon completion of the tender evaluation, prior to awarding any contract.

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## **16 LATE ITEMS**

### **16.1 RFQL30 25-26 FLOOD DAMAGE TOBERMORY ROAD PKG**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report recommends awarding RFQL 30 25-26 Flood Damage Tobermory Road Package to APV Contracting Pty Ltd.

The project involves reconstruction works to sections of Tobermory, Mulliana and Ingerberry roads 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

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### **RESOLUTION NO: (QSC095-03-26)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

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Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Award RFQL 30 25-26 Flood Damage Tobermory Rd Pkg to APV Contracting for an amount of \$7,357,623.90 including GST (\$6,688,749.00 excluding GST); and
2. Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) section 257, delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement policy.

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## 17 GENERAL BUSINESS

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

- Cr Tony Lander queried Council's response to emergent works following weather events. Director of Infrastructure Services advised that Council respond to known weather events and reported damage, however some events can be missed due to a lack of weather monitoring infrastructure. Residents are encouraged to raise damage with Council for this to be fixed.
- Cr Tony Lander queried about actions taken to reduce loose rubbish being blown outside of the Quilpie Landfill. Director of Infrastructure Services to investigate further solutions to reduce the spreading of loose rubbish due to wind.
- Cr Lyn Barnes raised concerns brought to her around the introduction of landing fees at the Quilpie Airport and the need for community consultation around the future upgrade works. Director of Infrastructure Services and Director of Corporate Services to hold community session once the final designs have been returned at the end of March to consult on the final design and address queries around landing fees.

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm and resumed at 3:58 pm.

- Cr Lyn Barnes queried the progress of the funding application under the Growing Regions Program for the Eromanga Natural History Museum Stage 3. Chief Executive Officer advised that negotiations were undertaken late last week and the final funding agreement is due to be signed and returned to the Department this week. Once the Department sign and return the funding agreement, procurement processes will commence.
- Cr Roger Volz raised the need to improve on the promotion of Snap Send Solve and encouraging residents to lodge service requests with Council through appropriate channels. Director of Corporate Services to work on promoting means of reporting service request to Council.
- Cr Roger Volz raised the need for trees outside of the Visitor Information Centre to be trimmed as the height is interfering with the use of the footpath. Director of Infrastructure Services to action.

## 18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Tuesday 21 April 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 4:09 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 21 April 2026 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street, Quilpie commencing at 9:30 AM.