



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Thursday 29 January 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 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.
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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.
6. Subject to the completion of the comprehensive flood study, Council identify options for land that is not subject to flooding.
7. 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 1962 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.