



Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Tuesday 17 February 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 TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 9:30 AM**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:32 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 Brian Weeks (Deputy Director Infrastructure Services), and Ms Callie Dabovich (Secretariat).

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Nil

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.

Information required	Legislation	Declaration
Agenda item number	s254C (for notice of meetings and agendas for councillors and committee members).	12.2
Agenda item description	<i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>	QUILPIE AND EROMANGA TOWNSHIP TELEVISION RE-TRANSMISSION
Declaring councillor	Chapter 5B (Councillors' conflicts of interest) <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>	Councillor Ben Hall
Particulars of interest	s150EL (for Prescribed) s150EQ (for Declarable)) - <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 section 150EQ(4)(a) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (another interest). The interest arises from Cr Ben Hall's ownership of Quilpie Home Appliances, being the only local retailer of the television equipment required to transition the community from the current television transmission system.

Information required	Legislation	Declaration
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
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>	Cr Hall declared a declarable conflict of interest. Pursuant to section 150ES of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> , Cr Hall elected to leave the meeting and appoint the Deputy to Chair to reside over the meeting for this motion. Cr Hall departed the meeting at 11:07 am and was absent for the discussion and vote on Resolution QSC040-02-26. He returned to the meeting at 11:19 am following the decision.

6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC030-02-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 January 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted, with a minor amendment.

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7 ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer, left the meeting at 9:46 am and returned at 9:58 am.

8 MAYORAL REPORT

Details	Date	Location	Hall	Volz	Barnes	Lander	Milosevic
Ordinary Meeting of Council	29/01/2026	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	1
Audit Committee Meeting	03/02/2026	Boardroom	1	1	1		
Budget Workshop	03/02/2026	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	1
Briefing Session	03/02/2026	Boardroom	1	1	1	1	1
Darling Downs SWQ Council of Mayors	05/02/2026	Toowoomba	1				
Area Fire Management Group Meeting	11/02/2026	Boardroom	1	1			
Quilpie State College Leadership Induction	16/02/2026	Quilpie	1	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 January 2026. It summarises the progress of major infrastructure projects, routine maintenance across the Shire, and the continuing delivery of flood-damage restoration works. Council operations have largely returned to business-as-usual.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC031-02-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

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Corey Richards, Deputy Director, Community and Business Development, entered the meeting at 10:10 am.

10.2 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORTS**10.2.1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC032-02-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

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Corey Richards, Deputy Director, Community and Business Development, left the meeting at 10:29 am.

Justin Hancock, Chief Executive Officer, left the meeting at 10:35 am and returned at 10:37 am.

10.2.2 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.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC033-02-26)

Moved: Cr Tony Lander

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

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10.2.3 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC034-02-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

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10.3 CORPORATE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

Nil

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 January 2026.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC035-02-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

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11 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

11.1 QUILPIE FOOTPATH MASTERPLAN - UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

The revised Masterplan ensures:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC036-02-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council:

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

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11.2 ACTIVE TRANSPORT GRANT PROGRAM FY2026/27 - PROPOSED APPLICATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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

It is recommended that Council submit applications for:

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

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

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

- Improved safety and reduced liability;
- Enhanced community connectivity and accessibility;
- Alignment with Council's long-term asset management and financial planning;
- Eligibility for future State funding; and
- Positive economic, tourism, and social outcomes.

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

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC037-02-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

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

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11.3 RFQL23 25-26 FLOOD DAMAGE AMBATHALLA RD PKG

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC038-02-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council:

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

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At 11:02 am, Corey Richards, Deputy Director, Community and Business Development, entered the meeting.

12 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

12.1 POWER HOUSE MUSEUM COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC039-02-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council:

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

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At 11:07 am, Mayor Ben Hall left the meeting due to a declared conflict of interest in Agenda Item 12.2.

Deputy Mayor Roger Volz assumed the Chair for consideration of the item.

At 11:10 am Justin Hancock left the meeting, and returned at 11:12 am.

12.2 QUILPIE AND EROMANGA TOWNSHIP TELEVISION RE-TRANSMISSION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC040-02-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

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

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At 11:19 am, Mayor Ben Hall returned to the meeting and assumed the chair.

At 11:19 am, Corey Richards, Deputy Director, Community and Business Development, left the meeting.

At 11:20 am Councillors Lyn Barnes and Tony Lander left the meeting.

At 11:21 am Councillor Tony Lander returned to the meeting.

At 11:21am Councillor Milan Milosevic left the meeting.

At 11:23 am Councillor Lyn Barnes and Milan Milosevic returned to the meeting.

13 CORPORATE SERVICES

Nil

14 OFFICE OF THE CEO**14.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2026 - REVISED****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

The proposed schedule ensures:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC041-02-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

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

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

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14.2 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE - ANNUAL REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC042-02-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council adopt the February 2026 Organisational Structure as presented.

In Favour: Councillors Ben Hall, Roger Volz, Tony Lander and Milan Milosevic

Against: Cr Lyn Barnes

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14.3 ALGA NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026 - MOTION REQUEST

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC043-02-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

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

enhance performance, data access and ensure systems meet local needs, particularly in high-risk flood-prone regions; and

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

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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 at 11:32 am to discuss a confidential item that its Councillors consider is necessary to close the meeting.

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

- (a) the matter that is to be discussed; and
 (b) an overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed.

Agenda Item	Reasons Matters to be discussed (to close the meeting under the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>)	Overview
15.1 Debt Recovery - Assessments 886-500, 886-610, 886-620, 886-630 and 886-640	(d) rating concessions; (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;	Council has received correspondence from the ratepayer regarding the overdue amounts.
15.2 Amended 2025/26 Budget - February 2026		This report presents an Amended Budget for 2025/26 for Council's consideration and adoption.
15.3 Child Care Centre Update		This report considers granting a licence agreement to an operator for the child care centre at 68 Winchu Street, Quilpie, and applying an exception to the procurement requirements in the <i>Local</i>

		<i>Government Regulation 2012 (Qld).</i>
15.4 Sale of Land for Overdue Rates and Charges	(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; (f) matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals;	This report is presented to Council to consider whether to sell the land listed in the below Schedule for overdue rates or charges under Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> .

MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC044-02-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council moves into closed session at 11.32 am.

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MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC045-02-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 12:08 pm.

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15.1 DEBT RECOVERY - ASSESSMENTS 886-500, 886-610, 886-620, 886-630 AND 886-640

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received correspondence from the ratepayer regarding the overdue amounts.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC046-02-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council note the correspondence received and delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to respond.

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15.2 AMENDED 2025/26 BUDGET - FEBRUARY 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC047-02-26)

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) 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
 - (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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15.3 CHILD CARE CENTRE UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report considers granting a licence agreement to an operator for the child care centre at 68 Winchu Street, Quilpie, and applying an exception to the procurement requirements in the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC048-02-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council:

1. notes that Quilpie Shire Council and Kids Patrol Pty Ltd (**the Operator**) have been engaged in discussions about:

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- (a) the proposed grant by Council of a Licence Agreement to the Operator to operate the Child Care Centre (**the Centre**), located at 68 Winchu Street, Quilpie (**the Premises**); and
 - (b) the proposed use by the Operator of two Council-owned residential dwellings for purposes associated with the operation of the Centre, for a period of 12 months at nil cost,
(the Centre Arrangements);
2. resolves, to the extent the grant of the Centre Arrangements is a disposal of a valuable non-current asset, that the exception mentioned in section 236(1)(f) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (LG Reg)* may apply to the disposal;
3. notes, pursuant to section 236(3) of the LG Reg, that:
- (a) Council considers that the grant of the Centre Arrangements other than by tender or auction is in the public interest because:
 - (i) Council has carried out a targeted public process to attempt to determine interest in the operation of the Centre, and the Operator was the only respondent who has engaged with Council on terms suitable to Council;
 - (ii) the Centre offers an essential community service that is of critical regional economic importance, and the need to appoint an operator to the Centre is urgent to ensure continuity of this service to the Quilpie Shire;
 - (b) Council considers the grant of the Centre Arrangements is otherwise in accordance with the sound contracting principles because:
 - (i) the Centre Arrangements are proposed to be on commercial terms that Council regards as suitable, noting the community service being provided from the Premises;
 - (ii) Council has tested the market in a way that Council considers was effective in order to determine the level of interest in the operation of the Centre and ensure no prejudice arises to the principles of open and effective competition or ethical behaviour and fair dealing;
 - (iii) securing the continued operation of the Centre has significant positive effects on the development of competitive local business and industry by ensuring continuity of service of a facility that allows a significant section of the Quilpie workforce, including essential workers, to continue operating in an uninterrupted way;
4. resolves to grant the Centre Arrangements, including the Licence Agreement and any residential tenancy agreements for Council-owned residential dwellings, to the Operator;
5. delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate, finalise and execute the Centre Arrangements on behalf of Council.

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15.4 SALE OF LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is presented to Council to consider whether to sell the land listed in the below Schedule for overdue rates or charges under Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC049-02-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council resolves to:

- (a) sell the land listed in the below Schedule for overdue rates or charges pursuant to section 140(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*; and
- (b) delegate to the Chief Executive Officer its authority to:
 - i. give a Notice of Intention to Sell the land to all interested parties under section 140(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*; and
 - ii. take all further steps required under sections 141, 142, 143, 144, 145 and 146 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to effect the sale of the land.

SCHEDULE

Assessment number	Lot on plan description
00225-00000-000	Lot 708 on CP Q6802
00179-00000-000	Lot 5 on RP99366
00834-50000-000	Lot 1 on CJ10 and Lot 3 on CP854971
00392-00000-000	Lot 7 on CP904522

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The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:10 pm and resumed at 1:12 pm.

16 LATE ITEMS**16.1 2025/26 OPERATIONAL PLAN - QUARTER 2 PROGRESS REPORT UPDATE****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report presents Council with an update to the Quarter 2 Progress Report for Infrastructure Services in a new format to 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: (QSC050-02-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
 Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council receive the update to the Quarter 2 Progress Report Infrastructure Services on the implementation of the 2025/26 Operational Plan.

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16.2 T03.1 25-26 REGISTER OF PRE-QUALIFIED SUPPLIERS OF TRADES & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES- REFRESH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a recommendation to include new suppliers on the T03 25-26 Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers of Trades and Professional Services that were assessed as having technical, financial and managerial capability in the T03.5 25-26 refresh process.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC051-02-26)

Moved: Cr Tony Lander
 Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Approve the suppliers listed in Table 1 as 'pre-qualified suppliers' for inclusion on the T03 25-26 Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (ROPS) of Trades & Professional Services;
2. Approve the issuance of Notices of Successful Tender to the suppliers listed in Table 1 in respect of T03 25-26 Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (ROPS) of Trades & Professional Services;
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 contracts with the suppliers listed in Table 1 pursuant to T03 25-26 Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (ROPS) of Trades and Professional Services, including, without limitation, any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement policy.

Table 1 Approved suppliers of trades and professional services

No	Legal Entity	Business/Trading Name	ABN
1	A & W DE BOER	Pacific Water Treatment Services	16 009 062 010
2	Anita Clark Tourism Services	Anita Clark Tourism	30 611 966 488
3	The trustee for Aquatic Elements Unit Trust	Aquatic Elements	30 879 687 112
4	Cardinal Spin Communications Pty Ltd	Cardinal Spin Communications	53 613 545 412
5	Channel Country Refrigeration Pty Ltd	Channel Country Refrigeration Pty Ltd	70 685 753 851
6	Cloud9 Research	Cloud9 Research	84 753 499 711
7	CNC QLD Pty Ltd	CNC Maintenance	40 614 851 964
8	Diddy Built Pty Ltd	Diddy Built Pty Ltd	36 665 279 701
9	Done Wright Co Pty Ltd	Done Wright Co	21 664 529 195
10	DURACK CIVIL PTY LTD	DURACK CIVIL PTY LTD	35 633 665 380

11	Efficiency Works Pty Ltd	Efficiency Works	93 122 522 365
12	Fibreglaze Products Pty Ltd	Fibreglaze	84 086 366 841
13	Future Lane Communications Pty Ltd	Future Lane Communications	18 682 511 986
14	Ganden Pty Ltd	GANDEN Engineers and Project Managers	52 128 434 846
15	Scott S Young Pty Ltd	Great Western Electrical	43 630 040 121
16	HYDRO TECH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	Hydro Tech Solutions	51 678 205 359
17	Jeffrey Ernest Thomson	Jetson Engineering	63 315 212 024
18	Local Government Managers Australia (Queensland) Inc	LGMA	97 968 931 841
19	OCWEN ENERGY PTY LTD	LOWES PETROLEUM SERVICE	44 605 178 578
20	N-Com Pty Ltd	N-Com Pty Ltd	62 110 579 229
21	Reboot Mindset Training	Reboot Mindset Training	30 533 920 159
22	Regional Business HQ Limited	Regional Business HQ	65 798 573 917
23	SL & SA Travers	SL & SA Travers	52 818 767 498
24	Saintelex Australia Pty Ltd	Saintelex Australia Pty Ltd	95 662 088 155
25	SMK QLD PTY LTD	SMK QLD PTY LTD	22 640 707 008
26	SpecTraining Pty Ltd	SpecTraining	92 131 596 882
27	Swep Con Pty Ltd ATF Swepson Family Trust	Swep Consulting	74 997 813 346
28	SWQ Training PTY LTD	SWQ Training	76 121 146 978
29	TAFE Queensland	TAFE Queensland	72 898 805 093
30	TerraLoca Pty Ltd	TerraLoca Pty Ltd	18 632 824 518
31	The Gallup Organization Pty Ltd	The Gallup Organization Pty Ltd	49 088 891 481
32	The Trustee for Ardent Unit Trust	Converge Heritage + Community	71 366 525 725
33	Cross Country Fusion	Cross Country Fusion	18 668 005 583
34	TICKELL GRAZING PTY LTD ATF THE TICKELL FAMILY TRUST	Lesdale Quarry	96 504 934 983
35	Thrive & Lead Consulting Pty Ltd	Thrive & Lead Consulting Pty Ltd	96 684 090 195
36	True North Content Pty Ltd	True North Content	67 628 722 083
37	WSD PTY LTD	QUILPIE POST OFFICE	93 675 721 203

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16.3 CORPORATE SERVICE STATUS REPORT - JANUARY 2026**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides Council with an update on Corporate Services activities and operational matters for the month of January 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.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC052-02-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

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16.4 FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT MONTH ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present the Monthly Finance Report for the period ending 31 January 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 31 January 2026.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC053-02-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Monthly Finance Report for the period ending 31 January 2026.

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16.5 AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present the Audit Committee Charter for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC054-02-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That the Audit Committee Charter be adopted as presented.

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16.6 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION - EROMANGA DISTRICT RODEO ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Eromanga District Rodeo Association Inc. has submitted a Community Grant Application seeking support to provide swimming lessons for pastoral children living in and around Eromanga in 2026. This request follows recent changes to local swimming arrangements that have impacted access to essential water safety education.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC055-02-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council:

1. Note the Community Assistance Grant application received from the Eromanga District Rodeo Association on behalf of pastoral families requesting financial support for the delivery of Eromanga community swimming lessons; and
2. Support the Community Grant Application submitted by the Eromanga District Rodeo Association Inc. (EDRA) for financial assistance of \$2471.70 (excluding GST) towards travel to support the delivery of swimming lessons for local pastoral children in Term 1, 2026.

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17 GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Deputy Mayor Roger Volz requested an update on the replacement of the electronic speed sign at the western entrance to Quilpie. The Acting Director Infrastructure Services advised that attempts have been made locally to rectify the issue. The next step is to send the sign away for repair.

Councillor Lyn Barnes raised that the electronic sign outside the Quilpie Shire Hall is not operational. The Acting Director Infrastructure Services will follow up.

Deputy Mayor Roger Volz raised the need to clear stormwater drainage to ensure water flows away from the town. The Acting Director Infrastructure Services will follow up.

Deputy Mayor Roger Volz raised concerns about limited public awareness of the planned switch-off of the existing copper network on 10 April. He noted that recent letterbox drops were minimal and that further community engagement is required. The Chief Executive Officer will follow up with NBN Co regarding planned awareness activities.

Councillor Milan Milosevic noted that road signs on rural roads should be audited and removed when no longer required. The Acting Director Infrastructure Services advised that the positions responsible for this work have recently been filled and that this is an area of focus.

Councillor Lyn Barnes raised the need to promote the upcoming Country Education Meeting. The Director Community and Business Development advised that the meeting has been promoted on Facebook and that targeted promotion through schools and local businesses will follow.

Councillor Lyn Barnes queried progress on identifying flood-free land options around Adavale. The Chief Executive Officer advised that, in accordance with Resolution QSC024-01-26 adopted on 29 January 2026, correspondence has been sent to the State Government.

Mayor Ben Hall noted missing river and crossing height signs on bridges and floodways. The Acting Director Infrastructure Services advised that the positions responsible for this work have recently been filled and that this is an area of focus. Transport and Main Roads has also approved the replacement of flood signs on state-controlled roads impacted by the March 2025 floods.

18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Wednesday 18 March 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 2.24 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 Wednesday 18 March 2026 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street, Quilpie commencing at 9:30 am.

Unconfirmed