# Ordinary Meeting of Council

# MINUTES

Tuesday 28 July 2026

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom

50 Brolga Street, Quilpie

**MINUTES OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL**
**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**
**HELD AT THE QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL BOARDROOM, 50 BROLGA STREET, QUILPIE**
**ON TUESDAY, 28 JULY 2026 AT 9:30 AM**

# 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:41 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 Corporate Services) (via Teams), Ms Mwewa Chisenga (Deputy Director Corporate Services), Mr Brian Weeks (Deputy Director Infrastructure Services), and Callie Dabovich (Secretariat).

# 3 APOLOGIES

Nil

# 4 CONDOLENCES

Council expressed its condolences to the family of the late Jessica Cooney.

# 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Chapter 5B of the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act) requires councillors to declare any material personal interest (MPI) or conflict of interest (COI). Councillors must submit the Declaration in writing to the Chief Executive Officer before the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

| Information required | Legislation | Declaration |
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| **Agenda item number** | s254C *Local Government Regulation 2012* | 12.2 |
| **Agenda item description** | — | AMENDED TELEVISION TRANSITION REDEEMABLE GRANT GUIDELINES |
| **Declaring councillor** | s150EI (MPI) and s150EJ (COI) *Local Government Act 2009* | Councillor Ben Hall |
| **Exemption check** | s150ED (general exemptions) and s150EF(2) (COI-specific exemptions) *Local Government Act 2009* | No exemption applies. Councillor Hall's interest arises from his ownership of a business that sells electrical and home appliances, including devices eligible for reimbursement under the amended guidelines. This interest is not of a kind excluded under s150ED (Qld), and s150EF(2) (Qld) does not apply, as the interest is a MOI rather than a COI. |

| Information required | Legislation | Declaration |
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| **Type of interest** | s150EE (MPI) and s150EF(1) (COI) *Local Government Act 2009* | Material Personal Interest |
| **Person with the interest** | s150EE(1) (MPI) and s150EF(1), (3) (COI) *Local Government Act 2009* | Councillor Ben Hall |
| **Associate (MPI)** | s150EG *Local Government Act 2009* | Not applicable. |
| **Related party (COI)** | s150EH *Local Government Act 2009* | Not applicable. |
| **Particulars for the minutes** | s150EI(7) (MPI) and s150EJ(6) (COI) *Local Government Act 2009* | Councillor Ben Hall declared a material personal interest in Item 12.2, Amended Television Transition Redeemable Grant Guidelines, due to his ownership of Bi-Rite Home Appliances, a business that sells electrical and home appliances, including smart streaming-enabling devices eligible for reimbursement under the amended guidelines. Councillor Hall left the meeting at 11:43 am and took no part in the discussion or vote on this item. |
| **Action** | s150EI(2), (4)–(6) (MPI) and s150EJ(2)–(3), (5), (7) (COI) *Local Government Act 2009* | Councillor Hall left the meeting at 11:43 am in accordance with s150EI(2) (Qld). A councillor with a material personal interest must leave the meeting and has no discretion to remain, unless the Minister has given approval under s150EI(4)–(6) (Qld). |



# 6 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

## 6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2026

**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC183-07-26)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 June 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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## 6.2 SPECIAL MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6 JULY 2026

**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC184-07-26)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 6 July 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

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## 7 ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

## 8 MAYORAL REPORT

| Details / Meeting | Date | Location | Hall | Volz | Barnes | Lander | Milosevic |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ordinary Meeting of Council | 16/06/2026 | Quilpie | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| ACLG Awards Ceremony | 22/06/2026 | Canberra | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| ALGA Conference | 23-25/06/2026 | Canberra | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Special Meeting of Council | 06/07/2026 | Quilpie | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Outback Car Hire Launch | 06/07/2026 | Quilpie | | 1 | | | |
| EOFY Budget Breakfast BBQ - Depot staff | 07/07/2026 | Quilpie | 1 | 1 | | | |
| EOFY Budget Breakfast BBQ - Administration staff | 07/07/2026 | Quilpie | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Councillor Briefing Session | 07/07/2026 | Quilpie | | 1 | 1 | | |
| NAIDOC Week Celebrations | 22/07/2026 | Eromanga | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Athletics Carnival - St Finbarr's School | 24/07/2026 | Quilpie | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| CWA Annual General Meeting | 25/07/2026 | Quilpie | | | 1 | | |

## 9 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Cr Volz and Cr Barnes thanked Council for its support in attending the Australian Local Government Association conference in Canberra, and for the opportunity to attend the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) event, where the 2026 National Awards for Local Government winners were announced.

At 9:58 am, Corey Richards joined the meeting.

## 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 June 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 works impacted by the more recent February and June 2026 rain events.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC185-07-26)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

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## 10.2 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORTS

### 10.2.1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

For the month of June, there was positive progress across business development, strategic planning, and community wellbeing. Key outcomes included participation in the Engaging with Defence event, which provided valuable insights into regional defence supply chain opportunities, and the finalisation of the Outback Car Hire project, with operations commencing on 1 July 2026 and a scheduled launch on 6 July 2026.

Work is progressing on the Destination Management and Economic Development Plans, with initial engagement undertaken with Councillors and the leadership team. Engagement scopes are being finalised, with in-region consultations scheduled from 24 August 2026 to 28 August 2026 and the project remaining on track for completion by the end of Quarter 2 of the 2026/27 financial year.

Health and wellbeing programs continued to deliver strong community outcomes through the FRRR Cook and Connect Program, HPO activities, seniors engagement, youth activities, health promotion and regional consultation. June attendance included 46 children at after-school activities, 18 young people at Youth Group and 148 adults across seniors activities.

NDIS services continue to support 27 participants across Quilpie Shire, with Council monitoring the impacts of funding revisions and sector reforms on participant wellbeing. Overall, the period reflects steady progress against Council priorities, with continued community participation, strengthened stakeholder engagement and advancing economic development initiatives.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC186-07-26)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

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### 10.2.2 LIBRARY SERVICES STATUS REPORT

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an overview of Quilpie Library's services, programs and performance for the fourth quarter of the 2025-2026 financial year (April to June).

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC187-07-26)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

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### 10.2.3 PEST AND LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT STATUS REPORT

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Pest and livestock management activities continued throughout the reporting period, with operational risks being effectively managed. Service delivery, including pest animal control, weed management, and compliance activities, progressed as planned, with no material or emerging risks identified that require Council intervention at this time. Monitoring and management activities remain ongoing to support the effective protection of the Shire's environmental, agricultural, and community assets.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC188-07-26)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

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### 10.2.4 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Key activities during the reporting period included continued delivery of the Exclusion Fence Restitution Program, with increased regional promotion and community engagement resulting in 71 Expressions of Interest and over 357 kilometres of reported fence damage across participating shires. Council also strengthened local flood recovery efforts through the successful recruitment of two experienced recovery officers, who will commence in July 2026. In preparation for the national rollout of the AusAlert system, Council representatives attended a briefing webinar and are coordinating targeted communications to support vulnerable residents ahead of the national test. The Community and Business Development team continued to support a broad range of strategic meetings, community initiatives and stakeholder engagement activities aligned with Council's recovery, resilience and community development priorities.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC189-07-26)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

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At 11:04 am, Mwewa Chisenga joined the meeting.

## 10.3 CORPORATE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

### 10.3.1 GOVERNANCE STATUS REPORT - JUNE QUARTER

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides Council with an update on governance activities for the June 2026 quarter.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC190-07-26)**

Moved: Cr Tony Lander
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

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At 11:09 am, Lisa Hamlyn left the meeting.

### 10.3.2 CORPORATE SERVICE STATUS REPORT - JUNE 2026

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides Council with an update on Corporate Services activities and operational matters for the month of June 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: (QSC191-07-26)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

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At 11:12 am, Mwewa Chisenga left the meeting.
At 11:13 am, Lisa Hamlyn returned to the meeting and Corey Richards left the meeting.
At 11:16 am, Corey Richards returned to the meeting.

## 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 June 2026.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC192-07-26)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

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At 11:19 am, Justin Hancock left the meeting and returned at 11:23 am.

# 11 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

## 11.1 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 previous update in March 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: (QSC193-07-26)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Note the outcome of the engagement with property owners adjacent to Old Charleville Road, Trinidad Road, Old Thargomindah Road, Ray Road, Coonaberry Creek Road and Kiandra 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 at a future Council Meeting.

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## 11.2 T10 25-26 QSC 25/26 HOUSING PROJECT

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends not awarding T10 25-26 QSC 25/26 Housing Project and explore further options.

Council received 7 conforming submissions for the T10 25-26 public tender process. The submission was evaluated against published criteria - Price (30%), Experience (20%), Local Content (20%), Capacity to meet Project Timelines (15%) and Safety and Management Processes (15%).

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC194-07-26)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

1. Resolve not to award T10 25-26 QSC 25/26 Housing Project.

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# 12 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

## 12.1 COMMUNITY ASSISSTANCE GRANT APPLICATION - QUILPIE SPORTING CLAYS CLUB

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Quilpie Sporting Clays Club has submitted a Community Assistance Grant application for the 2026 Quilpie Sporting Clays 2 Day Shoot, scheduled to take place on 8 and 9 August 2026. The event is an established annual fixture that attracts numerous competitors & spectators and is coordinated entirely by volunteers. The applicant requests a cash contribution of $1,000.00 (inc. GST) to sponsor the Saturday Night Novelty Shoot and in-kind support comprising 10 tables, 40 chairs, a skip bin, a generator and an all-terrain vehicle (ATV). It is recommended that Council approve the application in full.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC195-07-26)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

1. That Council:
   (a) Acknowledges the Community Assistance Grant application received from Quilpie Sporting Clays Club; and
   (b) Approves a direct cash contribution of $1,000.00 (inc. GST); and
   (c) Approves in-kind support of 10 tables, 40 chairs,1 skip bin, generator hire and use of a Council all-terrain vehicle (ATV) to be operated by a trained Council staff member.

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At 11:43 am, Mayor Ben Hall left the meeting and Deputy Mayor Roger Volz assumed the chair.

At 11:43 am, Eng Lim left the meeting and returned at 11:51 am.

## 12.2 AMENDED TELEVISION TRANSITION REDEEMABLE GRANT GUIDELINES

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the amended documentation for the Television Transition Redeemable Grant Program for Council's consideration and adoption. The program was developed and projected to launch on 01 July 2026 but was delayed due to supply concerns with the VAST solution option. The amended guidelines broaden redeemable expenses to include smart streaming-enabling devices. The switch-off date for the retransmission service is set as a firm deadline of 4 December 2026.

The report includes the updated Redeemable Grant Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions document, which together establish the framework and communication materials required to deliver the program effectively. No changes were made to the application and acquittal forms.

Adoption of these documents will enable Council to implement a structured and equitable reimbursement program, relaunching on 03 August 2026 for applications.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC196-07-26)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council:

1. Note and adopt the amendments to the Redeemable Grant Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions;
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to:
   a) administer the program.
   b) approve eligible applications within the adopted budget; and
   c) make minor administrative amendments to the documents as required to support effective program delivery.

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At 11:53 am, Mayor Ben Hall returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

At 11:54 am, Lisa Hamlyn left the meeting.

## 12.3 COMMUNITY ASSISSTANCE GRANT APPLICATION - KOUNTRY DANCE KOLLECTIVE

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Kountry Dance Kollective has submitted a Community Assistance Grant application to donate the fees for hire of the Quilpie Shire Hall for their 2026 dance classes. Kountry Dance Kollective is a newly formed group teaching dance to the children of Quilpie Shire. The classes will run each Monday afternoon from 13 July 2026 to 7 December 2026. The fee for hiring the hall for these sessions will cost $2,900.00. It is recommended that Council approve the application in full.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC197-07-26)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

1. That Council:
   (a) Acknowledges the Community Assistance Grant application received from Kountry Dance Kollective; and
   (b) Donates the fees for the hire of Quilpie Shire Hall for the 2026 classes totalling $2,900.00

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At 12:01 pm, Lisa Hamlyn returned to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:01 pm and resumed at 12:53 pm.

## 12.4 OUTBACK QUEENSLAND TOURISM ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT RENEWAL

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's decision regarding renewal of the partnership agreement with Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) for the 2026-2027 financial year, including consideration of the proposed $14,960 funding commitment.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC198-07-26)**

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council approve the renewal of the partnership agreement with the Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) for the 2026–2027 financial year, with a total funding commitment of $14,960.

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## 12.5 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - LEASE OF EROMANGA COMMON LAND FOR CATTLE GRAZING

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An Expression of Interest has been received from Grant and Casey Hurley seeking to lease the Eromanga Common for cattle grazing operations. The applicants have outlined their commitment to sustainable land management, responsible grazing practices, biosecurity compliance, and ongoing land stewardship.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC199-07-26)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council:

1. Note the Expression of Interest received from Grant and Casey Hurley to lease the Eromanga Common for cattle grazing operations; and

2. Decline the request on the basis that it is inconsistent with Council's adopted position to progressively destock Council-managed common land and implement the Cattle for the Community program for the benefit of eligible community organisations within the Quilpie Shire.

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## 12.6 YELLOW COMPANY PTY LTD - VARIATION TO EXISTING CONTRACT (EXCLUSION FENCE RESTITUTION PROGRAM)

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to vary the existing contract with The Yellow Company Pty Ltd to provide additional inspection and acquittal services for the Exclusion Fence Restitution Program (EFRP) through the engagement of a part-time Inspections Officer.

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### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC200-07-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

1. That Council:

   (a) Approve a variation to the existing contract with The Yellow Company Pty Ltd for the provision of additional Inspections Officer services to support the delivery of the Exclusion Fence Restitution Program;

   (b) Endorse Option 1, being an hourly rate of $135 per hour (excluding GST) to a maximum value of $99,900 (excluding GST), plus approved travel and reimbursement expenses; and

   (c) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the necessary contract variation documentation.

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## 12.7 QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL CHILD SAFETY AND WELLBEING POLICY

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to seek Council's adoption of the Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy and associated Child Safety and Wellbeing documentation as presented to Councillors during the Council Briefing Session held on 7 July 2026.

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### RESOLUTION NO: (QSC200-07-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Adopt the C.103 Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy as presented

2. Adopt the Child Safety and Wellbeing Procedure as presented

3. Adopt the Child Safety and Wellbeing Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan for Special Events and High-Risk Activities as presented.
4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor administrative, formatting or legislative amendments required to maintain currency of the documents.

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At 1:50 pm, Mwewa Chisenga joined the meeting.

# 13 CORPORATE SERVICES

## 13.1 POLICY REVIEW - G.10 ADVERTISING SPENDING POLICY

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council is required to adopt an Advertising Spending Policy in accordance with Part 6, section 197 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

The purpose of this report is to present a revised Advertising Spending Policy for Council's consideration and adoption.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC201-07-26)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council adopt the Advertising Spending Policy.

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At 2:04 pm, Justin Hancock left the meeting and returned at 2:06 pm.

## 13.2 FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT MONTH ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present the Monthly Finance Report for the period ending 30 June 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 30 June 2026.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC202-07-26)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council receive and note the Monthly Finance Report for the period ending 30 June 2026.

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At 2:41 pm, Lyn Barnes left the meeting and returned at 2:42 pm.

### 13.3 NOTICE TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO: QSC009-01-26

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Original Resolution Meeting Date: 29 January 2026

Original Resolution Number: (QSC009-01-26)

Original Resolution:

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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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC203-07-26)**

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 (land area – 7600$m^2$);
2. It is required by Council that the buyers' current lot is amalgamated with the proposed purchase area that will be created by a survey plan;
3. The market value of the proposed purchase area be determined by a valuer registered under the *Valuers Registration Act 1992*; and
4. 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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At 3:00 pm Mwewa Chisenga left the meeting.

## 14 OFFICE OF THE CEO

### 14.1 MOTION LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND (LGAQ) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) invites submissions of agenda items and motions for consideration at its Annual Conference in October 2026. All motions must be submitted by Friday, 31 July 2026. Following review by the Agenda Committee, a Preliminary Agenda will be distributed to Member Councils four weeks prior to the Conference.

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## RESOLUTION NO: (QSC204-07-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

1. That Council:
   - (a) Endorse the following motion for the Local Government Association Queensland 2026 Annual Conference:
     - (i) That the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) calls on the Queensland Government to implement an annual reporting mechanism that provides each local government area with a detailed report of all royalties and State-generated revenues derived from resource, petroleum, gas, and mining leases operating within their respective local government boundaries.
   - (b) Appoints the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Quilpie Shire Council as Council's delegates for the 2026 LGAQ Annual Conference to participate in voting of motions; and
   - (c) Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to make amendments, if required, to the motion.

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# 15 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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## RECOMMENDATION

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

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

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

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

| **Agenda Item** | **Reasons Matters to be discussed (to close the meeting under the *Local Government Regulation 2012*)** | **Overview** |
|---|---|---|
| 15.1 Delegation of Authority to the Chief Executive Officer — Confidential Information Sharing Arrangements, Eromanga Natural History Museum | (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 seeks Council's delegation of authority to the CEO to negotiate, finalise and execute arrangements associated with the Eromanga Natural History Museum. |

**MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC205-07-26)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council moves into closed session at 3:08 pm.

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**MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC206-07-26)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council moves out of closed session and resumes the Ordinary Meeting at 4:01 pm.

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## 15.1 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER — CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SHARING ARRANGEMENTS, EROMANGA NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report seeks Council's delegation of authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute arrangements associated with the Eromanga Natural History Museum.

**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC207-07-26)**

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

1. That Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to negotiate, finalise and execute arrangements with relevant parties to permit the exchange of confidential information in the delivery of Stage 3 of the Eromanga Natural History Museum.

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## 16 LATE ITEMS

## 17 GENERAL BUSINESS

## 17.1 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL HOLIDAYS 2026 – SUBMISSION AND COUNCIL DECISION

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year, local governments are invited to request special holidays for districts in their area for the following year under the *Holidays Act 1983* (Qld). Council received correspondence from the Office of Industrial Relations dated 11 June 2026 advising that requests for 2027 special holidays must be submitted by Friday, 7 August 2026.

Council is asked to nominate Friday, 10 September 2027 as the Quilpie Show public holiday and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to submit the completed request form to the Office of Industrial Relations once the Quilpie Show Society confirms the 2027 show date.

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**RESOLUTION NO: (QSC208-07-26)**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

1. That Council:
   (a) nominates Friday, 10 September 2027 as the Quilpie Show public holiday for 2027; and
   (b) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit the completed request form to the Office of Industrial Relations at info@oir.qld.gov.au by no later than Friday, 7 August 2026, upon confirmation of the 2027 show date.

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

**Cr Lyn Barnes**: raised whether Toogunna and the Lake could apply for funding under the Grant Funding Guidelines for disability accessibility infrastructure. Council discussed the delineation between general maintenance and the intent of the grant, and noted the guidelines allow Council to amend the criteria at any time. Council agreed the applicant should apply, with Council to consider the application against the guidelines at that time. Local business innovation grant applications were also noted as coming forward through the grant register for final approval by Council.

**Cr Lyn Barnes**: noted the economic development consultants are scheduled to meet with Council the week of 24 August 2026, including one-on-one sessions with individual councillors. Council discussed the importance of consulting industry and investment professionals rather than broad community consultation, given the community has already been extensively consulted over a long period. Councillors nominated specific pastoral and business industry contacts for the consultants to engage directly. Council was advised the consultants are also engaging with the Eromanga Natural History Museum, APA, and RoadTek, and are reviewing a situational analysis report to establish a baseline for the strategy. Council noted the strategy will comprise a high-level advocacy plan and an operational actions plan, will be structured around lead, facilitate, planning, investment attraction, support, and advocacy functions, and will identify responsible parties and measurable targets for each action. Council noted comparable strategies from Western Downs Regional Council and Charters Towers Regional Council as useful reference models.

**Cr Lyn Barnes**: discussed the shortage of short-term accommodation in Quilpie, attributed in part to RoadTek's workforce occupying available rooms, and its flow-on effect on tourism, health, and education service delivery. Council noted a recent communication gap regarding accommodation availability for visiting health workforce and agreed this required follow-up. Council noted a private accommodation development of four units is under construction, with a projected opening around 7 September 2026, and a community event planned for the week of 31 August 2026. Further investigation identified that rooms were available the week of 27 July and not all rooms have been booked by RoadTek.

**Cr Lyn Barnes**: discussed arrangements for staffing and program delivery at the pool ahead of its reopening, including community enquiries regarding continuity of aquatic program providers.

**Cr Lyn Barnes**: noted a complaint regarding caravan and vehicle parking on the Main Street. Council discussed options including a designated loading zone or disabled parking bay, and agreed the matter would be taken to a Main Street business meeting for consultation before any formal parking policy or signage is implemented. Council also discussed investigating the old railway station precinct, now road reserve, as a potential additional parking and business access area, requiring formal investigation of options.

**Cr Lyn Barnes**: was advised temporary fencing has been installed at the Military Museum precinct for insurance and security purposes ahead of permanent fencing works, with the matter to come back to Council for strategic direction.

**Cr Lyn Barnes**: noted the recent announcement of the Dark Side project and agreed Council should formally congratulate Bulloo Shire Council.

**Cr Roger Volz**: reminded Council that the upcoming spring growing season is likely to increase overgrown allotments requiring attention, noting current resourcing constraints following the loss of an additional firefighter position.

**Cr Roger Volz**: noted positive community feedback on recent footpath accessibility works completed outside the hardware store, improving access for mobility scooter users.

**Mayor Ben Hall**: raised a tree obstructing the footpath near Chipu and Pegler Street, noting it originates on private land, with a request for the arborist to attend.

## 18 MEETING DATES

The next Ordinary Meeting of Quilpie Shire Council will take place on Wednesday 12 August 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 4:39 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 12 August 2026 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street, Quilpie commencing at 9:30 AM.