Ordinary Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Thursday 29 October 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 THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2026
AND SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 11:00 AM

1 ATTENDANCE

Mayor Ben Hall, Deputy Mayor Roger Volz, Cr Lyn Barnes, Cr Tony Lander, Cr Milan Milosevic

In Attendance: Ms Julie Reitano (Acting 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), and Ms Callie Dabovich (Secretariat).

2 OPENING OF MEETING

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC248-10-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That the meeting be adjourned from the intended commencement time of 11:00 am to an anticipated revised time of 1.00 pm.

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(The change in time allowed for an inspection of the Bob Young Memorial Park works by Councillors and some members of the Executive Leadership Team).

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 1:17 pm.

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 CONDOLENCES

Formal condolences from Council were forwarded to the families of Mick Gibson, William Wharton, Dwayne Wharton, Scott Pacey, Isla Wharton-Neho, Catherine Drumm, and Dan McKellar.

3 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
Agenda item number	s254C *Local Government Regulation 2012*	12.2
Agenda item description	—	2026/27 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Applications

Information required	Legislation	Declaration
Declaring councillor	s150EI (MPI) and s150EJ (COI) *Local Government Act 2009*	Cr Lyn Barnes
Exemption check	s150ED (general exemptions) and s150EF(2) (COI-specific exemptions) *Local Government Act 2009*	No exemption applies. The matter does not fall within any category in s 150ED(1). If the RADF grant counts as a donation under s 150ED(1)(e)(i), the exclusion still does not apply, because Cr Barnes receives a benefit beyond reputation. Cr Barnes's interest exceeds that of a significant proportion of persons in the local government area (s 150ED(2)). The interest does not arise from a Council board appointment (s 150ED(3)). The s 150EF(2) exemptions do not arise, because the interest is a material personal interest and not a conflict of interest.
Type of interest	s150EE (MPI) and s150EF(1) (COI) *Local Government Act 2009*	Material personal interest (s 150EE(1)). Cr Barnes stands to gain a direct benefit, RADF funding, depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of the matter.
Person with the interest	s150EE(1) (MPI) and s150EF(1), (3) (COI) *Local Government Act 2009*	Cr Lyn Barnes
Associate (MPI)	s150EG *Local Government Act 2009*	-
Related party (COI)	s150EH *Local Government Act 2009*	-
Particulars for the minutes	s150EI(7) (MPI) and s150EJ(6) (COI) *Local Government Act 2009*	Cr Barnes informed the meeting that she is the named artist for two workshops the RADF Committee recommends for funding through the Quilpie Cultural Society: Lyn Barnes Seniors Pastels W1 ($1,145) and Lyn Barnes Juniors Pastel ($572), totalling $1,717. Cr Barnes did not take part in the meeting, or remain at the place of the meeting, under an approval under s 150EI(5).
Action	s150EI(2), (4)–(6) (MPI) and s150EJ(2)–(3), (5), (7) (COI) *Local Government Act 2009*	As s 150EI(2)(b) requires, Cr Barnes left the place where the meeting was being held, including the area set aside for the public, at 4:09 pm. She stayed away while Council discussed and voted on the matter, and did not participate in the discussion or vote on Resolution QSC265-10-26. Cr Barnes returned to the meeting at 4:15 pm.

Information required	Legislation	Declaration
Agenda item number	s254C *Local Government Regulation 2012*	12.6
Agenda item description	—	Local Business Innovation Fund – Round 1 2026
Declaring councillor	s150EI (MPI) and s150EJ (COI) *Local Government Act 2009*	Mayor, Cr Ben Hall
Exemption check	s150ED (general exemptions) and s150EF(2) (COI-specific exemptions) *Local Government Act 2009*	No exemption applies. The matter includes a proposed grant to a business Cr Hall owns. The recommendation also sought an additional budget allocation, but the budget exemption covers only a matter that relates solely to a budget, and this matter does not. Cr Hall's interest is greater than that of a

Information required	Legislation	Declaration
		significant proportion of persons in the local government area. The COI exemptions in s 150EF(2) do not apply, as Cr Hall declared a material personal interest.
Type of interest	s150EE (MPI) and s150EF(1) (COI) *Local Government Act 2009*	Material personal interest (s 150EE(1)).
Person with the interest	s150EE(1) (MPI) and s150EF(1), (3) (COI) *Local Government Act 2009*	Mayor, Cr Ben Hall
Associate (MPI)	s150EG *Local Government Act 2009*	Quilpie Home Appliances (Bi-Rite Quilpie), as an entity in which Cr Hall has an interest.
Related party (COI)	s150EH *Local Government Act 2009*	Not applicable. Cr Hall declared a material personal interest, not a conflict of interest.
Particulars for the minutes	s150EI(7) (MPI) and s150EJ(6) (COI) *Local Government Act 2009*	Cr Hall informed the meeting that he owns Quilpie Home Appliances (Bi-Rite Quilpie), which applied for funding under the Local Business Innovation Fund Round 1 2026 (application LBIF2026-014). The report recommends Council approve $1,749.50 for the business, so Cr Hall stands to gain a benefit depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of the matter. Cr Hall did not take part in the meeting, or remain at the place of the meeting, under an approval under s 150EI(5).
Action	s150EI(2), (4)–(6) (MPI) and s150EJ(2)–(3), (5), (7) (COI) *Local Government Act 2009*	As s 150EI(2)(b) requires, Cr Hall left the meeting at 4:29 pm. He stayed away while Council discussed and voted on the matter, and did not participate in the discussion or vote on Resolution QSC269-10-26. Cr Hall returned to the meeting at 4:37 pm.

Information required	Legislation	Declaration
Agenda item number	s254C *Local Government Regulation 2012*	12.6
Agenda item description	—	Local Business Innovation Fund – Round 1 2026
Declaring councillor	s 150EJ(6)(a) *Local Government Act 2009*	Cr Milan Milosevic
Exemption check	s 150ED and s 150EF(2) *Local Government Act 2009*	No exemption applies. The matter does not fall within any category in s 150ED. None of the s 150EF(2) exemptions covers a personal friendship with the owners and employees of a business that applied for funding.
Type of interest	s 150EJ(1)(b)(ii) *Local Government Act 2009*	Perceived (rather than actual) conflict of interest
Related party	s150EH *Local Government Act 2009*	Not applicable. The owners and employees of the Brick Hotel are friends of Cr Milosevic, not related parties under s 150EH.
Connection to the matter	Not applicable	The Brick Hotel applied for funding under the Local Business Innovation Fund Round 1 2026 (application LBIF2026-012). The Councillor Review Panel did not recommend approval of the funding application.

Information required	Legislation	Declaration
Nature of the personal interests, as described by the councillor	s 150EJ(3)(a) and (6)(b) *Local Government Act 2009*	Cr Milosevic informed the meeting that he has a close personal friendship with the owners and employees of the Brick Hotel and regularly assists with its operations, but he receives no financial gain or benefit from the hotel or its operations.
How the councillor dealt with the perceived conflict	s 150EJ(2), (3)(b) and (6)(c)–(e) *Local Government Act 2009*	Cr Milosevic remained in the meeting, participated in the discussion, and moved and voted in favour of Resolution QSC269-10-26. Council carried the resolution 4/0.
Register of interests	Schedule 5, s 17 *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as cited on the form	Cr Milosevic also advised of his intention to reference this information in section 19 of his register of interests on 30 October 2026 to address any possible perception.

4 RECEIVING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC249-10-26)

Moved: Cr Tony Lander
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 September 2026 be confirmed.

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6.2 SPECIAL MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC250-10-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 22 September 2026 be confirmed.

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6.3 SPECIAL MEETING OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2026

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC251-10-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 6 October 2026 be confirmed.

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5 ITEMS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

6 MAYORAL REPORT

Details / Meeting	Date	Location	Hall	Volz	Barnes	Lander	Milosevic
Ordinary Meeting of Council	15/09/2026	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
Special Meeting of Council	22/09/2026	Quilpie	1	1	1		1
Biosecurity Queensland Public Session	29/09/2026	Quilpie	1	1	1		
Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Meeting	1/10/2026	Quilpie		1			
Councillor Briefing Session	6/10/2026	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	
Special Meeting of Council	6/10/2026	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	
Future Fuels Program - Cooper Basin	6/10/2026	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	
Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) visit	6/10/2026	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	
Combined Schools Exhibition (Visitor Information Centre)	7/10/2026	Quilpie			1		
Chief Executive Officer recruitment shortlisting panel	8/10/2026	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	
Councillor Workshop - Draft Planning Scheme	12/10/2026	Quilpie	1	1	1		
Quilpie Housing and Prosperity Summit	13/10/2026	Quilpie	1	1		1	1
Chief Executive Officer recruitment first round interviews	13/10/2026	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
Chief Executive Officer recruitment first round interviews	14/10/2026	Quilpie	1	1	1	1	1
Minister Mickelberg and DG Sally Stannard - WEN Network	15/10/2026	Brisbane	1				
Minister - Honourable David Janetzki MP - Energy security	15/10/2026	Brisbane	1				
DDSWQCoM - Mayors and CEOs Strategy Session	18/10/2026	Cairns	1				
130th LGAQ Annual Conference	19-21/10/2026	Cairns	1	1		1	1
SWQROC Annual General Meeting	19/10/2026	Cairns	1				
Local Business Innovation Fund Grant Evaluation Meeting	26/10/2026	Quilpie		1	1	1	1
Local Disaster Management Group Meeting	26/10/2026	Quilpie		1			

DDSWQCoM - Darling Downs and South West Queensland Council of Mayors
LGAQ - Local Government Association of Queensland
SWQROC - South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils.
WEN - Western Enabling Network

Mayor Hall formally welcomed the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ms Julie Reitano.

The Mayor reported that the 130th LGAQ Annual Conference in Cairns from 19 to 21 October 2026 encouraged open dialogue and provided good opportunities for councillors. The Mayor also reported that the housing sector recognises Council's housing advocacy and regards Council's broader advocacy as credible. The Mayor advised that other mayoral activities continued as business as usual, apart from the Chief Executive Officer recruitment process.

In the discussion that followed, Mayor Hall advised that he met with the Minister for Transport and Main Roads, the Honourable Brent Mickelberg MP, and the Director-General of the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Ms Sally Stannard, before the conference to present the WEN.

The Mayor reported that the Minister acknowledged Council's leadership on the initiative, and that Council presents the WEN as a national project to seek Australian Government support. The Mayor also reported that councillors distributed Council's advocacy document directly to guest speakers at the conference.

7 COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Cr Volz thanked Council for supporting councillors' attendance at the conference. Cr Volz noted that Council's advocacy documents provide a strong foundation, and that their quality presentation conveys the importance of Council's priorities.

Cr Volz reported that driving to the conference provided an opportunity to see other communities, and that some of the towns he passed through were not as neat and tidy as Quilpie. Cr Volz commended Quilpie residents who maintain their yards and verges, as this creates a positive first impression for visitors. Cr Volz reported that the housing summit in the hall attracted strong attendance from a broad cross-section of the community.

Cr Milosevic reported that the conference was an eye opener and that he was glad he attended. Cr Milosevic found about 95 per cent of the content valuable and said he would apply what he learned for as long as he serves on Council.

Cr Lander reported on the Western Enabling Network (WEN) and on trucking and transport matters raised at the conference.

Cr Barnes reported on the combined schools art exhibition at the gallery and commended the visitor information centre staff for staging a new exhibition each month. Cr Barnes reported that the exhibition attracted good attendance and that the children enjoyed seeing their work displayed in an art space. Cr Barnes supported an exhibition continuing as an annual event.

Councillors discussed options to improve the exhibition, including:

- standardised, reusable frames, possibly funded through a grant
- encouraging students to submit original works of their own choosing, each framed and labelled with the artist's name
- selecting a small number of works from each class
- Council sponsoring a junior art exhibition.

Cr Volz noted that the Australian Curriculum governs school activities and recommended Council discuss the exhibition with school principals, including whether schools continue to value it.

8 OPERATIONAL STATUS REPORTS

8.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

10.1.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlined the key activities and achievements of the Infrastructure Services Directorate for September 2026. It summarised 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/July 2026 rain events.

Discussion occurred in relation to Council's waiver request to the Queensland Government not being approved (the requested waiver pertained to the purchase price for permanent closure of the old Lockabie Road).

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC252-10-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That:

1. The information be noted.

2. Council progress the purchase (permanent closure of the old Lockabie Road) with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development subject to consideration in future budget deliberations.

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8.2 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORTS

10.2.1 LIBRARY SERVICES STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines Quilpie Library's services, programs and performance for the first quarter of the 2026/27 financial year (July to September 2026). The library recorded 1,339 visitors and loaned 399 items during the quarter. It delivered regular programs, including First 5 Forever, school holiday activities and Book Club, and held a NAIDOC Week Storytime and an outreach visit to Adavale. The library also completed interviews with 10 long-term residents for the inaugural Quilpie Shire Oral History Project, which State Library of Queensland subsidies funded.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC253-10-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That the information be noted.

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10.2.2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, business development activity focused on supporting the University of Southern Queensland's socio-economic drought indicators pilot, preparing for the Quilpie Housing and Prosperity Summit, progressing the Destination Management and Economic Development Plans, and completing the first round of the Local Business Innovation Fund for Council's consideration. Community health and wellbeing initiatives included Women's Health Week activities, planning for the community screening of *Just a Farmer*, completion of the Cook + Connect program, funded by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), and well-attended health promotion programs for children, young people and adults across the Shire.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC254-10-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That the information be noted.

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At 2:26 pm, Mayor Ben Hall left the meeting.

At 2:27 pm, Mayor Ben Hall returned to the meeting.

10.2.3 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the month the Exclusion Fencing Recovery Program continued to progress, with 24 applications completed and 156.8 kilometres of exclusion fencing repaired to date. Community Recovery Officers planned further engagement, including an Emergency Services Day and attendance at the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) Big Map sessions. Council also continued to work with Rotary to support Adavale and the wider Shire. Planning for the Adavale Sport and Recreation Facility upgrade advanced, with a focus on flood resilience and best-practice design. Council also continued to take part in strategic resilience and community development initiatives, including the Local Government Playbook project and the review of the Quilpie Local Disaster Management Plan.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC255-10-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That the information be noted.

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At 2:41 pm, Alisha Moody joined the meeting.
At 2:44 pm, Lisa Hamlyn left the meeting and returned at 2:47 pm.

8.3 CORPORATE SERVICES STATUS REPORTS

10.3.1 RATES STATUS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report updated Council on overdue rates and charges following the first rates levy for 2026/27. The outstanding rates and charges balance as at 30 September 2026 was $13,369,085.51. Rate Category 14 (Mining and Oil Production) accounted for the largest share of overdue rates, totalling $12,740,610.33 across seven assessments.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC256-10-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That the information be noted.

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At 2:53 pm Alisha Moody left the meeting and Mwewa Chisenga joined.

10.3.2 CORPORATE SERVICES STATUS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Corporate Services activities in September 2026 covered procurement of goods and services, rates and charges, information technology, stores and compliance administration, grant and subsidy applications, finance operations, preparation of the 2025/26 financial statements, governance matters, and meetings that Corporate Services staff attended.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC257-10-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That the information be noted.

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At 2:59 pm, Mwewa Chisenga left the meeting.

10.3.3 GOVERNANCE STATUS REPORT - SEPTEMBER QUARTER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report updated Council on governance activities for the September 2026 quarter.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC258-10-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That the information be noted.

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8.4 OFFICE OF THE CEO STATUS REPORTS

Nil

9 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

11.1 REQUEST FOR QUOTATION – LARGE (RFQL) 26-27 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 1 (ONE) 2.5M3 TOOL CARRIER LOADER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report tabled for consideration the evaluation of responses for the Request for Quotation (RFQL) 07 26-27 Supply and Delivery of 1 (one) 2.5 – 3.5m^3 All Wheel Drive (AWD) Tool Carrier Front End Loader, with trade as part of Council's 2026/27 Plant Replacement program.

The procurement was conducted through the VendorPanel platform.

Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd achieved the highest weighted score of 86/100 and demonstrated value for money having regard to specification compliance.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC259-10-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council:

1. Award RFQL 07 26-27 Supply and Delivery of 1 (one) 2.5 – 3.5m^3 AWD Tool Carrier Front End Loader to Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd for an amount of $379,170.00 including GST ($344,700.00 excluding GST).
2. Accept the trade offer tendered in RFQL 07 26-27 Supply and Delivery of 1 (one) 2.5 – 3.5m^3 AWD Tool Carrier Front End Loader from Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd for an amount of $136,400.00 including GST ($124,000.00 excluding GST).
3. Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to delegate, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement policy.

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11.2 RESIDENTIAL ACTIVATION FUND (ROUND 2) - DETAILED DESIGN WORKS FOR STAGE 2 POWERHOUSE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON WINCHU STREET

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sought Council approval to accept a quotation from Hartecs Group Pty Ltd for $54,615.00 including GST to undertake detailed civil design and operational works documentation for the Stage 2 Powerhouse residential development on the old Depot site in Winchu Street. The project is funded through the Residential Activation Fund (RAF) Round 2 with no direct financial impact on Council.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC260-10-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Engage Hartecs Group Pty Ltd to undertake detailed civil design for the amount of $54,615.00 including GST ($49,650.00 excluding GST) in accordance with Section 235 (b) *Local Government Regulation 2012*, due to the specialised nature of the services being sought and that it would be disadvantageous for Council to invite additional quotes.

2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 257 *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this contract including without limitation any options and / or variations.

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11.3 FLOOD STUDIES FOR BULLOO, PAROO AND QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCILS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following the significant flooding events across South-West Queensland in 2025, Bulloo, Paroo and Quilpie Shire Councils secured funding through the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program (QRRRP) Flood Risk Management Program to undertake flood studies for regional townships across the three local government areas.

The flood studies comprise two parts:

- Part A – Flood Studies, with hydrological and hydraulics modelling
- Part B – Flood Risk Management Studies and Plans

A joint procurement process was undertaken to engage a suitably qualified consultant to deliver Part A of the project, being the preparation of flood studies that will provide critical flood intelligence to support disaster management, infrastructure planning, land-use planning, asset management and future flood risk management initiatives.

Five submissions were received and assessed against the published evaluation criteria. Following independent assessment and moderation by the Evaluation Panel, Synergy Solutions achieved the highest overall score of 89.2/100 and was identified as the preferred consultant based on demonstrated capability, methodology, delivery approach, regional experience and value for money.

The project is anticipated to deliver significant strategic benefits by strengthening flood risk knowledge, improving disaster preparedness, informing future planning and development decisions, supporting long-term asset management and resilience planning, and providing the technical foundation for future Part B - Flood Risk Management Studies and Plans.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC261-10-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report regarding the joint procurement process for Part A of the South-West Queensland Regional Towns Flood Studies undertaken in partnership with Bulloo and Paroo Shire Councils.

2. Endorse the outcome of the Evaluation Panel and accept the recommendation to appoint Synergy Solutions as the consultant for the flood studies of Quilpie, Eromanga, Adavale and Toompine for $ 243,111 including GST ($221,010 excluding GST).
3. Note that Part B - Development of Flood Risk Management Studies and Plans for participating townships will be subject to a separate procurement process anticipated to be undertaken in early 2027.

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11.4 REQUEST FOR QUOTATION – LARGE (RFQL) 08 26-27 FLOOD DAMAGE CONGIE ROAD PACKAGE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report tabled for consideration the evaluation of responses for the Request for Quotation - Large (RFQL) 08 26-27 Flood Damage Congie Road Package for the restoration of flood damaged areas of Congie Road outlined in this request.

The procurement was conducted through the VendorPanel platform.

APV Contracting Pty Ltd achieved the highest weighted score of 92/100 and demonstrated value for money having regard to programme delivery.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC262-10-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Award RFQL 08 26-28 Flood Damage Congie Road Package to APV Contracting Pty Ltd for an amount of $2,493,793 including GST ($2,267,084.54 excluding GST).
2. Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's procurement policy.

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11.5 REQUEST FOR QUOTATION – LARGE (RFQL) 06 26-27 QUILPIE FLOODWAY PROGRAM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report tabled for consideration the evaluation of responses for RFQL06 26-27 Quilpie Floodway Program for floodway improvements in various locations across the shire road network.

The procurement was conducted through the VendorPanel platform.

Durack Civil Pty Ltd achieved the highest weighted score of 88/100 and demonstrated value for money having regard to program delivery.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC263-10-26)

Moved: Cr Tony Lander
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

1. Award Request for Quotation – Large (RFQL) 06 26-27 Quilpie Floodway Program to Durack Civil Pty Ltd for an amount of $367,526.20 including GST ($334,114.73 excluding GST).
2. Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's Procurement Policy.

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At 3:49 pm, Corey Richards joined the meeting.

10 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

12.1 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION - EROMANGA DISTRICT RODEO ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Community Assistance Grant application was received from the Eromanga District Rodeo Association (EDRA) that requested a direct cash contribution of up to $40,000.

EDRA was seeking financial assistance from Council towards the remaining costs of a new ablution block at the Eromanga Sports Complex, which is now nearing completion. The project has experienced significant cost increase since the original budget was prepared in early 2024, with EDRA already increasing its own contribution by $15,000 bringing their total contribution to $35,000 to assist with the additional costs.

The ablution block is being constructed on Council-owned land with Council's support and endorsement and will provide improved amenities for users of the sports complex, as well as the broader community and visitors to the area. EDRA believes that Council's assistance with the remaining project costs will be instrumental in bringing this important community facility to completion, ensuring the investment is fully realised and can be enjoyed by both the Eromanga community and visiting users for years to come.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC264-10-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That, in lieu of a Community Assistance Grant, Council give in principle support to the project, which will become a Council asset, subject to budget deliberations later in this meeting and provision of receipts.

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At 4:09 pm, Cr Lyn Barnes left the meeting.

12.2 2026/27 REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (RADF) APPLICATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sought Council's consideration and approval of the 2026/27 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) funding applications. The total RADF budget for 2026/27 is $31,250, comprising a $26,250 contribution from RADF and $5,000 contribution from Council. The listed applications were recommended for approval by the Quilpie RADF Committee and if approved would fully expend the funding.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC265-10-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council approve the following 2026/27 funding applications, totalling $31,250, as recommended by the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee.

Organisation		Amount
Quilpie Cultural Society		**$25,726**
Brian Rutledge – Wrought Iron	$2,836	
Glenda Rival Upholstery	$4,265	
Glenda Rival Weaving and Eco Dying	$2,180	
Maxine Thompson Pastel Skills	$1,268	
Stacy Keane Silversmithing Workshop1	$1,463	
Stacy Keane Silversmithing Workshop 2	$1,463	
Lyn Barnes Seniors Pastels Workshop 1	$1,145	
Lyn Barnes Juniors Pastel	$ 572	
Rachaeldaisey Colourful Quilting	$3,874	
Sally Flannery Pottery	$6,660	
Quilpie Shire Council Western Touring Circuit		**$5,524**
Where is the Green Sheep	$1,950	
Camp Culture	$1,949	
Bingo Beats	$1,625	
		Total $31,250

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At 4:15 pm, Cr Lyn Barnes returned to the meeting.

12.3 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE APPLICATION - QUILPIE PONY CLUB

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Quilpie Pony Club submitted a Community Assistance Grant application requesting the in-kind use of Bulloo Park facilities—specifically the rodeo bar, toilets, and Council owned BBQ. They were seeking access for their monthly pony club rallies spanning from November 2026 until December 2027. The club advised that they would supply their own gas bottle but requested that Council deliver a portable BBQ to the site for their use.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC266-10-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council approve the in-kind use of Bulloo Park rodeo bar and toilet facilities, together with the use of a Council-owned BBQ for the period November 2026 to December 2027, subject to the following conditions:

- The Quilpie Pony Club is responsible for the collection and return of the BBQ to the Council Depot for each occasion;
- A facility hire form is completed and a bond of $125 is paid prior to use; and
- The facilities are left in a clean, tidy and undamaged condition following each event.

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12.4 NOMINATION OF DELEGATE TO VOTE - OUTBACK QUEENSLAND TOURISM ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is a partner and member of the Outback Queensland Tourism Association Inc. (OQTA), the regional tourism organisation representing Outback Queensland. OQTA has adopted a new Constitution, registered on 18 September 2026, together with supporting Board Bylaws. Under the revised governance arrangements, Council is required to nominate an authorised delegate to exercise Council's membership voting rights at general meetings and in Board elections. This report sought Council's appointment of a delegate, and an alternate delegate, to ensure Council can participate in OQTA governance for the duration of its partnership.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC267-10-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

1. Nominate Corey Richards, Deputy Director Community and Business Development, as Council's authorised delegate to attend, speak and vote on behalf of Quilpie Shire Council at general meetings of the Outback Queensland Tourism Association Inc. and in elections for its Board.
2. Nominate Lisa Hamlyn, Director Community and Business Development, as Council's authorised alternate delegate.

3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to notify the Association and complete any required administrative documentation.
4. Determine that the appointments continue unless amended or revoked by Council resolution or Council's membership or partnership ceases.

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12.5 COUNTRY EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Country Education Foundation (CEF) of Paroo continues to work through the process of updating the foundation name to reflect the expansion of its support area to include the Shires of Quilpie, Paroo, Murweh and Bulloo, providing local students with access to financial assistance for post-school education and training opportunities. Eligible students may apply for grants to support university, TAFE, apprenticeships, traineeships and other accredited study pathways. The initiative presents a valuable opportunity to reduce financial barriers to education and strengthen local workforce development outcomes. Council was requested to note the expanded eligibility and support the promotion of grant opportunities to the Quilpie Shire community.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC268-10-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Support the promotion of the Foundation's grant opportunities through Council communication channels to eligible students, families and educational institutions throughout the Shire.
2. Make a financial contribution of $5,000, noting that donations made before 31 October 2026 will be matched dollar-for-dollar through the Foundation's Matched Giving Campaign (up to a total of $7,000), thereby maximising the benefit of Council's contribution and supporting educational opportunities for students across the Quilpie, Bulloo, Murweh and Paroo Shires.
3. Fund the amount through the Community Assistance Grants Program.

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At 4:29 pm, Mayor Ben Hall left the meeting.

12.6 LOCAL BUSINESS INNOVATION FUND - ROUND 1 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Business Innovation Fund (LBIF) aims to support business growth, innovation and economic activity across the Quilpie Shire, with an existing allocation of $100,000 over two years ($50,000 in 2026/27 and $50,000 planned in 2027/28). Round 1 opened on 1 July 2026, with the closing date extended from 28 August to 9 October 2026. Applications were considered against the program guidelines and were reviewed by a Councillor Review Panel, with final applications reviewed on 26 October 2026. This report sought Council's endorsement of the panel's Round 1 funding allocations detailed in the application register, totalling $106,951.10, and approve a $56,951.10 increase to the current-year funding allocation of $50,000. As outlined in the financial implications, this comprises bringing forward the $50,000 allocation from 2027/28 and providing an additional $6,951.10 above the existing two-year program budget. The proposed allocations would fully commit the increased program funding pool. Following Council's decision, funding agreements, milestone monitoring and mandatory reporting and acquittal requirements will support accountable delivery of the funded projects.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC269-10-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council give in principle support to the recommendations of the Councillor Review Panel ($106,951.10) subject to budget deliberations later in the meeting.

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At 4:37 pm, Mayor Ben Hall returned to the meeting and Corey Richards left the meeting.

11 CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1 FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT MONTH ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report was to present the monthly financial report to Council in accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the period ended 30 September 2026.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC270-10-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

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

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At 4:54 pm, Hannah Tully joined the meeting.

13.2 AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL'S PURCHASING CARD LIMITS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sought Council's authorisation to increase the total purchasing card. The proposed changes aligned with a shift to a new corporate purchasing card system and reflected a review of actual spending patterns.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC271-10-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

1. Amend Council's purchasing card threshold to $148,000.
2. Endorse an increase to the Mayor's purchasing card limit (new limit $5,000).
3. Note that the Chief Executive Officer will update the Council's Delegations Register (in accordance with Section 260 (2) *Local Government Act 2009*) for the current position titles and updated card limits.
4. Note that a temporary increase can occur ('top up') subject to the approval of two authorisers of the account for priority business needs.

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At 5:02 pm, Hannah Tully left the meeting.

13.3 REQUEST FOR QUOTATION – LARGE (RFQL) 05 26-27 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 1 (ONE) MOBILE HORIZONTAL WASTE SHREDDER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report tabled for consideration the evaluation results for the supply and delivery of one Mobile Horizontal Waste Shredder under Council's 2026/27 Fleet Replacement Program.

The procurement was conducted through the Local Buy prequalified supplier panel.

Two conforming submissions were received.

Vermeer Australia trading as RDO Equipment Pty Ltd submitted the most advantageous offer, achieving the highest overall score and presenting the best value for money.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC272-10-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That Council:

1. Award RFQL 05 26-27 Supply and Delivery 1 (one) Mobile Horizontal Waste Shredder to Vermeer Australia trading as RDO Equipment for an amount of $458,700.00 including GST ($417,000.00 excluding GST).

2. Pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to this project and contract including without limitation any options and/or variations as per Council's Procurement Policy.

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12 OFFICE OF THE CEO

14.1 PROPOSED ORDINARY MEETING DATES 2027

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sought Council's adoption of the Ordinary Meeting schedule for 2027, confirming the day, date and time of each Ordinary Meeting in accordance with s 254B of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

The proposed schedule maintained Council's established pattern of meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM, with two adjustments. The January meeting was proposed for Thursday, 28 January 2027, consistent with Council's established practice of scheduling the January meeting later in the month to allow time after the Christmas–New Year office shutdown period. Thursday, rather than the fourth Tuesday, was proposed because the fourth Tuesday, 26 January 2027, is Australia Day, a Queensland public holiday. The October meeting is proposed for the fourth Tuesday, 26 October 2027, consistent with the approach taken in 2025 and 2026, to avoid a clash with the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Annual Conference, which has historically been held in the third week of October.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC273-10-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council:

1. Confirm the dates and times set out in Table 1 for its Ordinary Meetings in 2027, in accordance with s 254B of the *Local Government Regulation 2012.*
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to publish a public notice of the confirmed schedule in accordance with s 254B(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Day	Thu	Tue	Tue	Tue	Tue	Tue	Tue	Tue	Tue	Tue	Tue	Tue
Date	28	16	16	20	18	15	20	17	21	26	16	14
Time	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM

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14.2 REQUEST TO NAME THE GREY RANGE PASS DONALD ANGUS PASS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Hon Ann Leahy MP, Minister for Local Government, Water, Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers and Member for Warrego, asked whether Council would support naming the pass where the Diamantina Developmental Road crosses the Grey Range "Donald Angus Pass". Mr Rob Savory JP of Eromanga proposed the name to recognise Donald Angus, a teamster who, according to Mr Savory, opened a shortcut between Eromanga and Charleville in the late 1890s.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC274-10-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

1. Support the naming of the pass, where the Diamantina Developmental Road crosses the Grey Range, as "Donald Angus Pass".
2. Write to the Hon Ann Leahy MP advising of Council's support.

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At 5:12pm, Corey Richards joined the meeting.

13 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 confidential items 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 First Quarter Budget Review 2026-27	(c) the local government's budget;	This report presents an amended budget for 2026-27 for Council's consideration.
15.2 Request for rates to be written off surrendered MC 300481 - Assessment 11075-00000-000	(d) rating concessions;	This report presents a ratepayer's request for Council to consider writing off outstanding rates and charges on a rateable assessment.
15.3 Post Housing and Prosperity Summit Housing Proposal Update	(c) the local government's budget;	This report updates Council on a housing proposal received after the Quilpie Shire Housing and Prosperity Summit and seeks Council's direction on next steps.

15.4 Auction Reserve Price - Komatsu Grader	(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 considers the sale of a Council motor grader by auction.

MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC275-10-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council moves into closed session at 5:12 pm.

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At 5:15 pm Mwewa Chisenga joined the meeting and left the meeting at 5:34 pm.

MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC276-10-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council move out of closed session and resume the Ordinary Meeting at 6:15 pm.

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15.1 FIRST QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW 2026-27

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presented an Amended Budget for 2026/27 for Council's consideration and adoption.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC277-10-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That Council:

1. Note that the budget is consistent with Council's adopted Corporate Plan 2026-2031 and Operational Plan 2026/27.
2. Approve the 2026/27 budget amendments (operational and capital) which are outlined in the report in addition to the following updates (relating to the Eromanga Rodeo Grounds Ablution Block):
    (i) Recognition of a contributed asset $134,000
    (ii) Capital project estimate of $174,000

(iii) Reduction in the tourism and economic development budget allocated to the Local Business Innovation Fund of $33,000. (It is noted that the funding for the current year of the Local Business Innovation Fund brings forward $50,000 of the program initially planned for 2027/28).

3. Approve the revised financial statements (as amended for point 2) for 2026/27:
   (i) Revised Budget Financial Statements (Financial Position, Cash Flow, Income and Expenditure and Changes in Equity) - 2026/27 and the next two years
   (ii) Revised Long Term Financial Forecast - 2026/27 and the next nine (9) financial years
   (iii) Revised Measures of Financial Sustainability for 2026/27 and the next nine (9) financial years (Ratios)
   (iv) Revenue Policy 2026/27
   (v) Revenue Statement 2026/27
   (vi) Revised Total Value of Change in Rates and Charges.
4. Include the Amended Budget 2026/27 document on Council's website.

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15.2 REQUEST FOR RATES TO BE WRITTEN OFF - SURRENDERRED MINING CLAIM 300481 - ASSESSMENT 11075-00000-000

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presented a request from the landholder for Assessment 11075-00000-000 - Mining Claim (MC) 300481, to write off rates and charges due to the surrender of the mining claim and financial hardship.

The landholder for MC 300481 advised Council that they formally surrendered the mining claim in April 2026. The Small-Scale Mineral Hub of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (NRMMRRD) advised that the surrender of the mine was effective 19 August 2026.

The landholder had paid the rates and charges to 30 June 2026 however requested that Council write off the outstanding debt of $317.13 (rates and charges for 1 July 2026 to 19 August 2026 and accruing interest).

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC278-10-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council not write off the outstanding debt of $317.13 (including accrued rates, charges and interest) for Assessment 11075-00000-000, as Council was formally notified by the Small Scale Mineral Hub – NRMMRRD that the surrender of the mine was effective 19 August 2026.

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15.3 POST HOUSING AND PROSPERITY SUMMIT HOUSING PROPOSAL UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Due to the interest generated by the Quilpie Shire Housing and Prosperity Summit, Council was approached by a housing supplier offering a potential project. The report outlined the results of a meeting with officers (and supplier) on 23 October 2026 to obtain further information about the proposal. Council's views were sought on the next steps.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC279-10-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That further information be sourced.

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15.4 AUCTION RESERVE PRICE - KOMATSU GRADER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sought Council's agreement to offer the grader for sale at the online auction that Grant Daniel and Long Pty Ltd trading as Nutrien Harcourts GDL will hold on 20 November 2026, and also tabled for consideration the reserve price for the Komatsu GD655-5 motor grader.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC280-10-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council:

1. Offer the Komatsu GD655-5 motor grader for sale by online auction through Grant Daniel and Long Pty Ltd trading as Nutrien Harcourts GDL on 20 November 2026.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, under s 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to negotiate, confirm and execute all matters associated with the sale of the grader, including establishing and advising the reserve price with Nutrien Harcourts GDL.
3. Note that the Chief Executive has liaised with Councillors in relation to a proposed adjustment to the reserve price, given a previous auction result.

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14 LATE ITEMS

16.1 DELEGATION TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report was to seek a delegation to the Chief Executive Officer, in particular the authority to act as Council's representative in relation to any meeting of creditors convened under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) concerning any company indebted to Council.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC281-10-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That Council resolve that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is authorised, for and on behalf of Council, to act as Council's representative in relation to any meeting of creditors convened under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) concerning any company indebted to Council, including authority to:

(a) attend any such meeting of creditors on behalf of Council, including any adjourned, continued, or reconvened meeting;

(b) speak at the meeting on behalf of Council;

(c) vote on behalf of Council, including on a poll, on any resolution, motion or matter arising for determination at the meeting, including resolutions relating to:

  (i) the appointment, replacement, or remuneration of an external administrator;

  (ii) the ending of the administration of the company;

  (iii) the execution of a Deed of Company Arrangement and the appointment of persons as Deed Administrators;

  (iv) the winding up of a company and the appointment of persons as Liquidators of the company;

  (v) the approval of any deed of company arrangement, compromise, arrangement, or other proposal submitted to creditors;

  (vi) directions to an external administrator and any other matter required or permitted by law to be determined by creditors; and

  (vii) the signing, completion, execution and lodgement of any proxy, authority, proof of debt, voting form, instrument, or document, and do all other acts and things the CEO considers necessary or convenient to give effect to this resolution and to exercise Council's rights as a creditor.

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15 GENERAL BUSINESS

Council did not consider general business at this meeting.

16 MEETING DATES

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 November 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 6:18 pm.