

# Annual Community Update

March 2026 Progress Report

*Adavale, Cheepie, Eromanga, Quilpie and Toompine*



# Project Updates

Progress on works across the shire

Proposed upcoming infrastructure projects

# Housing

## Additional Nine Houses Completed

- 8 x 3 Bedroom Houses, Quilpie
- 1 x 2 Bedroom House, Quilpie

**\$5 million fully funded by Council**



25/26 Update  
Shire Road  
Improvements  
scheduled for  
completion by  
30 June  
(weather  
permitting)

**Floodways - \$1M**

Improvements to 26 floodways across the shire on 11 roads

**Road Reseal Program - \$660k**

Annual program Eromanga and Quilpie town street, Mt Margaret Road and Kyabra Road

**Road Sealing - \$855k**

- Adavale Black Road
- Napoleon Road
- Adavale Charleville Road

**Establishment of new road - \$515k**

**Footpaths - \$205k**

**Keeroongooloo Road Seal - \$1.182M**

(funded by private contributions)

**Other improvement to road network - \$456k**

Dukamura St, Quarrion St, Keeroongooloo Road.

25/26 Update  
Capital Projects  
scheduled for  
completion by  
30 June  
(weather  
permitting)

- Sewer Pump Station at Quarrion Street, Quilpie
- Sommerfield Road Water Main Upgrade
- Fireproof battery collection boxes at waste facilities (4)
- Toompine Airstrip Perimeter Fencing
- Quilpie Pool Filtration System Changeover
- Walking Path to Baldy Top (weather permitting)
- Eromanga Pool Refurbishment
- Opalopolis Park Upgrade
- Knot-o-saurus Park Footpath
- 14 & 16 Donald Street, Eromanga – Garage, fencing (weather permitting)
- Donated amenities building installed at Quilpie Cemetery
- Plant Investment Program

# 25/26 Update Plant Investment Program - \$3.8M

Includes \$1.305 million to replace plant items written off from the March 25 flood.

Plant delivered to date:

- New Twin Steer Hook Truck
- 2 x Graders
- Roller
- Mini excavator
- 4 x second hand utes
- Generator

*Photo: New Twin Steer Hook Truck*



Other Capital  
Projects which  
are in progress  
/ carry over to  
2026/27

- Gyrica Street water main replacement
- Winchu Street water main replacement
- Adavale Water main replacement
- Adavale Town Hall - Grounds Upgrade - including drop point, additional camping spots, BBQ
- Adavale – install Mulga Mates playground and loose fill softfall
- Eromanga Sewerage – minor renewal works – valves, pump, WHS
- Onsite sewerage upgrade – Eromanga Rodeo Grounds
- Bob Young Memorial Park Upgrade
- Entrance to Bulloo Park
- Quilpie Community Energy Upgrade Project (solar panel power generation systems for 3 Council buildings)
- Quilpie Pool Refurbishment (relining)
- Quilpie Pool Shadecover Replacement

# Shire road and State road network

- Shire Road Network - 2,027.78 km
  - State Road Network
    - Diamantina Dev Road – 93A (Charleville-Quilpie) – 103.68km
    - Diamantina Dev Road – 93B (Quilpie-Windorah) – 174.96km
    - Cooper Dev Road – 79A (Quilpie-Bundeena) – 142.32km
    - Quilpie – Thargomindah Road – 7003 – 123.96km
    - Quilpie – Adavale Road (Red Road) – 7101 – 85.18km
    - Blackall – Adavale Road – 7103 – 96.97km
- Total State Road Network – 727.07 km



# State Road Network 2025/26

Road Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC) estimate - \$2.583M

Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) \$1.061M (Adavale Blackall Road Bitumen Sealing Ch 209.94 to Ch 203.44 6.5km)

Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) 2026/27 funding brought forward to 2025/26 - \$1.061M (Adavale Blackall Road - works and chainage to be confirmed)

*Council has set aside \$235,950 for the resealing of the carparking lanes in Brolga Street should the Department of Main Road reseal Brolga Street.*

Major  
Projects  
underway  
(multi year)

Eromanga Natural History Museum - Stage 3

Quilpie Rural Residential Estate

Quilpie Airport Pavement Reconstruction

Residential project on Sommerfield Road – 5 x 2  
bedroom houses

Quilpie Sewerage Treatment Plant (planning &  
design) – subject to external funding opportunities

# 2026/27 Proposed Housing Budget

## **Housing Project – Sommerfield Road**

5 x 2 bedroom houses \$2,400,000

## **Housing Refurbishments**

Annual allocation to cover refurbishments to any Council house or unit – as required (approximately 50 properties) \$250,000

## **Gyrice Gardens Refurbishments**

Annual allocation to cover refurbishments to any Gyrice Gardens unit – as required/vacant (17 units) \$125,000

## **Gyrice Gardens Unit 3**

Funds budgeted for refurbishment (planning and design underway) \$125,000

## **Gyrice Gardens Unit 4**

Funds budgeted for refurbishment (planning and design underway) \$125,000

# Proposed Shire Road Improvements 26/27

## Investment in Floodways \$2.5M

- Ingeberry Road (2 locations)
- Congie Road (3 locations)
- Cheepie Adavale Road (5 locations)
- Big Creek Road (5 locations)
- Canaway Downs Road (5 locations)
- Humeburn Road (5 locations)
- Kiandra Road (2 locations)
- Mulliana Road (5 locations)
- Mt Howitt Road (5 locations)
- Napoleon Road (5 locations)
- Old Charleville Road (5 locations)
- Old Thargomindah Road (5 locations)
- Trinidad Road (5 locations)
- Wareo Road (5 locations)

# Proposed Footpath Improvements 26/27

## **New Footpaths \$352,800**

- Gyrica Street (West) - Brolga St to Boonkai St 120m
- Gyrica Street (West) - Boonkai St to Quarrion St 120m
- Chulungra Street (East) - Jabiru St to Winchu St 120m
- Chulungra Street (West) - Winchu St to Bulloo Park St 150m
- Buln Buln St (East) - Boonkai St to Quarrion St 120m

## **Replacement Footpaths \$79,392**

- Brolga Street (North) - Bob Memorial Park to Chulungra St 71m
- Winchu Street (South) - Corner footpath (40m) and new pram crossing in front of Quilpie Hardware Shop

Proposed  
Shire Road  
Improvements  
26/27

**Annual Road Reseal Program  
\$900k**

Annual Road Reseal Program –  
program to be finalised  
\$900,000 (estimate)

**Other Capital Projects**

- Adavale-Charleville Road –  
Reseal 2 km – preliminary  
estimates \$800,000 to \$1M  
(funded under Flood  
Restoration Grant)

Proposed  
Water Projects  
26/27  
\$695,500

**Quilpie**

- Winchu St – water main replacement
- Galah St – replace 100mm AC main
- Boonkai St – replace 100mm AC main
- Replace valves and investigate asset quality – various locations – Quilpie
- Town bore upgrade – upgrade to 150mm mag-flow and valve replacement

**Eromanga**

- Replace valves and investigate asset quality
- Berella Street - Upgrade Main from 80mm to 100mm
- King Street - Upgrade Main from 80mm to 100mm

**Adavale**

- Skinner St - From McKinlay St to Shephard St
- Shepherd St - From Skinner St to QPS

Proposed  
Sewerage  
Projects  
26/27  
\$1,810,000

### Quilpie

- Sewer Relining Program (\$500,000)
- Rising main – condition investigation
- SPS 3 (Curlew Estate) - retaining wall/ slab and fence
- SPS 3 (Curlew Estate) - cut in by-pass system
- SCADA – for pump stations
- Bulloo Park Pump Station - upgrade area, switchboard and general security of compound
- Inspection and upgrade of sewer manholes and covers (various locations)
- Upgrade of pump wells (QSC Facilities to include high level alarms)

### Eromanga

- Sewer Pump Station – new pump, epoxy coating (and investigate a bypass of the salt water from the RO plant which is prematurely aging the pumps and mounts)
- Inspection and upgrade of sewer manholes and covers
- Installation of SCADA and magflow meter and CED pump station bypass
- Other upgrade to CED pump station with new cover, security and pond upgrade

# Strategies and Future Planning

Masterplans – new and updated

Economic Development & Destination Management Plan

Planning Scheme Amendment

Local Laws Review

# Masterplans to be developed or updated in 2026/27

Review and update the Eromanga Town Masterplan

Develop the Toompine Town Masterplan

Develop the John Waugh Park Sub-Plan

Develop a Masterplan for the Quilpie Hall

Develop a Masterplan for the Eromanga Rodeo Grounds

Quilpie Main Street Disability Access Audit & Designs Report

# Economic Development and Destination Management Plans



What are they and why do we need them?



Both proposed 10-year Horizon



Community consultation is paramount to the projects, actions and delivery of the plan

# Economic Development and Destination Management Plans



Community Responsibility



Both plans are shaped by community for community, so engagement in the consultation process is deeply important in gaining Shire-wide project outcomes



Start thinking now!



Consultation will occur from May onwards.

# Building & Planning Services

Council point of contact: Dominique Wells – Records Officer

Planning Services: Kate Swepson – Maranoa Regional Council

Building Certification: GBA Consulting Engineers

Food Licencing: Balonne Shire Council

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 YTD
	# Applications						
<b>Building</b>	7	12	17	15	25	43	26
<b>Development</b>	-	-	-	5	-	7	4



# Levels of assessment

- **Accepted Development** – no Planning approval required.
- **Accepted Development subject to requirements (formerly known as self-assessable)** – no Planning approvals required, providing the development complies with the requirements in the Planning Scheme  
For example – a house in the Residential Precinct will not require a Planning approval as long as it complies with the setback, size and height requirements and isn't impacted by an overlay.
- **Code Assessable Development** – development that is consistent with/expected in the zone.  
It is a 'bounded assessment' where Council only considers the specific criteria in the Planning Scheme.
- **Impact Assessable Development** – used for development that is not expected in the Zone, **OR** development that has the potential to create impacts to surrounding areas.  
Assessment of these applications includes the entirety of the Planning Scheme, as well as any relevant matter that Council considers appropriate, other than a financial consideration.  
Impact assessable applications also include a mandatory period of Public Notification.

# Planning Scheme Review

Council received grant funding through the State Government's Scheme Supply Fund to review the Quilpie Shire Planning Scheme 2018

- The process will include undertaking a Housing Needs Assessment as a basis for the review of the Planning Scheme.
- The Scheme review will align with Council's Local Housing Action Plan outcomes.
- The Scheme Review process will consider the entire Planning Scheme, not just achieving housing outcomes.

# Planning Scheme Review

Council's application included plans to address key housing outcomes including:

- Reviewing residential lot sizes where water and sewerage is available
- Identifying an acceptable density of residential development (number of units per lot) for the region.
- Reviewing the level of assessment for accommodation proposals.
- Identifying any land that should be rezoned for urban use.
- Simplify the application process and reduce the level of assessment for certain applications.

# Planning Scheme Review

- Other changes Council has identified:
  - Reducing levels of assessment for reuse of existing commercial or industrial buildings/properties.
  - Ensuring Council's expectations for development are clear

Council wants to hear from you. Let us know how the Planning Scheme can help shape the growth of the Shire.

# Town Planning

Proposals for new development are assessed against the Quilpie Shire Planning Scheme to ensure that they are compatible with surrounding land uses, they respond appropriately to site constraints, that any impacts can be managed, and that their infrastructure requirements can be met.

Types of Development

## ***Material Change of Use (MCU)***

A material change of use of premises means:

- The start of a new use of the premises;
- The re-establishment on the premises of a use that has been abandoned;
- A material increase in the intensity or scale of the use of the premises.

Examples: Changing a retail shop into a food and drink outlet, vacant lot into an office, shop or industrial use etc.

## ***Operational Works***

Activities that alter the shape or form of the land. Eg. Earthworks (i.e. filling or excavation), vegetation clearing.

Operational works does not include Building work or Plumbing or Drainage work

## ***Reconfiguring a Lot***

Subdividing the land or making changes to the boundaries for example:

- Subdividing one lot into one or more lots;
- Re-aligning the boundary of a lot.

# Development Applications



Before lodging an application, Council encourages all applicants to contact Council to arrange a pre-lodgement meeting.



This meeting will provide an opportunity for applicants to discuss and consider any constraints or concerns about their application before fully committing to a proposal.



Council will also provide advice to applicants about the application process and requirements.



To arrange a pre-lodgement meeting or if you require assistance in lodging your application, please contact Council on 4656 0500.

# Building Applications

Applications are necessary for the following building activities:

- Swimming pools and spas
- New dwellings or commercial buildings
- Alterations or additions to existing buildings
- Restumping
- Building removal and relocation
- Demolitions
- Carports and sheds 10m<sup>2</sup> or larger
- Gazebos, pergolas and shade sails over 10m<sup>2</sup>
- Fences over 2m in height above the natural ground level
- Building works more than 2.4m high

These works typically include structures that are proposed to be built or altered. This approval is required to ensure it will be structurally safe and located appropriately to meet the requirements under the *Building Act 1975* and relevant regulations and guidelines.

# Local Law Review

Council's Local Laws were last reviewed in 2011 and the current suite of local laws were made in 2012.

## **Local Laws – 5**

- Administration
- Animal Management
- Community & Environmental Management
- Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads
- Aerodromes

## **Subordinate Local Laws - 19**

- Almost 15 years since last review – due for review

# Local Law Review

## **Suite of Local Laws:**

- Animal Management (keeping of animals, numbers)
- Community & Environmental Management (standards for allotments i.e. overgrown, unsightly)
- Commercial use of local government controlled areas
- Installation of advertising devices
- Aerodromes
- Local government controlled areas, facilities and roads

Website link: [Local Laws - Quilpie Shire Council](#)

# Local Law Review

## Steps in the Review Process

- Initial assessment – of existing local laws to determine relevance, effectiveness and compliance with current legislation. This includes any laws that may be outdated or require amendment.
- Community consultation – usually for a minimum of six weeks during which community members can express their view on the local laws being reviewed.
- Consideration of submissions – after the consultation period, Council must review all submissions received. They may choose to make amendments based on community feedback, ensuring that the final local law reflects the needs and concerns of the community.

# Local Law Review

## Steps in the Review Process

- Compliance with legislation – the proposed local law must comply with relevant state legislation (a state interest check is undertaken with Queensland government departments).
- Approval and publication – once finalised, it must be approved by Council and published in the Government Gazette. A signed copy is provided to the relevant Minister.
- Post-review evaluation – after implementation of the local law, we must monitor its effectiveness and remain relevant to the communities needs.

# Funding & Grants

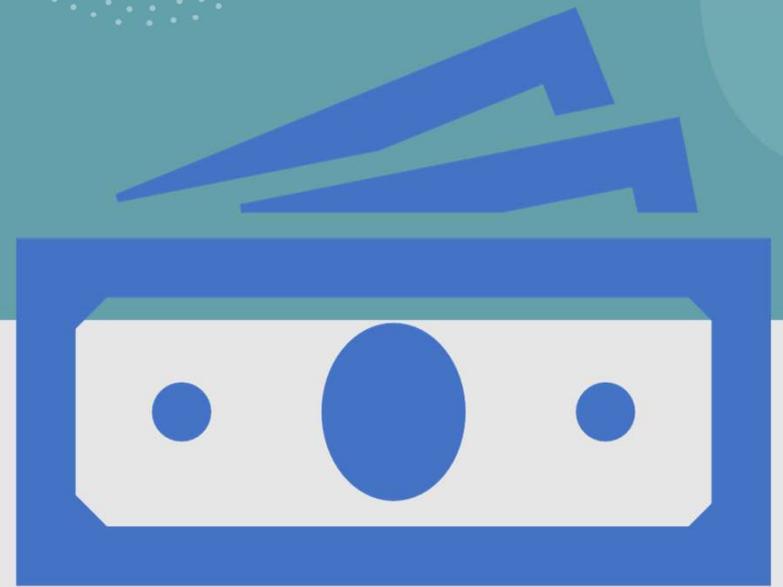
Grants secured and upcoming funding opportunities

Community Grants Program

Exclusion Fencing Restoration Program

Flood Restoration Program Funding

# Grants secured and upcoming funding opportunities



# Successful Grant Applications

Funding Program	Project	Cost and Subsidy Approved
<b>Local Government Battery Collection</b> Queensland Government: Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation	The project will install permanent fireproof battery collection boxes at four waste facilities to safety manage problem batteries and includes community awareness activities about the new collection points.	Total project cost: \$100,000 Grant funding approved: \$80,000 Council in-kind contribution valued at \$20,000
<b>Regional Tech Hub</b> Queensland Government: Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation	Quilpie Connectivity Catch-ups – Quilpie, Eromanga	Total project cost: \$1,000 Grant funding approved: \$1,000
<b>Lit Up</b> Australia Reads	Literacy Program being delivered in collaboration with schools.	Application successful – amount to be advised through the funding program

# Successful Grant Applications

Project	Funding Program	Cost and Subsidy Approved
<b>2026 Australia Day Community Events Grants Program</b> National Australia Day Council	Australia Day Awards and Community Connect Events being held Friday 23 January 2026 and Monday 26 January 2026	Total Project cost: \$17,740.00 Grant funding approved: \$10,000 Council contribution: \$7,740.00
<b>Cat C - Community Health and Wellbeing Package (CRO) (CRRSO)</b> Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety	Employment of Community Recovery and Resilience Officer and Employment of Community Recovery Rebuild Support Officer and associated activities	Total project cost: \$927,000 Grant funding approved CRO: \$669,000 Grant funding approved CRRSO: \$258,000
<b>Early Intervention Aged Care (EIAC) Program</b> Western Qld Primary Health Network	Employment and activities relating to Health and Wellbeing for Seniors	Grant funding approved: \$150,000

# Successful Grant Applications

Funding Program	Project	Cost and Subsidy Approved
<b>Arts Queensland</b> Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)	Funding to boost local arts and cultural activities	Grant funding approved: \$26,250 (25-26) *multi-year funded Council in kind contribution: \$5,000
<b>Care Collective South-West Primary Care Pilot Program</b> Queensland Health	Employment of Community Services Coordinator (PT)	Grant funding approved: \$95,040

# Successful Grant Applications

Funding Program	Project	Cost and Subsidy Request
<b>Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program – Round 11</b> Australian Government – Remote	Toompine Airstrip - Secure and Safer Runway with Perimeter Fencing	Total project cost: \$204,500 Funding request: \$102,250 Council contribution - \$82,250 Plus Council in-kind support valued at \$20,000
<b>Residential Activation Fund Round 2</b> Queensland Government	Quilpie Town Rural Residential Estate Infrastructure	Total project cost: \$4,347,805 (including contingency) Funding request: \$2,627,805 Council contribution - \$1,720,000
<b>Scheme Supply Fund 2024-26 – Pathway 1 Allocation</b> Queensland Government	Quilpie Shire Council Planning Scheme Update	Total project cost: \$100,000 Funding request: \$100,000
<b>Community Energy Upgrades Fund - Round 2</b> Australian Government	Quilpie Community Energy Upgrade Project (Solar panel power generation systems – 3 x Council Buildings)	Total project cost: \$250,000 Funding request - \$122,500 Council contribution - \$122,500

# Pending Grant Applications

Funding Program	Project	Cost and Subsidy Request
<p><b>Resource Recovery Boost Fund (Stream 1 – Small)</b> Queensland Government: Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation</p>	<p>The project will procure a mobile horizontal grinder and material handling attachment (rotating grab / grapple bucket) for existing council loader or excavator and the construction of a concrete waste processing bay.</p>	<p>Total project cost: \$730,000 Funding request: \$654,000 Council contribution: \$56,000 Council in-kind support valued at \$20,000</p> <p><b>Application submitted on 8 December 2025</b></p>

# Unsuccessful Grant Applications

Funding Program	Project	Cost and Subsidy Request
<b>Country Roads Connect (CRC) Program</b> Queensland Government	Sealing of Old Charleville Road and Napoleon Road	Total project cost: \$15,000,000 Funding Request: \$14,500,000 Council contribution - \$500,000
<b>Disaster Ready Fund</b> Queensland Government	Napoleon Road and Old Charleville Road – Sealing of low-lying sections	Total project cost: \$1,000,000 Funding request: \$900,000 Council contribution - \$100,000

*Did you know that on average, grant applications take around 30 hours to prepare and cost up to \$25,000 in supporting material (e.g. design, quantity schedules and costing)?*

# Actively seeking funding opportunities for:

Project	Current stage / update	Estimated project cost
Child Care Centre	Design stage. Development Application for a Material Change of Use to establish a “Child Care Centre” on land situated at Buln Bun Street, Quilpie has been approved.	\$3,000,000
Quilpie Sewerage Treatment Plant	Design finalised and under peer review.	\$10,000,000

# Community Grants Program

## 2025/26 Community Grants

- FGP Moreton Inc - Payment of rent for childcare staff housing - \$6,916.38
- Quilpie Athletics Carnival in-kind assistance valued at \$1,420.19
- Quilpie Golf Club – cash donation of \$4,000 to assist with the facilitation of the Open Golf Weekend held 16 & 17 August 2025, plus in-kind support valued at \$165.16 and 1 x skip bin, 8 x wheelie bins and 80 chairs
- Motherland Australia – Silver Sponsorship for the 2025 Quilpie Motherland Event valued at \$500 and a fee waiver for the Quilpie Shire Hall

# Community Grants Program

- Quilpie Polocrosse – cash grant of \$3,000 to support the cost of providing an ambulance and paramedic services at the Annual Quilpie Polocrosse Carnival held on 21-22 June 2025
- Quilpie Motorcycling Association Inc – cash grant of \$2,500 to support their annual Motorbike Sports Gymkhana and Enduro event
- St Finbarr’s School – cash grant of \$2,000 toward the purchase of a piano for the Performing Arts Program

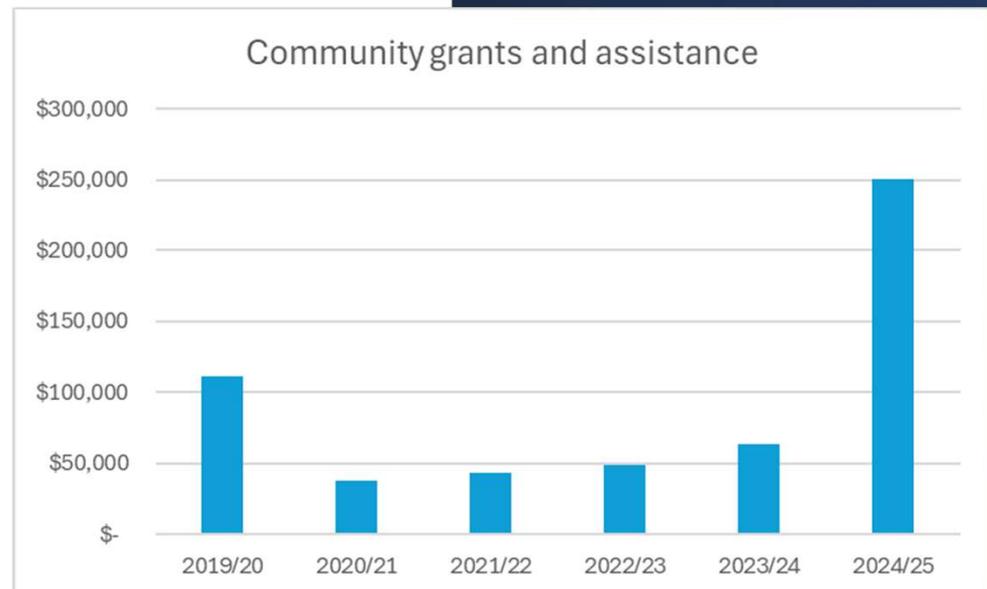
# Community Grants Program

- Quilpie Sport & Recreation – cash payment of \$1,208 for a development application for the Gym Extension
- Grounds maintenance – local churches \$3,200.25 year to date
- Quilpie Community Church – in-kind use of the Quilpie Shire Hall Supper Room and kitchen on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 4 January to 20 December 2026.

# Community grants program – prior years

- 2024/25 - \$250,496\*
- 2023/24 - \$ 63,285
- 2022/23 - \$ 48,554
- 2021/22 - \$ 43,073
- 2020/21 - \$ 37,751
- 2019/20 - \$111,063

\*In June 2025, Council provided the Quilpie Sport & Recreation a grant of \$200,000 to support the \$2 million Gym Extension.



# Exclusion Fencing Restitution Program

The Exclusion Fence Restitution Program is a \$105 million disaster-recovery initiative jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

- The purpose of the program is to support primary producers in Western Queensland whose exclusion or cluster fencing was damaged or destroyed during the Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding, 21 March – 19 May 2025.
- The program provides grants of up to \$500,000 to assist landholders rebuild essential fencing infrastructure, allowing them to contain surviving livestock and restore normal property operations.



# Exclusion Fencing Restitution Program

## Key Information

Current active Expressions of Interest: 34

- (29 EOI's are within Quilpie Shire)

## Important Date!

As of 6 March 2026, Department of Primary Industries Disaster Operations Unit advised that the **close date for Expressions of Interest** has been extended to **30 June 2026** in recognition of the fact that some producers are yet to commence or are still in the early stages of the grant application process.



# Exclusion Fencing Restitution Program

Eligible applicants include primary producers located in Quilpie, Bulloo, Paroo, Murweh and Balonne Shires.

- Funding can be used to cover fencing materials, reconstruction work, contractor costs, and essential earthworks needed to re-establish fencing. Grants are designed to give producers rapid financial support, including milestone-based payments and upfront options, to help them recover from the significant damage caused by the flooding event.
- For enquiries or to seek assistance to apply for a grant, please contact **Project Officer Maree Tulley – 0427 819 829**.

**If you lost ANY exclusion fencing (private or funded) during the flood event, it worth a call - even if the work has been completed!**

# Flood Restoration Program

## **2025 Event - March**

- Emergent Works - \$1,526,221 - completed
- Immediate Restoration Works - \$1,349,754 – completed
- Restoration Works – estimated \$80 million – in progress

## **2026 Event – February**

- Emergent Works - commenced

# Flood Restoration Funding

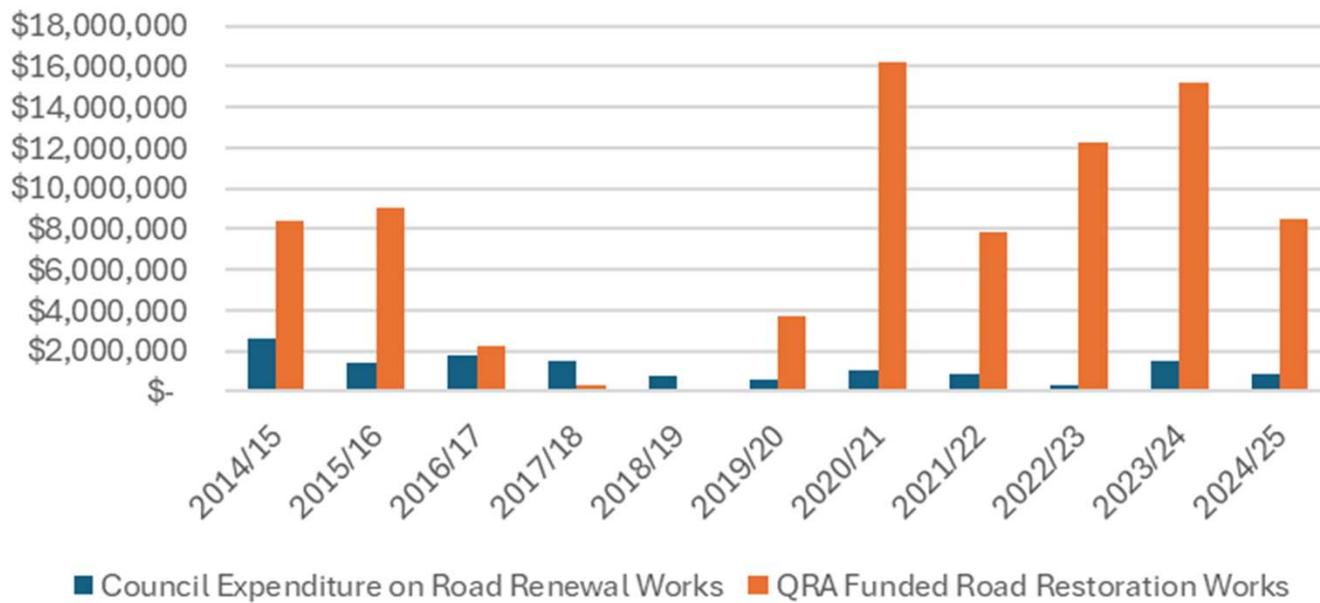
- **Emergent Works** - are the urgent activities necessary during and/or following an eligible disaster to temporarily restore an essential public asset to enable it to operate/be operated at an acceptable level of efficiency to support the immediate recovery of a community.
- **Immediate Reconstruction works** – to immediately and permanently reconstruct damaged essential public assets to pre-disaster function immediately after the eligible disaster.
- **Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets** - refers to the permanent reconstruction works for an essential public asset that has been directly damaged by an eligible disaster. An essential public asset directly damaged by an eligible disaster, or a re-damaged essential public asset may be reconstructed to its pre-disaster function.

# Flood Restoration Funding and Delivery of Works Update

- 2023 – June event - restoration works – completed -final cost \$4,978,715
- 2024 – January event - restoration works – 74% completed – estimated final cost \$12,852,077
- 2024 – November event – emergent works – 100% completed - final cost \$197,566 (restoration work rolled into to March 2025 event)
- 2025 – March event
  - Emergent works – completed \$1,526,221
  - Immediate restoration works – completed - \$1,349,755
  - Restoration works – 16% completed - estimated final cost **\$80 million**

*Restoration costs and project management is funded by the Australian Government through the Queensland Government and the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.*

## Actual Flood Restoration Expenditure per year compared with Road Renewal Expenditure



# Council Advocacy

How is Council advocating for Quilpie Shire  
Key regional and State priorities

# Advocacy in 2025

## Council Advocacy

Last year our key advocacy priorities for state and federal government investment were as follows.

- Eromanga Natural History Museum
- Improve Flood Immunity – South Comongin Crossing
- Quilpie Sewerage Treatment Plant
- Resilient Inland Freight Network

Our goal is to secure funding for critical infrastructure projects that enhance flood resilience, boost economic growth, and improve essential services for our community.

These advocacy documents are on our website:

[Strategic Publications - Quilpie Shire Council](#)



# Advocacy in 2026

Council's advocacy work for 2026 commenced by hosting an event at Queensland Parliament alongside Ministers, Assistant Ministers, Shadow Ministers and industry partners.

The visit highlighted key areas of importance to the region such as:

- Agriculture and Primary Industries
- Resources
- Transport
- Tourism
- Liveability



# Financial Sustainability

How Council is funded

Rates and valuations explained

Where your rates are spent

Supporting local spend

# How Council was funded in 24/25

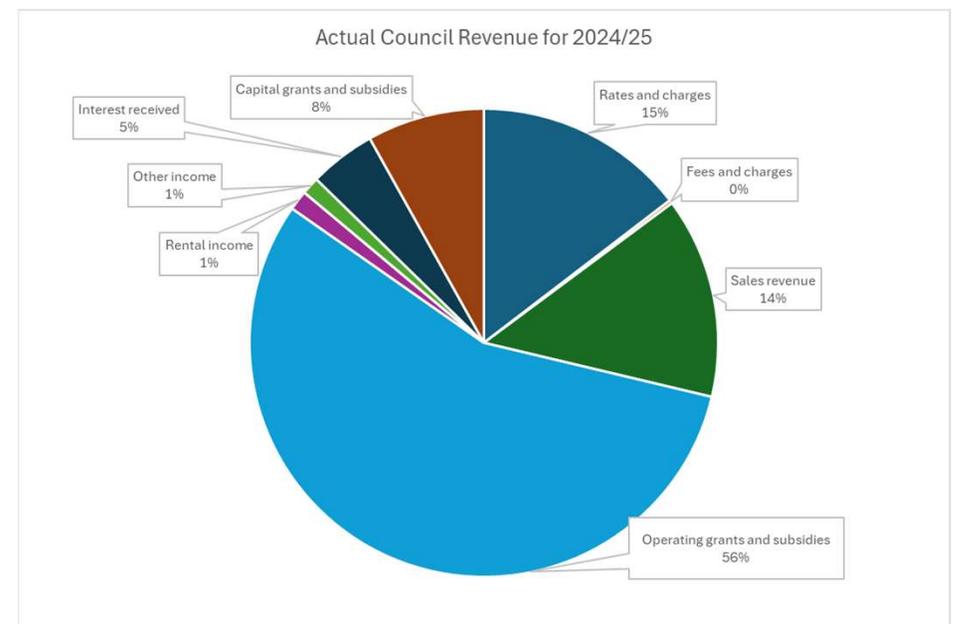
Last financial year Council was funded from the following revenue source.

Revenue	2024/25	%
Net rates and charges*	5,960,670	15%
Fees and charges	97,483	0.2%
Sales revenue	5,673,259	14%
Operating grants and subsidies	22,883,290	56%
Rental income	560,166	1.4%
Other income	499,134	1.2%
Interest received**	1,871,488	5%
Capital grants and subsidies	3,310,188	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,855,678</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Net rates and charges are after discounts, pensioner remissions and expected credit losses required under the accounting standards.

\*\* Interest received is from terms deposits and overdue rates and charges

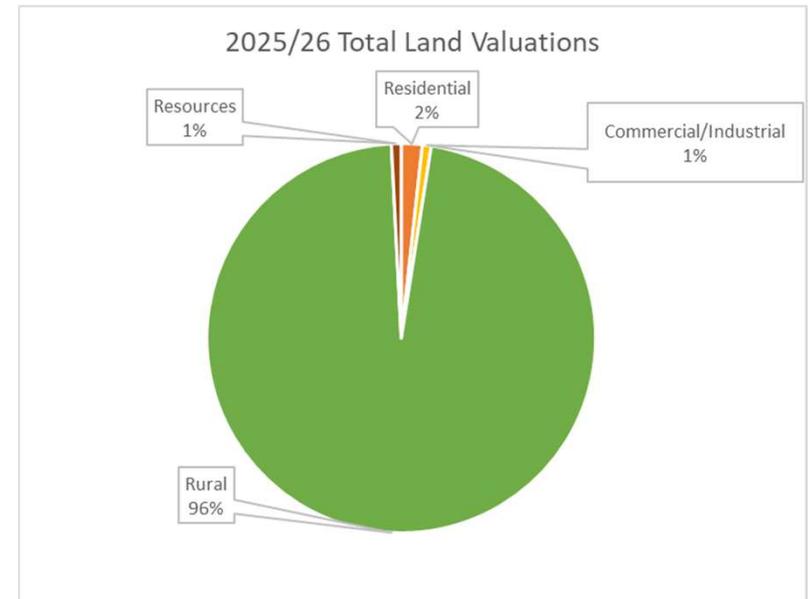
Council is dependent on grants and subsidies to fund its operations and capital projects.





# Change in land valuations

General Rate Categories	Number of assessments	2024/25 Total Land Valuations	2025/26 Total Land Valuations	% Increase in Land Valuations
Residential	353	\$ 4,315,800	\$ 7,033,539	63%
Commercial/Industrial	80	\$ 1,540,160	\$ 2,976,700	93%
Rural	135	\$ 111,680,450	\$ 391,752,260	251%
Resources	145	\$ 2,897,828	\$ 3,300,313	14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>\$ 120,434,238</b>	<b>\$ 405,062,812</b>	<b>236%</b>



# Investment Interest



*Interest received from term deposits for 2025/26 is budgeted/expected to reach \$2 million.*

# Cash Balances

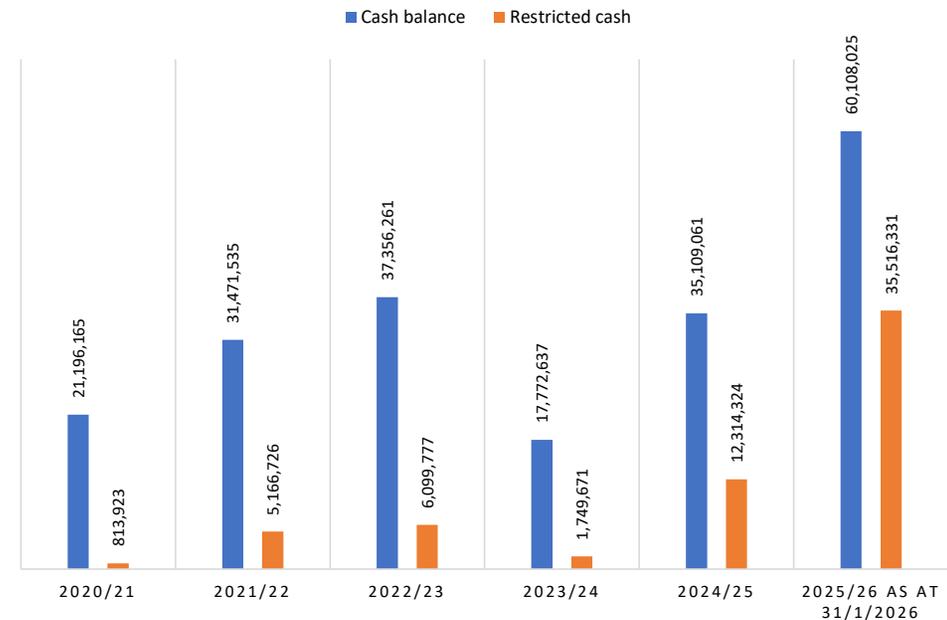
Cash was \$35.109 million as at 30 June 2025.

This cash balance is sufficient to cover Council's restricted assets and commitments including unspent government grants and subsidies of \$12.246 million and \$67,483 of rates received in advance.

Council's unrestricted cash balance of \$22.794 million provides:

- Financial stability
- Acts as a buffer against unexpected events / costs
- Better management of cash flows and investment returns
- Cash reserves for capital projects

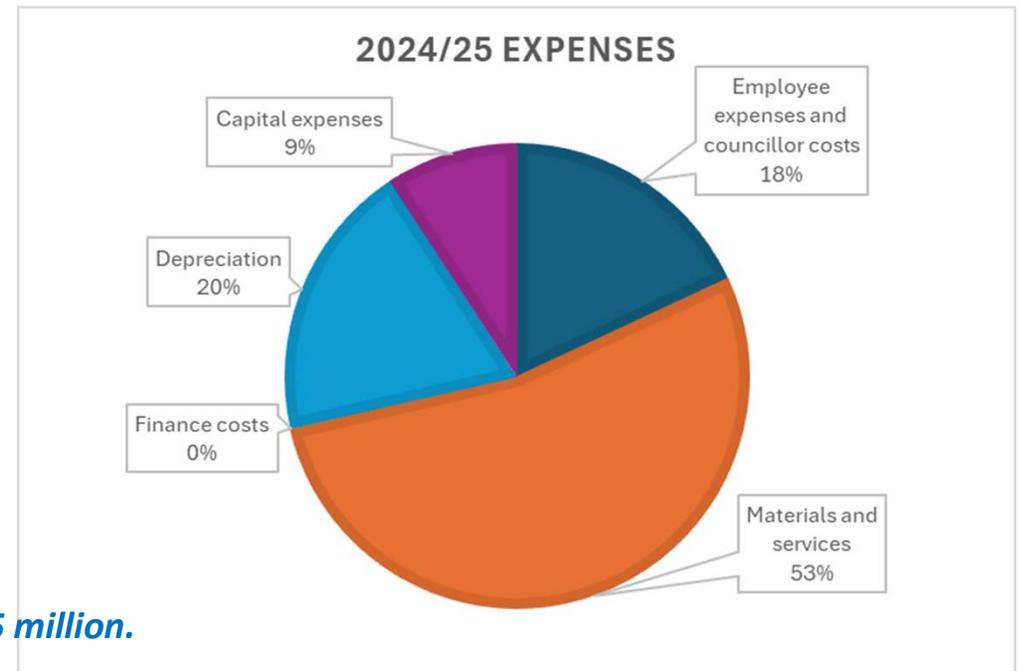
## CASH BALANCES AND RESTRICTED CASH



# Where the money was spent in 2024/25

## Expenses

Employee wages/expenses and councillor costs	6,815,497	18%
Materials and services	20,120,278	53%
Finance costs	33,574	0.1%
Depreciation	7,313,282	19%
Capital expenses	3,464,158	9%
<b>\$ 37,746,789</b>		



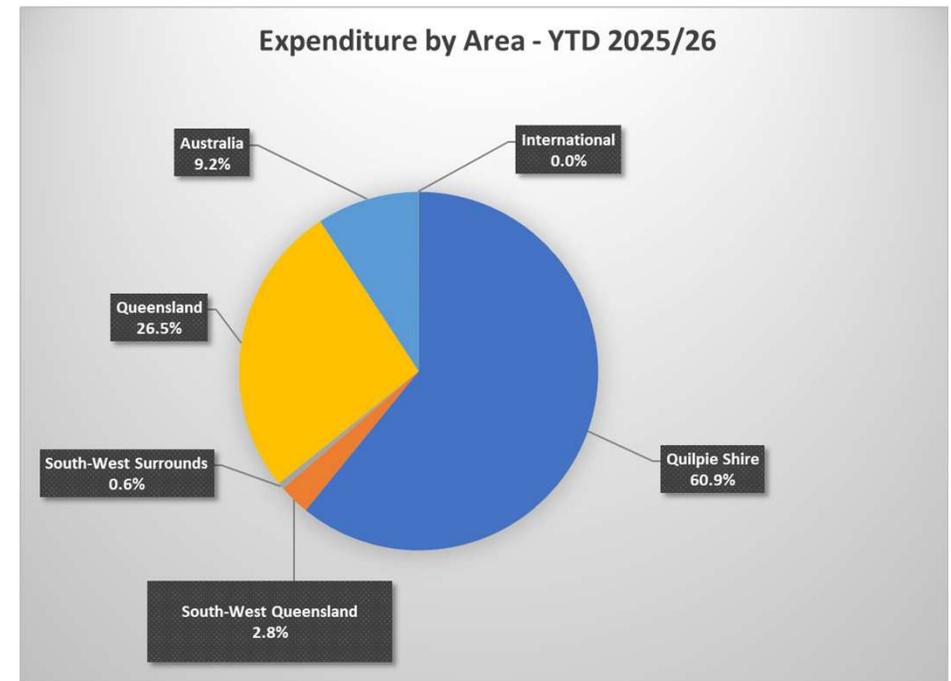
*Payments for property, plant and equipment was \$10.35 million.*

# Expenditure by area 2025/26 (year to date)

## Expenditure By Area

Area	2025/26 YTD	
	Total	%
Quilpie Shire	22,824,359	60.9%
South-West Queensland	1,043,716	2.8%
South-West Surrounds	221,802	0.6%
Queensland	9,944,783	26.5%
Australia	3,455,883	9.2%
International	17,903	0.05%
	<b>\$ 37,508,445</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The above figures are based on expenditure from 1 July 2025 to 28 February 2026.



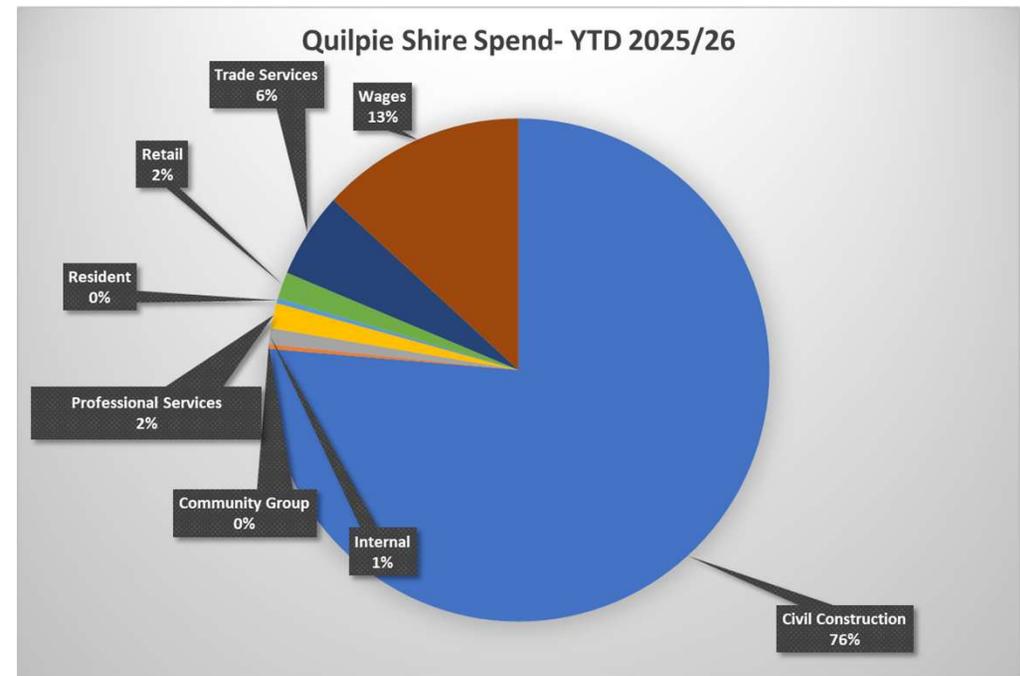
# Expenditure by area definitions

Area	Area Definition
Quilpie Shire	Procurement of good and/services from suppliers operating within the Quilpie Shire.
South-West Queensland	Procurement of good and/services from suppliers operating within the other five South West Queensland Council areas which include Balonne, Bulloo, Maranoa, Paroo and Murweh.
South-West Surrounds	Procurement of good and/services from suppliers operating in local government areas that surround South West Queensland council areas - Banana, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Central Highlands, Goondiwindi, Longreach and Western Downs.
Queensland	Procurement of good and/services from suppliers operating within the rest of Queensland (excluding suppliers operating from Quilpie Shire, South-West Queensland and South-West Surrounds areas).
Australia	Procurement of good and/services from suppliers in NSW, Victoria, ACT, SA, WA, NT and Tasmania.
International	Procurement of good and/services from international suppliers i.e. from outside Australia.
<b>Exclusions:</b>	
Government Agency	Includes the Queensland Government, a government entity, a corporatised business entity or another local government; or another Australian government or an entity of another Australian government; or a local government of another State.
Australian Taxation Office	Taxation Obligations - PAYG, GST, FBT
Internal Adjustments - Quilpie Shire Council	Example between QSC General and Trust Accounts
Investment Movements	Queensland Treasury Corporation and Term Deposits
National Australia Bank Purchase Card Payment	NAB is not the supplier of the goods or service. Council uses NAB to transact the purchase.
Superannuation	Includes Council and individual contributions
Local Government Arrangement	LGAQ, Local Government Mutual Insurance Scheme, Local Government Workcare

# Supporting local spend 2025/26 (year to date)

Local Spend Analysis	2025/26 YTD	%
Civil Construction	17,425,422	76%
Community Group	64,016	0.3%
Internal	235,603	1%
Professional Services	372,042	2%
Resident	76,271	0%
Retail	386,660	2%
Trade Services	1,253,367	5%
Wages	3,010,979	13%
	<b>\$ 22,824,359</b>	<b>100%</b>

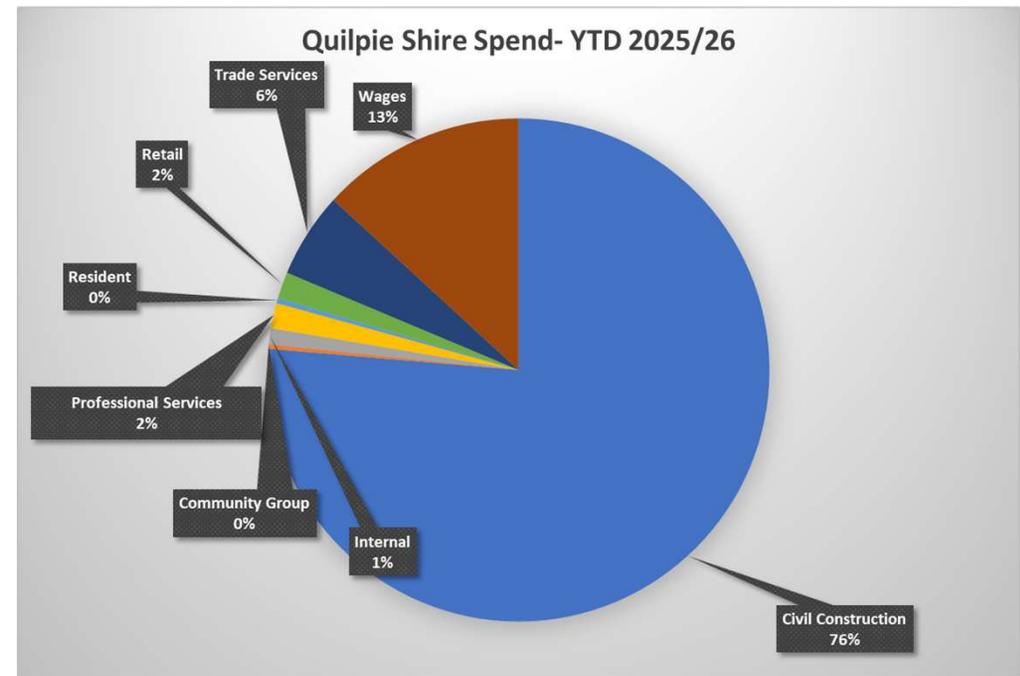
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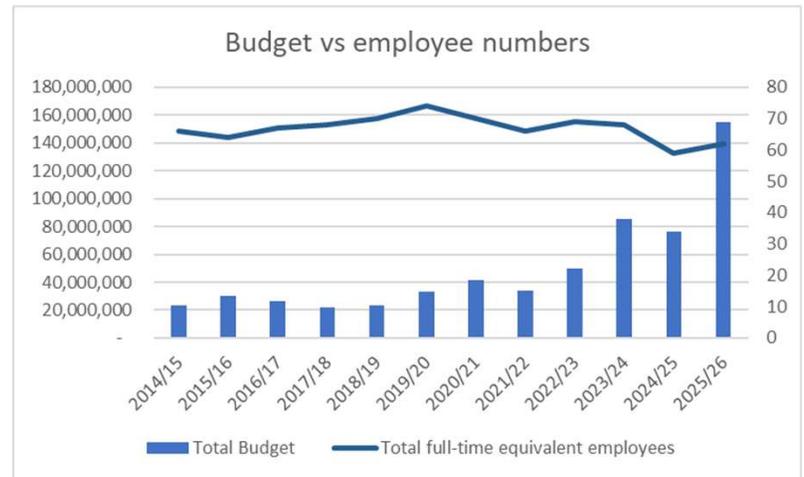
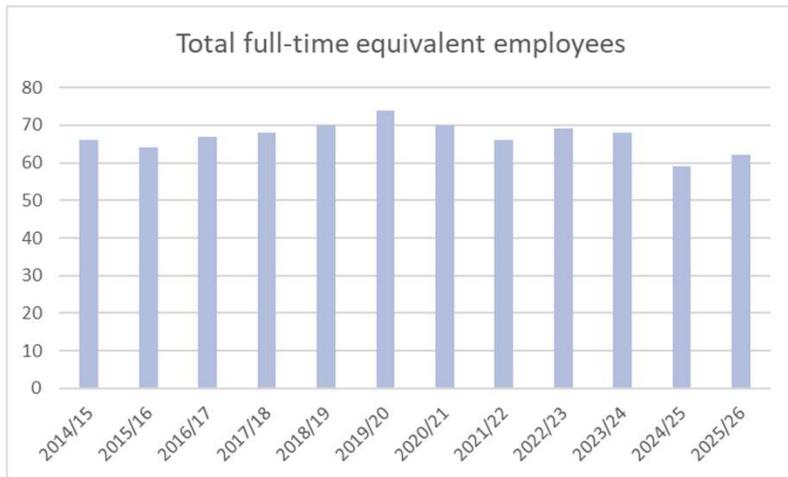
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# Employee Numbers

ADOPTED BUDGET - 2014/15 to 2025/26												
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>	16,174,185	22,863,997	19,474,760	15,657,765	15,567,298	23,403,639	32,617,728	27,826,000	29,641,500	48,177,487	37,239,108	107,772,584
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	7,097,000	7,393,895	7,255,200	6,331,000	7,825,000	9,750,500	8,694,912	6,388,000	19,815,000	37,011,004	38,958,860	47,095,234
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>23,271,185</b>	<b>30,257,892</b>	<b>26,729,960</b>	<b>21,988,765</b>	<b>23,392,298</b>	<b>33,154,139</b>	<b>41,312,640</b>	<b>34,214,000</b>	<b>49,456,500</b>	<b>85,188,491</b>	<b>76,197,968</b>	<b>154,867,818</b>
<b>Total full-time equivalent employees</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>62</b>



# Why Council uses consultants and contractors



NEED FOR SPECIALIST QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS OR EXPERIENCE FOR A SPECIFIC SERVICE WHERE PERMANENT/FULLTIME RESOURCES ARE NOT REQUIRED E.G. PLANNING, BUILDING, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



ADVANTAGEOUS TO COUNCIL FOR A SPECIFIC PROJECT OR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME



SHARES KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND BEST PRACTICE WITH OUR TEAMS



COST EFFECTIVE



TEMPORARY NEEDS ARE BETTER SUITED TO TEMPORARY SOLUTIONS WITHOUT ONGOING CONSEQUENCES OR COSTS

# Water Supply and Sewerage Reticulation

## Water supply reticulation lengths

- Quilpie - 13,830 metres
- Eromanga - 1,851 metres
- Adavale (non-potable supply) – approximately 2,600 metres
- Toompine (non-potable supply)

# Water Connections - 465 (plus 124 vacant)

## Sewerage reticulation lengths

- Quilpie - 12,783 metres
- Eromanga - 3,325 metres

# Sewerage Connections – 384 (plus 91 vacant)

# Water Operations

## REVENUE

Description	Actual 2018/19	Actual 2019/20	Actual 2020/21	Actual 2021/22	Actual 2022/23	Actual 2023/24	Actual 2024/25
Water Utility Charges	264,155	260,942	274,057	288,411	321,105	349,649	392,173
Water Charges Interest	1,171	1,573	2,149	1,920	2,917	3,433	3,929
Other Water Charges	19,400	3,240	0	0	105,000	0	0
Water Connections	0	520	0	525	0	0	1,146
Water Charges Discount	-22,458	-22,401	-23,915	-24,922	-27,858	-30,514	-34,080
Water Pensioner Remission	-6,271	-5,800	-5,381	-4,722	-5,522	-6,297	-6,879
Water Charges Writeoff and Refund	0	-21	-11	-247	-18	-29	-31
	<b>\$ 255,997</b>	<b>\$ 238,051</b>	<b>\$ 246,899</b>	<b>\$ 260,966</b>	<b>\$ 395,623</b>	<b>\$ 316,241</b>	<b>\$ 356,258</b>

## EXPENSES

Drinking Water Quality Plan	0	12,748	0	4,601	4,920	918	0
Water Operations	183,309	199,490	201,909	212,124	203,005	423,237	833,406
Depreciation	75,837	236,327	241,962	254,326	260,518	276,902	234,570
	<b>\$ 259,146</b>	<b>\$ 448,564</b>	<b>\$ 443,871</b>	<b>\$ 471,051</b>	<b>\$ 468,443</b>	<b>\$ 701,056</b>	<b>\$1,067,975</b>

## PROFIT/LOSS

	<b>-\$ 3,149</b>	<b>-\$ 210,513</b>	<b>-\$ 196,972</b>	<b>-\$ 210,085</b>	<b>-\$ 72,820</b>	<b>-\$ 384,815</b>	<b>-\$ 711,718</b>
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## COST RECOVERY

	<b>98.79%</b>	<b>53.07%</b>	<b>55.62%</b>	<b>55.40%</b>	<b>84.45%</b>	<b>45.11%</b>	<b>33.36%</b>
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# Sewerage Operations

## REVENUE

Description	Actual 2018/19	Actual 2019/20	Actual 2020/21	Actual 2021/22	Actual 2022/23	Actual 2023/24	Actual 2024/25
Sewerage Utility Charges	201,238	137,683	208,548	213,120	230,470	247,569	277,265
Sewerage Charges Interest	977	1,229	1,629	1,440	2,168	2,779	3,418
Connection Fees	0	0	0	530	0	578	578
Other Waste Charges	18,545	34,818	0	0	43,018	0	0
Sewerage Charges Discount	-17,112	-16,718	-18,148	-18,216	-19,745	-21,212	-23,911
Sewerage Pensioner Remission	-565	-375	-242	-441	-211	-732	-721
Sewerage Charges Writeoff and Refund	0	-12	-12	-208	-27	-35	-22
	<b>\$ 203,084</b>	<b>\$ 156,626</b>	<b>\$ 191,776</b>	<b>\$ 196,224</b>	<b>\$ 255,674</b>	<b>\$ 228,948</b>	<b>\$ 256,607</b>

## EXPENSES

Sewerage Operations	70,734	107,723	99,937	90,875	99,422	239,907	235,541
Depreciation	40,129	124,199	121,703	121,623	118,523	101,651	193,532
	<b>\$ 110,863</b>	<b>\$ 231,921</b>	<b>\$ 221,641</b>	<b>\$ 212,498</b>	<b>\$ 217,946</b>	<b>\$ 341,558</b>	<b>\$ 429,073</b>

## PROFIT/LOSS

	<b>\$ 92,221</b>	<b>-\$ 75,296</b>	<b>-\$ 29,865</b>	<b>-\$ 16,273</b>	<b>\$ 37,728</b>	<b>-\$ 112,610</b>	<b>-\$ 172,466</b>
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## COST RECOVERY

	<b>183%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>117%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>60%</b>
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# Waste Operations

## Quilpie Landfill

3 transfer stations (Adavale, Eromanga and Toompine)

<b>Waste Services</b>	<b>Properties serviced</b>
Waste Bin Collection 1 day/week	415
Waste Bin Collection 2 day/week	8
Waste Bin Collection 3 day/week	10
Add Bin Charge - One Day/Week	124
Add Bin Charge - Two Day/Week	27
Add Bin Charge - Three Days/Wk	17
Waste Management Levy	139
<b>Total</b>	<b>740</b>

# Waste Operations

## REVENUE

	Actual						
Description	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/24	2024/25
Garbage Utility Charges	227,761	224,694	238,477	265,564	320,727	378,539	419,474
Garbage Charges - Interest	881	1,427	2,160	2,175	3,137	4,076	5,236
Garbage Charges Discount	-19,525	-19,277	-20,797	-22,401	-26,774	-31,732	-35,716
Garbage Pensioner Remission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garbage Charges Writeoff and Reft	-0	-15	-12	-384	-49	-49	-67
Landfill Fees Revenue						1,500	827
	<b>\$ 209,118</b>	<b>\$ 206,829</b>	<b>\$ 219,827</b>	<b>\$ 244,954</b>	<b>\$ 297,041</b>	<b>\$ 352,334</b>	<b>\$ 389,755</b>

## EXPENSES

Garbage Operations	107,187	102,635	104,758	132,981	123,213	130,444	156,004
Kerbside Collection	0	0	0	0	9,763	0	0
Landfill Operations	123,825	232,655	200,451	218,815	348,154	284,279	316,491
Depreciation	4,577	4,815	4,815	1,018	17,037	16,727	19,246
	<b>\$ 235,590</b>	<b>\$ 340,104</b>	<b>\$ 310,023</b>	<b>\$ 352,814</b>	<b>\$ 498,166</b>	<b>\$ 431,450</b>	<b>\$ 491,742</b>

## PROFIT/ LOSS

**-\$ 26,472   -\$ 133,275   -\$ 90,196   -\$ 107,861   -\$ 201,126   -\$ 79,117   -\$ 101,987**

## COST RECOVERY

**88.76%   60.81%   70.91%   69.43%   59.63%   81.66%   79.26%**

# Looking Ahead

Preparing for the 2026 ABS Census (11 August 2026)

# ABS Census - 11 August 2026

Why is completing the census so important for our shire?

- Provides a comprehensive picture of the important data i.e. population, age, housing
- Accurate data informs the allocation of grant funding to Council (from Federal & State governments)
- Population data informs decision making for transport, schools, healthcare, infrastructure and business
- Helps plan local services and address changing needs

*Quality accurate data directly impacts the effectiveness of data-driven decisions.*

# Snap Send Solve

Something need fixing?

Need to report an issue?

**Help us to get things resolved!**



# Feedback / Questions