

# OUR SHIRE, OUR NEWS

JUNE 2026



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## Building Our Future: New Homes on the Way for Quilpie



Exciting progress is underway with the new access road cleared to support new rural residential development in Quilpie. Backed by the Crisafulli Government's \$2 billion Residential Activation Fund (RAF), these works are helping lay the foundations for more homes, stronger communities, and continued economic development in regional Queensland. The RAF is designed to fast-track critical infrastructure such as water, drainage, roads and power so that new housing

developments can proceed without delay.

The ground-turning event on 22 May 2026 was attended by the Minister for Local Government, Hon. Ann Leahy, along with Quilpie Councillors. The enabling works are a crucial first step in unlocking land and making it ready for residential development. For Quilpie Shire, this investment brings significant new opportunities.

The project is expected to:

- Support additional housing availability for residents and workers
- Boost local employment during construction
- Strengthen the Shire's ability to attract and retain families and businesses
- Provide a solid foundation for long-term regional growth

These works build on Council's ongoing commitment to addressing housing challenges locally and ensuring Quilpie remains a vibrant and welcoming place to live, work, and invest.

With a tender for the trunk infrastructure works set to be released in late June, the Quilpie community can look forward to seeing new housing opportunities emerge as this important infrastructure project progresses.

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## Mayor's Message

Hello everyone,

There's a lot to cover, so let's get straight into it.

Firstly — and in case you missed it — the Quilpie Shire Council has won the award for Outstanding Regional and Remote Council in Australia at the National Assembly of Councils Awards in Canberra on 24 June 2026. This recognition reflects our progress in delivering the Q1000 Strategy, our shire-wide plan to grow the population to 1,000 people. We are well on the way, with land and housing development continuing to support this goal.

I'm not usually one to place too much value on industry awards — we're not here for self-congratulation. But this award is different. It represents State and Federal recognition that Quilpie Shire is delivering on a clear vision and executing a plan that works. Things are moving quickly, and I encourage everyone across the shire to think about the commercial and economic opportunities this growth will bring. Now is the time to prepare and position yourselves to take advantage of what's coming.

### Major Projects Coming Up

Over the next three years, several major projects will roll out across the shire and region, including:

Eromanga Natural History Museum – Stage 3 (Council-led, starting early 2027 and finishing December 2027.)

Airport Redevelopment and Runway Upgrade (Start March 2027 and completion by September 2027.)

TMR Roadworks, culvert upgrades and South Comongin Crossing Upgrade (Mobilising July 2026 and completion by 30 June 2028.)

Rural Residential Estate Development (Start Late 2026 and completion dates to be confirmed.)

APA Bulloo Interlink Gas Pipeline Project (Start Mid 2027 and completion Mid 2028.)

Flood Recovery Works – Roads, Roads, Roads (Significant investment continuing across the shire with completion by 30 June 2027.)

Plus, we have a couple more announcements on the horizon. It's hard not to feel optimistic.

### Agriculture & Seasonal Outlook

Agricultural activity across the shire remains strong. With solid numbers of goats, wool, sheep, and cattle — and additional cattle expected from further west — we're heading toward another excellent spring and a busy run to the end of the year.

Tourism recovery is slow after a difficult start due to the fuel crisis. I encourage all operators to engage with the Visitor Information Centres from Roma west to Birdsville. Reach out, share your flyers, and promote your experiences on offer. They are eager for content, and even a simple email can help boost your visibility.

### Advocacy: Adavale–Blackall Road

Our top advocacy priority remains the sealing of the Adavale–Blackall Road. Council is working closely not only with our northern neighbours but also acknowledging the strong advocacy from Bulloo Shire on the Warri Gate Road. Together, we are supporting a united position to seal these key sections and build what is currently nicknamed the Western Enabling Network (WEN) — connecting Cairns to Adelaide and Sydney via Blackall, Adavale, and Thargomindah.

This network will deliver national, state, and most importantly local economic benefits, opening opportunities well into the future. We have the attention of both State and Federal representatives — now we need their backing.

### How You Can Help

Share our advocacy document with your corporate leaders, industry bodies, and even your bank manager. Help build momentum and demonstrate that Western Queensland is worth backing.

### Acknowledgements

It's been a busy period, and there's plenty more happening across the organisation. I want to thank my team — Deputy Mayor Volz, Cr Barnes, Cr Lander, Cr Milosevic, CEO Justin Hancock, and all council staff — for their hard work and dedication.

The seamless way we come together as a united team for the shire and community is evident in the outcomes we're delivering. Even when discussions are vigorous, the results speak for themselves. We appreciate the opportunity to lead what is now recognised as the most outstanding Remote Shire in Australia.

Thank you,

Cr Ben Hall, Mayor

# Make a Splash This September

## Quilpie Pool Gets Set for a Fresh New Season!



Significant upgrade works at the Quilpie Aquatic Centre have now been successfully completed during the pool's off-season, delivering a refreshed and revitalised facility for the community.

The comprehensive resurfacing project included works on the 25-metre swimming pool, 10-metre hydro pool, and the children's splash area, along with critical repairs to joints and drainage channels within the pool structure. These issues were identified through a detailed engineering inspection undertaken in 2024.

Delivered as part of Council's 2025-2026 Budget, the project has significantly improved the durability, safety, and long-term reliability of the Aquatic Centre for at least another ten years. It reflects Council's ongoing commitment to maintaining and enhancing essential community infrastructure, while supporting active and healthy lifestyles across the Shire.

With the upgrades now complete, the Quilpie Aquatic centre is looking better than ever and is ready to welcome residents and visitors alike for a fantastic new swimming season.

Council is looking forward to seeing everyone back at the pool this September for a fresh start to the season.

### For pool hours and more info:

- Check: Quilpie Shire Council website
- Call: (07) 4656 1201
- Email: quilpie@allaboutaquatics.com.au

## Local Volunteer Awarded Queensland Volunteer of the Year – Finalist

The Annual Queensland Volunteering Awards shine a spotlight on the selfless efforts, community spirit, and quiet determination that keep our state strong, connected, and compassionate.

One of our very own locals, Alina Graham, was awarded as a finalist for the Queensland Volunteer of the Year Award. The award is presented in honour of an individual who has made an exemplary voluntary contribution (over 5+ years) and who through their volunteering has made a significant impact towards Queensland's wellbeing.

Alina is a committed volunteer making a strong impact in regional Queensland. Since 2020, she has provided vital financial leadership as Treasurer of Quilpie Sport and Recreation Inc, supporting programs that keep a remote community healthy, connected, and inclusive. She volunteered as Treasurer of the Quilpie Bowls Club, strengthening local, community-run organisations.

Alongside this, Alina serves on the frontline with SES Quilpie, contributing to emergency response and recovery in a region regularly affected by floods and extreme weather. She takes on high responsibility, commits for the long term, and delivers real outcomes for her community. Congratulations Alina for the much deserved award.



# Big Steps Forward for Eromanga's Dinosaur Future!

Exciting news is roaring through our community, with Council taking another major step toward bringing the next stage of the Eromanga Natural History Museum (ENHM) to life!

Following a procurement process, Council has awarded the Stage 3 Design and Project Management contract to Architectus Australia Pty Ltd. Their submission stood out from the field, achieving the highest overall score and demonstrating outstanding value for money, strong technical capability, and a clear understanding of our region's vision.

This milestone marks the next chapter in what has already been an incredible journey for the ENHM. With Stages 1 and 2 completed in recent years, the museum has quickly become a cornerstone of outback tourism and local pride.

What's coming next in Stage 3?

The upcoming expansion promises something truly special for visitors of all ages, including:

- Six brand-new gallery spaces, designed to showcase the wonders of prehistoric Australia
- A spectacular Grand Dinosaur Gallery, home to a life-sized model of *Australotitan cooperensis* - Australia's largest dinosaur ever discovered
- A dedicated children's gallery, creating hands-on learning opportunities for young explorers
- A new dig pit and seating area, perfect for interactive experiences which was recently completed
- An expanded entry pavilion and pathways, making the museum more accessible and welcoming
- Improved connectivity throughout the site, allowing visitors to move seamlessly through one integrated museum experience

The project is supported by funding from the Australian Government's Growing Regions Program, alongside contributions from Council and the Outback Gondwana Foundation. It reflects a shared commitment to investing in local infrastructure, tourism growth, and economic development.

Most importantly, it represents another step forward for Eromanga, celebrating our unique natural history while creating opportunities for future generations.





# VAST Television Transition Grant Program DELAYED

Please be advised that the VAST Television Transition Grant Program has been delayed and will now commence on 1 August 2026. This is a result of supplier advice due to ongoing supply chain challenges with sourcing hardware. Please note that the grant program will be released with a new set of Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) in August.

For the most up-to-date information on the Television Transition Grant Program, please visit the QSC website:  
[https://quilpie.qld.gov.au/community/  
vast-television-transition-grant/](https://quilpie.qld.gov.au/community/vast-television-transition-grant/)



We apologise for any inconvenience, and please direct any enquiries to the Community and Business Team

# Grow Your Career at Council

## Why Join Us?

At Quilpie Shire Council, you'll find more than just a job. You will find the opportunity to create the life you want to live. Here, work-life balance isn't just something we talk about; it's part of our culture. With short commutes, supportive colleagues, and leaders who genuinely care about your wellbeing, you'll have more time to spend with family and friends, pursue your interests, and enjoy everything our community has to offer. From our annual Wellbeing Week and health initiatives to a workplace where people look out for one another, we believe that when our team thrives, our community does too.

Living and working in Quilpie means becoming part of a connected and welcoming community where people know each other by name and lend a hand when it's needed. The Outback lifestyle offers endless opportunities to unwind and explore, whether it's fishing on the Bulloo River, enjoying Lake Houdraman, camping beneath star-filled skies, or discovering the region's natural beauty on foot, horseback, or bike. It's a place where children enjoy a true country upbringing and where strong community connections are part of everyday life.

Working with Council also means making a meaningful difference. The services, infrastructure, and projects we deliver help power our community, and you'll see firsthand the impact of your work. You'll work alongside a dedicated, down-to-earth team that takes pride in achieving great outcomes for Quilpie, solving challenges creatively, and continually improving the way we service our residents. Every day brings opportunities to contribute to projects that matter and help shape the future of our region.

Whether you're looking for a long-term career or an opportunity to broaden your experience, Quilpie Shire Council offers room to grow. We foster a culture of learning, development, and excellence, where employees are encouraged to build new skills, take on challenges, and make their roles their own. Despite being a small council, we have big ambitions and a strong track record of achievement. Join us and enjoy the rare combination of a rewarding career, genuine community connection, and an exceptional Outback lifestyle.

## Our Values

### Fun & Humour

We take our work and responsibilities seriously, but not ourselves. That's because we believe a workplace with genuine humour and joy makes the tough days easier and the good days better. We think of it as our secret ingredient that sees colleagues become team mates.

### Respect

We treat each other with respect regardless of status. We act professionally, support each other and our organisation, and together, we celebrate our successes with understated pride.

### Communication

We share information and knowledge with each other in an open, clear and timely manner. We actively and empathetically listen to each other, seek to understand and embrace robust conversations. We aim for constructive debate rather than criticism.

### Pride

We have pride in ourselves, our organisation and the workplace. We strive to deliver high-quality work and innovative programs and services to our communities.

### Trust

We treat people with integrity, respect and empathy to build and maintain positive relationships. Trust in our workplace promotes confidence that the organisation and colleagues care about you and respect your knowledge and what you stand for.

### Teamwork

We are one organisation across all functions and locations within the Shire. We work towards a common goal through cooperation and teamwork.

## Your Benefits Package

- Maximise your take - home pay with salary packaging options for rent, novated car leases and more
- 8 weeks paid parental leave\*
- 2 weeks paid partner (parental) leave\*
- 5 weeks annual leave for all full-time staff\*
- 15 days sick leave for all full-time staff\*
- Access to long service leave after 7 years\*
- A nine-day fortnight option for all full-time staff (excluding ELT)
- Employee Assistance Program - access free, unlimited and confidential 24-hour support for you and your immediate family
- Subsidised wellbeing program - includes subsidised gym membership or pool aquatic program access, and free staff social functions each year. Your immediate family members are most welcome, too!
- Free annual health checks. This includes skin checks, hearing checks and consultations with a variety of rotating specialists (for example, podiatrists, optometrists, dietitians and musculoskeletal health specialists)
- Extensive training and professional development opportunities, and a culture where you're encouraged to succeed
- Annual staff fundraising initiative

# Current Vacancies

## Community Recovery Rebuild Support Officer (CRRSO)

Support long-term recovery and resilience of disaster affected communities following the Western Queensland surface Trough and Associated rainfall and flooding (March 2025 - May 2025).

**Job Type:** Fixed Term, Full-time

**Salary:** \$95,693.52 - \$102,518.52

**Job Category:** Community Services

**Closing Date:** 31/12/2026

## Community Recovery Resilience Officer (CRRRO)

Support long-term recovery and resilience of disaster affected communities following the Western Queensland surface Trough and Associated rainfall and flooding (March 2025 - May 2025).

**Job Type:** Fixed Term, Full-time

**Salary:** \$95,693.52 - \$102,518.52

**Job Category:** Community Services

**Closing Date:** 31/12/2026

## Concretor

Deliver high quality concrete works that support the construction and maintenance of essential community infrastructure.

**Job Type:** Permanent, Full-time

**Salary:** \$68,574.48 + applicable allowances

**Job Category:** Infrastructure Services

**Closing Date:** 31/12/2026

## Labourer (Structures and Concrete)

Play a key role in delivering and maintaining infrastructure that keeps our community safe, connected, and thriving.

**Job Type:** Permanent, Full-time

**Salary:** \$68,000.00 + applicable allowances

**Job Category:** General Labouring

**Closing Date:** 31/12/2026

## Labourer (Town Services)

Play a crucial role in the upkeep and improvement of community assets, including streetscapes, parks, public facilities, and town infrastructure.

**Job Type:** Permanent, Full-time

**Salary:** \$65,589.16 + applicable allowances

**Job Category:** Infrastructure Services

**Closing Date:** 31/12/2026

## Multi-skilled Plant Operator (Roller)

As a Multi-Skilled Plant Operator at Quilpie Shire Council, you will be instrumental in building and maintaining the roads that connect our vibrant community.

**Job Type:** Permanent, Full-time

**Salary:** \$68,574.48 + applicable allowances

**Job Category:** Infrastructure Services

**Closing Date:** 31/12/2026

## Plumber

As a Plumber, you will be pivotal to ensuring Quilpie Shire's reliable water and sewerage systems.

**Job Type:** Permanent, Full-time

**Salary:** \$68,574.48 + applicable allowances

**Job Category:** Infrastructure Services

**Closing Date:** 31/12/2026

## Procurement and Stores Officer

As our Procurement and Stores Officer at Quilpie Shire Council, you will support procurement activities, stores operations and the delivery of essential resources across the organisation.

**Job Type:** Permanent, Full-time

**Salary:** \$72,615.66 - \$84,169.54

**Job Category:** Corporate Services

**Closing Date:** 13/07/2026

## Meet Billy!

Billy Russell is proof that it's never too late to begin a career with Quilpie Shire Council. From a mature-age Apprentice Plumber to a Work Health and Safety Officer, Billy has continually seized opportunities to learn, upskill and make his role his own. Now raising a family in the community he grew up in, Billy is making a real, hands-on difference for Quilpie and his career.

"I'd been looking to joining the Council, so I started as a mature-age Apprentice Plumber. They put me through my Certificate III in Plumbing & Gas and Certificate III in Water Operations. This place is really good like that - they're always happy to put you through any training you need for the job. After four years, I was signed off and got a full-time position."

Billy soon stepped up to Acting Supervisor for the Plumbing crew and became an active work health and safety champion amongst the team.

Recognised for his commitment, Billy was encouraged to progress further. He completed a Council-funded Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety, and became our WHS Officer.





**Quilpie has a new service for visitors to the region.**

From 1 July, a range of 4WD vehicles will be available for hire based out of Quilpie Airport.



*In conjunction with Quilpie Shire Council, Outback Car Hire has been established to fill a gap in the market for both business and leisure travellers.*

**BOOK NOW:**  
**[www.Outbackcarhire.au](http://www.Outbackcarhire.au)**

**Outback Car Hire  
Quilpie Airport**

e: [bookings@outbackcars.au](mailto:bookings@outbackcars.au)  
m: [0447 089 873](tel:0447089873)

# Respect the Signs

## Don't Speed Through Roadworks

Roadworks are an essential part of maintaining and improving the infrastructure that keeps our communities connected. While these works can occasionally cause delays, they are undertaken by dedicated Council staff who work hard to ensure our roads remain safe, accessible, and reliable for residents, visitors, businesses, and emergency services.

Behind every roadwork site are valued members of our community. Our road workers are friends, neighbours, parents, children, and volunteers. Each day, they work in challenging conditions and often only metres from moving traffic to maintain the roads and infrastructure that support life across the Quilpie Shire.

Their work is vital, but their safety depends on more than the measures in place at a work site; it relies on the cooperation and awareness of every road user. The importance of slowing down in roadwork zones cannot be overstated. What may seem like a small increase in speed can have serious consequences.

A vehicle travelling at the posted 40 km/h roadwork speed limit requires around 26 metres to stop, while a vehicle travelling at 100 km/h requires approximately 98 metres. That is a difference of 72 metres; almost the length of three road trains parked end-to-end.

For our road crews, those extra metres can mean the difference between a safe day at work and a devastating incident. By slowing down, remaining alert, and following the directions of traffic controllers and worksite signage, motorists help create a safer environment for everyone on and around our roads.

As a community, we all have a role to play in looking after one another. Every roadwork site is someone's workplace, and every worker deserves to return home safely to their loved ones at the end of the day. Together, we can help make that happen by showing patience, respect, and care whenever we travel through roadwork zones.



## LGW People and Safety Conference

Mike Castles, our WHS Specialist, attended the LGW People and Safety Conference as a guest speaker.

Mike joined a panel discussion on "Strategies to Optimise Safety in Local Government", alongside Sam McPherson Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Lynette Allen-Barker & David Browning from Maranoa Regional Council. The discussion explored key aspects of workplace health and safety, including:

- WHS audit preparation
- Effective audit processes
- The benefits of audits for organisations
- Compliance requirements
- Continual improvement strategies

The conference explored valuable insights into how local governments can strengthen their safety culture, enhance compliance, and drive continuous improvement across their organisations.

A big thank you to LGW for the opportunity to contribute to these importance conversations and share practical experiences with industry peers.






# OUTBACK CAR HIRE LAUNCH

Join Quilpie Shire Council in welcoming Outback Car Hire to the community.

 **Quilpie Airport Terminal**


 **Monday, 6 July 2026**

 **5:00 PM**

Enjoy light refreshments and celebrate this exciting new local service.

Everyone is welcome



 For enquiries: (07) 4656 0500



# Managing Your Property Rates

Are you having difficulty paying your rates? Sometimes circumstances make it hard to pay rates by the due date.

If you can't pay the total amount of your rate notice by the due date, please contact Council to discuss your situation and make a suitable payment arrangement.

A payment arrangement will provide you more time to pay and help you get back on track, and avoid debt recovery procedures.

The terms of a payment arrangement will vary based on the individual circumstances of each property owner and may need to be considered by Council in certain circumstances.

If an arrangement is not made, and full payment of rates is not received by the date shown on the rates notice, the overdue rates will attract interest compounded daily. Reminder letters are issued twice after each levy.

Council may select properties that have any part of their overdue rates and charges remaining unpaid for at least:

- Three (3) years: or
- One (1) year for vacant land or land used only for commercial purposes; or
- Three (3) months for a mining claim

and issue the ratepayer(s) of those properties with a Letter of Demand. This letter will request the ratepayer(s) to finalise the outstanding balance or enter into an appropriate payment plan

No further action is taken if payment is made in full or the ratepayer enters into and maintains their approved payment commitment.

Please contact Council on 4656 0500 if you are experiencing difficulty paying your rates to discuss options for a payment arrangement.

## Meet Quilpie's Newest Homeowners

Adam joined Council in 2011 and today serves as our Concrete and Structures Supervisor. He and his partner Kait have been long-term contributors to our community, and their story reflects the positive change happening across our Shire.

On 12 December 2025, the Local Government Legislation (Empowering Councils) Amendment Regulation 2025 came into effect. This important reform gives local governments the autonomy to decide how to dispose of valuable non-current assets, without requiring state intervention. It's a practical shift that recognises councils are best placed to make decisions for their own regions.

In January 2026, our Council became one of the first in Queensland to use this new legislative power, making a sound and transparent decision to dispose of the home Adam and Kait were renting. This decision directly supports Council's Q1000 goal to grow our

population and expand home ownership opportunities.

Since 2021, Council has constructed 22 new homes valued at \$15 million, and, more importantly, has disposed of 6 homes to support home ownership and strengthen service delivery, with an additional property to be transferred in 2026.

We extend our thanks to our local member, Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers Ann Leahy and Director-General Bronwyn Blagov for cutting red tape and empowering councils to make the decisions that matter most to their communities.

Building stronger regions starts with giving local people the chance to put down roots. Adam and Kait's story is just one example of what that empowerment makes possible.



## Great News for Quilpie Airport Terminal Building!

We're excited to share that we have successfully secured funding of \$150,000 to upgrade accessibility at the Quilpie Airport terminal under the Disability Standards Upgrade Program, managed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR).

## Practical Improvements for Our Community

A consultant has been recently appointed to assist in identifying achievable, cost-effective upgrades that make a real difference, including:

- Delivering compliance improvements where practical without major structural rebuilds
- Making the most of the existing terminal layout to enhance accessibility
- Designing solutions that are fit-for-purpose in a regional context

Potential upgrades could include:

- Improved drop-off and access areas for safer, more convenient entry
- Better pathways and ramps to support mobility for all users
- Clearer signage and wayfinding for easier navigation throughout the terminal
- Upgraded accessible amenities, including improvements to the public facilities

## A Better Experience for Everyone

This project will deliver enhancements to provide a welcoming and accessible gateway to Quilpie, supporting residents, travellers, and essential air services.

Council will soon move into the design phase, with more updates to come as the project progresses.

## Ready for Take-Off: Major Quilpie Aerodrome Upgrade Moves Ahead

Quilpie Shire Council is excited to announce the next step in a major infrastructure project that will strengthen connectivity, safety, and future growth across the region, with tenders now open for the Quilpie Aerodrome Upgrade.

Council is inviting submissions from experienced Principal Contractors for works that will deliver a significant upgrade to the Quilpie Airport. The project includes reconstruction and surfacing of the main runway, taxiway and apron, along with ancillary works such as a new refuelling area within the aerodrome.

Tender Documents have been available via VendorPanel since 19 May 2026, with submissions closing at 2:00PM on Thursday, 25 June 2026.

Together, these upgrades will play a critical role in ensuring safer, more efficient, and more reliable airport operations. For regional communities like Quilpie, investment in aerodrome infrastructure is essential to maintaining vital air access for residents, businesses, and services. It also strengthens the region's ability to remain connected, particularly during emergencies or disaster events.

This upgrade forms part of Council's broader vision to deliver long-term infrastructure that supports economic development, tourism, and liveability across the Shire. As this project prepares for take-off, it marks another important step in building a stronger, more connected future for Quilpie, ensuring the region remains well-positioned to meet future opportunities.



## Become a Community Field Officer – 2026 Census

Do you have experience working with people who have a range of different needs? Community Field Officer jobs are now available in locations all over Australia.

As a Community Field Officer, you'll support people from all cultures and communities to participate in the Census. You'll help people in-person, providing information about the Census. This may include running Census Pop-up Hubs, information sessions or Fill-in-Form sessions.

Census data helps governments, not-for-profits and businesses make important decisions that directly impact local communities. It used to help plan local services for individuals, families, and communities. It is vital that everyone in Australia participates in the Census.

Community Field Officer jobs are temporary with flexible hours across weekdays, evenings and weekends.

To apply, visit [census.abs.gov.au/jobs](https://census.abs.gov.au/jobs)



# Quilpie Shire Council Updates

## Outback & Onwards: Quilpie Shire at the 2026 LGAQ Bush Councils Convention

More than 150 mayors, councillors, CEOs and State Ministers gathered in Longreach from 26 to 28 May for the 2026 LGAQ Bush Councils Convention, themed Outback & Onwards: Today & Every Day. Quilpie Shire was represented by Mayor Ben Hall, Deputy Mayor Roger Volz, Cr Lyn Barnes and CEO Justin Hancock.

First held in Longreach in 2013, the biennial convention has grown into one of the most significant gatherings for rural and remote local government in Queensland. LGAQ President, Mayor Matt Burnett, said the convention brings councils together in a spirit of cooperation to tackle the issues that matter most to bush communities, while LGAQ CEO Alison Smith said the program of expert speakers and panel discussions was designed to drive better outcomes for members and their communities.

Over three days, delegates worked through topics including infrastructure, water security, biosecurity, freight, fuel, regional economic development and insurance. Mayor Hall took part in the Day Two freight panel, putting forward Quilpie's case on the Adavale-Blackall Road directly to State Government representatives, and the program also gave Council the chance to hear from Ministers and Directors-General on portfolios with direct relevance to the Shire. Councillors were also able to meet directly with Minister Dale Last to discuss the ongoing impacts of the Lake Eyre Basin Legislation and the importance of the resource sector to the Shire, whether it be oil, gas or opals.

Council extends its thanks to both the LGAQ and Longreach Regional Council for hosting another excellent event.

## Bringing it all Home to Quilpie

Events like the Bush Councils Convention are a valuable investment in Quilpie's future. The connections made and the issues raised on the Shire's behalf help Council advocate more effectively, particularly on resources and infrastructure matters that affect our community every day.

## National Recognition for Quilpie Shire Council

Quilpie Shire Council was honoured to be recognised as the 2026 National Award Recipient for Outstanding Rural and Remote Council.

This prestigious award acknowledges the success of the Q1000 Regional Growth Initiative, a long-term, community-led strategy focused on enhancing liveability, supporting economic growth and securing a sustainable future for the region.

Developed through extensive community consultation, the Q1000 Initiative reflects a shared vision for a thriving Shire with a population of around 1,000 people. The initiative aims to support a strong and vibrant community, prosperous local businesses, sustainable essential services, and active community organisations.

In recent years, a number of key projects and initiatives have been delivered under the Q1000 framework, including:

- The \$20,000 Home Owner Grant, which attracted national and international interest
- A \$15 million investment delivering 22 new homes for essential workers
- Pathways to home ownership for Council employees and local families
- Commencement of construction on a 30-lot rural residential estate, with planning underway for an additional 30-lot residential subdivision
- The proposed development of a new 60-place childcare centre to support local families and workforce participation

This recognition reflects not only the progress achieved through the Q1000 Initiative, but also the strength of collaboration between Council and our community. It highlights the value of a shared vision and a collective commitment to the future of Quilpie Shire.

Quilpie Shire Council acknowledges and thanks the residents, businesses, community organisations, staff and elected for their ongoing contribution to building a resilient, prosperous and sustainable Shire.





**Quilpie Shire Council**

**CWA Hall  
17 Brolga St**

# After School Program

**MONDAYS  
3:30PM - 4:30PM**

**YEARS  
5/9**

**CRAFT  
ACTIVITIES  
COME AND HAVE SOME FUN  
AND BE CREATIVE  
FRUIT SNACK PROVIDED**

**Contact:  
Michelle Donohue  
MOB 0427 243 055**

*Sessions will not be held during school  
holidays*



# Your Council in Action: June Update



## Major Flood Damage Contract Awarded

Council has awarded RFQL 39 25-26 Flood Damage Old Thargomindah and Kiandra Road Package to S.A Travers and S.L Travers for \$1,923,723.00 (inc. GST). This contract will restore flood-damaged sections of Old Thargomindah and Kiandra Roads, continuing Council's commitment to repairing the shire's road network following the March 2025 flood event.

## Pool Management Contract Awarded

Council has awarded the T12 25-26 Quilpie Swimming Pool Management contract to LeisureSafe for a four-year period valued at \$1,400,058.00 (inc. GST). LeisureSafe was assessed as providing the most advantageous offer, demonstrating value for money, a professional approach to service delivery, and extensive aquatic industry expertise. The award ensures Quilpie's pool continues to be managed by a highly experienced operator for seasons to come.

## Golf Club Community Assistance Grant Approved

Council has approved a Community Assistance Grant for the Quilpie Golf Club Inc to support the 2026 Quilpie Open Golf Weekend, scheduled for 14–16 August 2026. The grant includes a direct cash contribution of \$5,000.00 (inc. GST) and in-kind support comprising a skip bin, eight wheelie bins, a small bus hire waiver, 10 tables, 100 chairs, and a generator. The event is an established annual fixture that attracted over 180 nominations in 2025 and is run entirely by volunteers.

## New Vehicles for Council Fleet

Council has approved the purchase of two new vehicles as part of the 2025/26 Plant Replacement program. A mid-size SUV was awarded to Sedilli Pty Ltd T/A Southwest Ford for \$41,789.00 (inc. GST), with a trade-in accepted for \$10,000.00. A new 4WD wagon was also awarded to the same supplier for \$85,001.00 (inc. GST), with a trade-in accepted for \$30,000.00. Both vehicles were procured through VendorPanel Marketplace.

## Leasehold Land Subdivision Supported

Council has advised the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development that it has no objection to a proposed subdivision of leasehold land at Lot 17 CP900517 and Lot 1 WLA15.

## Development Application Approved

Council has approved a development application to reconfigure one lot into two lots at 17 Buln Buln Street, Quilpie. The proposal is consistent with the Quilpie Shire Planning Scheme and approval was granted subject to conditions addressing servicing, engineering standards, and amenity protection.

## Delegations Register Reviewed

Council completed its annual review of the Delegations Register, re-adopting the Combined Instrument of Delegation from Council to the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to the Local Government Act 2009 (Qld).

## Privacy and Data Breach Policies Updated

Council has adopted an updated G.12 Personal Information Privacy Policy (Version 6, 2026) and a new G.124 Data Breach Policy ahead of mandatory data breach notification obligations taking effect for local government from 1 July 2026. These updates ensure Council meets its obligations under the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld) as amended, including new Queensland Privacy Principles and requirements to notify affected individuals and the Information Commissioner of eligible data breaches.

## Procurement Policy Updated

Council has adopted a revised F.05 Procurement Policy, effective 1 July 2026, reflecting increased contracting thresholds introduced by the Local Government Legislation (Empowering Councils) Amendment Regulation 2025, which commenced in December 2025.

# Your Council in Action: June Update

## House Sale Rescinded

Council rescinded Resolution QSC234-10-25, which had awarded the sale and removal of the house at 49 Boonkai Street to Kene Excavations for \$85,000.00. The rescission was granted on the grounds that the tenderer failed to pay the purchase price and did not respond to Council's formal demand. The Chief Executive Officer has been authorised to dispose of the property through a new procurement process.

## Audit Committee Deputy Chair Approved

Council has appointed Mr Ian Stacey as Deputy Chairperson of the Audit Committee for the remainder of the current term, expiring 31 July 2028, following a nomination supported at the Audit Committee meeting of 9 June 2026.

## Amended 2025/26 Budget Adopted

Council has adopted an amended budget for 2025/26, including revised financial statements, a long-term financial forecast, measures of financial sustainability, the Revenue Policy, and the Revenue Statement. The amended budget is available on the Council website.

## Audit Committee Deputy Chair Approved

Council accepted the response from Grant Daniel and Long Pty Ltd trading as Nutrien Harcourts GDL for RFQM 13 25-26 — Online Auction of Replaced and Redundant Plant and Equipment. The Chief Executive Officer has been delegated authority to negotiate and execute all matters associated with the auction, including the confirmation of reserve prices.



## Council opposes Federal Disaster Funding Changes

Council has formally opposed proposed changes to the Federal Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), which would shift to a 50/50 Commonwealth–State cost-sharing model. The current arrangement sees Queensland receive approximately 64–65 cents in every dollar of disaster recovery funding from the Commonwealth. Council will write to the Prime Minister and relevant Commonwealth ministers opposing the changes and will promote the community petition at [listen2qld.com/disaster-funding](https://listen2qld.com/disaster-funding) during the two-month consultation period. Community members are encouraged to add their voice.

# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & SENIORS PROGRAM

# JUL 2026

**MON**

## **WHEELIE WIGGLE WALK**

10:30 AM | MEET AT GYRICA GARDENS MPC

**TUE**

## **CRAFT & CHAT**

2:00 PM | GYRICA GARDENS MPC

**WED**

## **SEATED EXERCISES**

10:30 AM | GYRICA GARDENS MPC

**THU**

## **HEALTHY MINDS**

2:00PM | GYRICA GARDENS MPC



FOR MORE INFO : MICHELLE DONOHUE  
HEALTH PROMOTIONS OFFICER  
PHONE 4656 0500 MOBILE 0427 243 055



# Be the Person We Need In Emergencies!

Queensland Fire Department is actively seeking interested people to join our Auxiliary Firefighter crew in Quilpie.

Auxiliary Firefighters are casual, on-call firefighters who respond to emergency situations when needed.

Our Auxiliary Firefighters respond to a wide variety of emergency incidents, including structural and environmental fires, road accident rescue, swift water rescue, technical rescue, and deliver community education, just to name a few.

As a member of the QFD team, you will be an integral part of the front-line emergency and disaster response in Queensland.

Your role is crucial to protecting Queensland's people, property, and environment from harm. You'll have the opportunity to give back to your community and get paid to make a difference.

Anyone who is currently an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident, who has held a manual C-class Driver's Licence for at least a year and is at least 18 years of age, can be an Auxiliary Firefighter.

You also need to have or be eligible for a Blue Card. We understand that everyone has different schedules, and we will work with you to make it manageable.

To find out more information contact the **Area Commander Caine Warburton** on **0428 983 560**.

## Become an On-Call Paid Firefighter

**Contact your local Fire Station**

**Quilpie Fire & Rescue Station**  
0428 983 560

*For more information*

Q auxiliary firefighter

[fire.qld.gov.au](http://fire.qld.gov.au)



# FAQ: Auxiliary Firefighter Recruitment in Quilpie

## Are you ready to step up and make a difference in your community?

Joining the Queensland Fire Department (QFD) as an Auxiliary Firefighter is a rewarding way to help protect Quilpie while gaining valuable skills and being part of a dedicated team.

Here's everything you need to know about the role.

### 1. What does an auxiliary firefighter do?

Auxiliary Firefighters are casual, station-based firefighters who respond to emergency situations when the demand arises. As a member of our team, you will be an integral part of the front-line emergency and disaster response in Queensland.

Whether you're called to help handle a bushfire emergency, house on fire, or rescue people from a traffic crash – your role is crucial to protecting Queensland's people, property and environment from harm. You'll have the opportunity to give back to your community and earn a respected place amongst your peers.

You'll need to be able to respond when require, up for dealing with intense and sometimes confronting situations – as you negotiate a variety of emergency and non-urgent situations, including: structural and vegetation fires, road crash rescues, swift water, technical rescue and community education, just to name a few.

### 2. How much time will I need to commit?

The role is designed to be flexible and fit around your existing work and family commitments. You'll need to:

- be available for emergency call-outs when required.
- attend regular training sessions held on Wednesday nights at 5.30pm
- participate in occasional community events or fire safety programs.

We understand that everyone has different schedules, and we'll work with you to make it manageable.

### 3. Do I need prior experience?

No prior experience is necessary! We provide all the training you need to become a confident and capable Auxiliary firefighter. Training includes:

- firefighting techniques
- rescue operations
- emergency response procedures
- safety and equipment use



## 4. Have I got what it takes?

The role of Auxiliary Firefighter requires outstanding physical, mental and emotional strength. In responding to an emergency, your job may require:

- periods of intense and sustained physical activity
- work in confined spaces and with poor visibility
- hot and humid working environments
- wearing of breathing apparatus and protective clothing
- challenging situations, including dealing with casualties.

To ensure successful performance within these conditions, we require our Auxiliary Firefighters to possess good levels of physical fitness, dexterity and mental strength, along with a powerful commitment to their role and the community.

## 4. What are the eligibility requirements?

Before you apply to become an Auxiliary Firefighter, you **MUST** meet the following criteria:

- manual C class driver licence held for at least 1 year OR manual medium rigid driver licence
- minimum of 18 years of age at the commencement of paid employment
- successful completion of year 10 or equivalent
- Australian/New Zealand citizen or permanent residence status
- employer's written consent to attend incidents and emergencies (where applicable).

To be considered for a role, you must live within a reasonable distance to an Auxiliary Fire Station to ensure compliance with response time targets.

## 5. What are the benefits of joining?

Becoming an auxiliary firefighter offers many rewards, including:

- **Making a Difference:** Help protect your family, friends, and neighbours.
- **Learning New Skills:** Gain professional training and experience in firefighting and emergency response.
- **Being Part of a Team:** Join a supportive and close-knit group of people who share your passion for helping others.
- **Flexibility:** Auxiliary firefighting is designed to fit around your existing work or personal commitments.

## 6. How do I apply or contact to find out more information?

It's easy to get started! Here's how:

- Visit [www.fire.gov.au](http://www.fire.gov.au) to learn more and complete the online application form.
- Contact the **Charleville Area Commander** on **0428 983 560** if you have any questions or need assistance.

## 7. What if I'm not sure if this is right for me?

That's okay! Contact us for a chat. We're happy to answer your questions and help you decide if auxiliary firefighting is the right fit for you.

## 8. What is the recruitment process like?

The selection process

- Submit application form
- Aptitude/general cognitive assessments
- Physical assessments
- Interview
- Medical assessment
- Referee reports
- Criminal history check
- Psychological assessment
- Offer of employment

We will undertake a check on your criminal history. Note that past offences will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may or may not affect the success of your application.

We take the safety of children extremely seriously and having a workforce of blue card holders demonstrates to our communities that we will always strive to uphold our values and conduct ourselves at the highest standard possible.

All staff employed under the Fire Services Act 1990 are required to hold a blue card. You will need to provide evidence of either a current blue card or be eligible to apply for a blue card in applying for this position. \*If you are a disqualified person or a negative notice holder, you are not eligible to apply for a blue card. Contact Blue Card Services on 1800 113 611 to discuss your eligibility options.

## 9. Can I still apply if I have a full-time job or other commitments?

Yes! Auxiliary firefighting is designed to be flexible. Many of our auxiliary firefighters balance the role with full-time jobs, family responsibilities, or other commitments.

**AGE 10-16  
YEARS**

**CWA HALL  
17 BROLGA ST**



# **YOUTH GROUP**

**3:15PM - 4:45PM  
WEDNESDAY**

**INDOOR & OUTDOOR  
ACTIVITIES**

**FRUIT SNACK PROVIDED**

CONTACT:  
MICHELLE DONOHUE  
MOB 0427243055

**SESSIONS WILL NOT BE HELD  
DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**



# In Brief

## AusAlert

AusAlert is a fast and reliable way to help communities be informed and better prepared during local and national emergencies.

AusAlert gives the Australian Government and state and territory emergency services organisations the ability to send national or local alerts about disasters. These could be natural hazards such as bushfires, floods, cyclones and tsunamis, or events like public health emergencies, security threats or biosecurity incidents.

## AusAlert National Test

On Monday 27 July 2026, an AusAlert test message will be sent to all compatible mobile devices in Australia. You may receive a test alert on your mobile phone, tablet or smart watch.

The AusAlert National Test will be sent at 2:00pm AEST.

For more information, visit [ausalert.gov.au](http://ausalert.gov.au)

## Stronger Homes Grants

If your home was inundated by a program-eligible event, you may be eligible for up to \$10,000 to improve your home's flood resilience. Choose from 11 practical strategies, like raising services or replacing damaged floors and walls with resilient materials. Improving your home's flood resilience will make it easier to recover from future flooding.

Please note, the program has been extended with the new closing date for applications now being 30 November 2026. The Stronger Homes Grant is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments through the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

For more information, visit [www.qld.gov.au/strongerhomesgrant](http://www.qld.gov.au/strongerhomesgrant)

## Bulloo Interlink Pipeline

APA is proposing to construct the Bulloo Interlink (BIL) pipeline to connect the South West Queensland Pipeline, in Queensland to the Moomba to Wilton Pipeline, in New South Wales. This project aims to enhance energy security and support Australia's growing energy needs by increasing gas capacity in southern markets.

The buried pipeline, (approximately 339km), will provide a more direct route for natural gas to travel from Australia's northern production areas to southern markets.

This new direct connection eliminates the need for additional compression stations and allows natural gas to flow more efficiently, while increasing capacity and reducing energy losses and carbon emissions.

For more information, visit [apa.com.au](http://apa.com.au)

## Doctors Roster

- 23 June to 29 June - No Doctor
- 30 June to 12 July - Dr Geoff Cox
- 14 July to 27 July - Dr Ben Vogelzang
- 28 July - 10 August - Dr Max Higgs

Although there is no doctor from 23 June - 29 June, Nurse Practitioner, Anthony Wollaston will be available during this time.

Please note that there could be changes.

For appointments phone Quilpie Medical Practice 07 4656 1158

## Western Touring Circuit – Abba Girls Tribute Show

Get ready to sing, dance and celebrate the music of ABBA with Abba Girls Tribute Show, presented as part of the Western Touring Circuit 2026.

This family-friendly live tribute features a talented duo performing all the ABBA hits you know and love, complete with dazzling replica ABBA costumes, audience participation and plenty of sing-along moments.

From Dancing Queen and Mamma Mia to Waterloo and Fernando, audiences of all ages will enjoy an uplifting evening of music, nostalgia and fun.

Join us for a feel-good night of entertainment as Abba Girls bring the timeless songs of ABBA to communities across regional Queensland.

For more information, visit [www.abbagirls.com.au](http://www.abbagirls.com.au)



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES @ QUILPIE LIBRARY



## SHOOTING STARS & FAIRY WANDS

MON 29/06 @ 10:30



4+

## MAKE A HARMONICA

TUES 30/06 @ 10:30  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

6+



## TAPE RESIST ART

WED 01/07 @ 10:30  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



6+

6+

## STEM CHALLENGES

THURS 02/07 @ 10:30



4+

## LEGO CREATIONS

FRI 03/07 ALL DAY



## MAKE A BOOKMARK

MON 06/07 @ 10:30



ALL  
AGES

## COOK & CONNECT KIDS EDITION

TUES 07/07 @ 10:30

8+



## BEDAZZLING

WED 08/07 @ 10:30  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

8+



## DESIGN A PUZZLE

THURS 09/07 @ 10:30  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

4+



# QUILPIE SHIRE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

**Quilpie Library is developing a collection of recorded interviews to showcase the stories of our Shire for future generations**

We're looking for participants who ...

- Are aged 70+
- Have grown up or lived in Quilpie Shire for a significant part of their life
- Have a story (or few) to share about living in Quilpie Shire
- Are available to be interviewed in early August, 2026

Please get in touch with Annie-Jo at Quilpie Library for more information

Phone: 4656 0550 | Email: [anniejo@quilpie.qld.gov.au](mailto:anniejo@quilpie.qld.gov.au)



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# WHAT'S ON @ QUILPIE LIBRARY

**JULY  
2026**

**TUES  
14/07  
10:30 AM**

## **NAIDOC WEEK STORY TIME**

Celebrating National NAIDOC Week: 50 Years of Deadly with guest story tellers and cultural activities for families with young children!

**WED  
22/07  
10:30 AM**

## **TECH TIME**

Build your knowledge & confidence about all things tech! From smart phone settings to online scams, library staff are here to answer your questions.

**SAT  
25/07  
10:30 AM -  
1:00 PM**

## **MAKE SOMETHING SATURDAY: MACRAME COASTERS**

Learn how to make a macrame coaster!  
All materials provided & no experience required!  
Designed for ages 16+. Bookings essential!

**WED  
29/07  
6:30 PM**

## **BOOK CLUB**

Book Club meets once a month to chat about a chosen book or what they've been reading lately.  
This month's selection: Tenderfoot by Toni Jordan.

**THURS  
30/07**

## **LIBRARY VISIT TO ADAVALE**

Build your knowledge & confidence about all things tech! From smart phone settings to online scams, library staff are here to answer your questions.

For more information, pop in to see us, call 4656 0550 or email [library@quilpie.qld.gov.au](mailto:library@quilpie.qld.gov.au)



## 2026 Ordinary Meetings of Council

09:30 AM - Council Chambers – 50 Broлга Street, Quilpie QLD 4480

Dates and times are subject to change, in which case a public notice will be issued.

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Ordinary Meeting of Council

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# Shop Local in Quilpie Shire

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EXP XX/XX



Adavale Hotel  
All About Aquatics  
Elders Rural Services  
Elegant Emu  
Elles Newsagency  
Eromanga Natural History Museum  
Foodworks Quilpie  
Gilby & Tonkin  
Imperial Hotel Motel

Lowes BP Depot  
Nutrien Ag Solutions  
Outback Hair Studio  
Quilpie Butchery  
Quilpie Country Collections  
Quilpie General Store  
Quilpie Hardware & Tyre Service  
Quilpie Home Appliances  
Quilpie Post Office

Quilpie Shire Council  
Quilpie Visitor Information Centre  
Re-store  
Royal Hotel Eromanga  
The Brick Hotel  
The Lake  
The Old Empire Cafe  
Toompine South Western Hotel  
Unstable Coffee

## Get in touch



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