OUR SHIRE, OUR NEWS

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2026

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Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Recognised for 10 Years of Service

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) presented Deputy Mayor Roger Volz with an Elected Member Long Service Award at its 130th Annual Conference in Cairns on 21 October 2026. The award recognises his 10 years of service as a Councillor on Quilpie Shire Council.

Roger first took his seat on Council in 2016 and became Deputy Mayor for the 2024 to 2028 term.

His connection to the Shire goes back much further. Roger moved to Quilpie in January 1992 to teach Manual Arts at Quilpie State College. He joined the Quilpie Auxillary Fire Brigade in 1993 and became its captain in 1995.

Throughout his time on Council, Roger has championed essential community infrastructure, including roads, childcare, housing and the Eromanga Natural History Museum. He has also advocated for technology support for rural landholders, wild dog management, showcasing the Shire's cultural heritage, and creating jobs that attract more families and visitors to the Shire.

"Congratulations to Deputy Mayor Roger Volz on achieving his 10-year service recognition," Mayor Ben Hall said.

"Cr Volz has been a terrific support and resource to me as an incoming Mayor. His commitment and absolute drive for the best interests and outcomes for the Shire and its communities is to be applauded, and his diligence and concentration are to be commended."

"On behalf of the Shire-wide community, thank you, Roger."

Council congratulates Deputy Mayor Volz on this milestone and thanks him for a decade of service to the Shire.





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Mayor's Message

Hello Community,

Prosperity remains the key focus for Quilpie Shire Council. We are committed to exploring every opportunity that strengthens our local economy and creates a brighter future for our communities.

October was a significant month for advocacy and planning. The Quilpie Shire Housing and Prosperity Summit attracted strong community participation, and I thank everyone who attended and shared their insights. The information gathered will help Council make informed decisions and, importantly, drive real action rather than becoming just another discussion point.

Council continues to position the Shire to take advantage of future opportunities. We are gaining momentum with both State and Federal Governments regarding the Western Enabling Network (WEN). Alongside Mayor Andrew Martin (Blackall - Tambo) and Mayor John Ferguson (Bulloo), I met with the Queensland Minister for Transport and Infrastructure in Brisbane to advocate for sealing the Adavale - Blackall Road and completing the Warri Gate Road.

These projects have the potential to unlock significant economic benefits for the region, the state, and the nation. With State support secured, our focus now turns to Federal funding.

To further support regional growth, Council has also tested market interest in establising a freight hub and has begun discussions with interested parties about progressing the concept.

In mid-October, Councillors Roger Volz, Tony Lander, Milan Milosevic and I attended the LGAQ Annual Conference in Cairns. Quilpie Shire was widely recognised as one of Queensland's leading remote councils, with numerous speakers highlighting our achievements and strong advocacy efforts. It was a great opportunity to promote our region and build valuable connections.

I would like to congratulate The Brick Hotel on celebrating its 100th anniversary. The event was extremely well attended and showcased Quilpie's ability to host another outstanding regional event.

These successes continue to reinforce what we already know: Quilpie Shire is a fantastic place to live, work, play and invest.

Stay safe and prosper,

Cr Ben Hall, Mayor

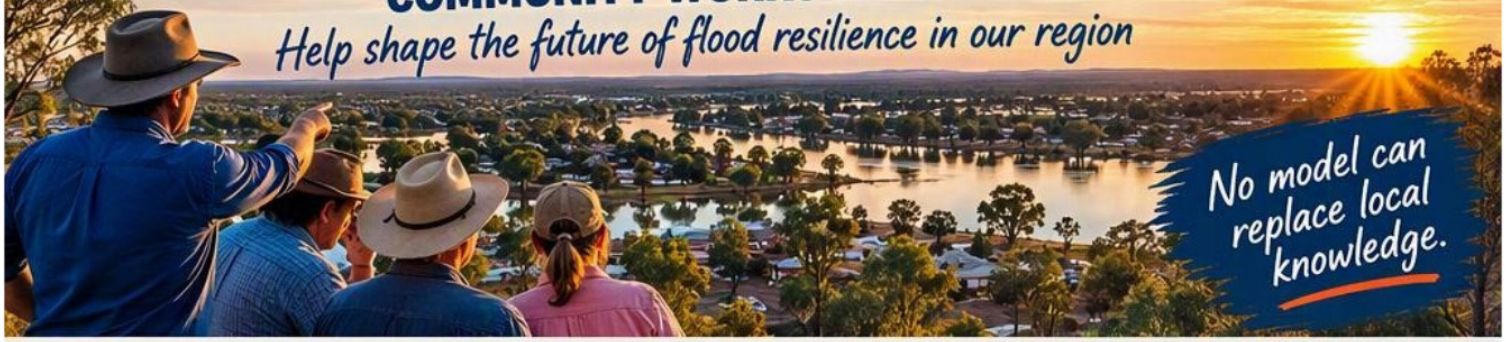
SAVE THE DATE!

BIG MAP EXERCISE & FLOOD STUDIES

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Help shape the future of flood resilience in our region

Our land
Our water
Our communities
Our future



Quilpie and Bulloo Shire Councils invite landholders, residents, business owners, volunteers and anyone with local knowledge to participate in upcoming community workshops across our region.
These sessions bring together two important projects seeking community input following the 2025 flood events.

BIG MAP EXERCISE

Capturing local knowledge and community experience

A Big Map Exercise brings together community and subject matter experts to build a shared understanding of our landscape, waterways, infrastructure, vulnerabilities and community resilience.

HELP US IDENTIFY:

- Flood behaviour and water movement
- Local drainage patterns and watercourses
- Access routes and isolation points
- Critical infrastructure and vulnerable locations
- Community impacts and lessons learned
- Landscape knowledge, regeneration and environmental values

The information collected will help update regional knowledge maps for the Bulloo, Lower Thomson, Cooper and Warrego catchments.

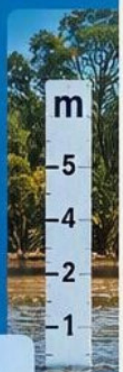
TWO IMPORTANT PROJECTS. ONE COMMUNITY CONVERSATION.

REGIONAL FLOOD STUDIES

Improving our understanding of flood risk

Quilpie and Bulloo Shire Councils are undertaking flood models and studies for the Bulloo, Warrego River systems and surrounding catchments. These studies will provide historical flood information and technical modelling needed to inform further investigation of flood risk management and mitigation for the townships of:

Eromanga · Adavale · Quilpie · Toompine



The Big Map Exercise and Regional Flood Studies are jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA). These projects will draw on both technical expertise and local knowledge to improve understanding of flood behaviour, community resilience and future flood risk management across the region.

WHAT INFORMATION ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Bring your stories, photos and ideas!

- How high, deep or fast was the water?
- How quickly did it flood and how long did it last?
- Which roads became inaccessible?
- Which properties or facilities were impacted?
- Photos or videos (flood marks on buildings, trees, fences etc.)
- Ideas to reduce or manage future flood impacts
- Any other local knowledge or suggestions

YOUR INPUT HELPS:

- Validate flood models
- Improve flood mapping accuracy
- Understand local flood behaviour
- Inform future mitigation planning
- Strengthen disaster resilience
- Support safer, more informed decision-making

WORKSHOP DATES & LOCATIONS

Stay for the day or just pop in!

EROMANGA	ADAVALE	QUILPIE	TOOMPINE	THARGOMINDAH
Monday, 30 November	Tuesday, 1 December	Wednesday, 2 December	Wednesday, 2 December	Thursday, 3 December
2pm – 5pm	9am – 2pm	7am – 9:30am	12pm – 3pm	8:30am – 2:30pm
Eromanga Hall	Adavale Hall	Quilpie Hall	Toompine Hotel	Thargomindah Golf Club

Catering provided.

Check the website for detailed times and agendas.

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(07) 4656 0500
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Stronger communities. Safer tomorrows.

Quilpie Shire Councillors Attend 130th LGAQ Annual Conference

Mayor Ben Hall, Deputy Mayor Roger Volz, Cr Tony Lander and Cr Milan Milosevic represented Quilpie Shire at the 130th Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Annual Conference, held at the Cairns Convention Centre from 19 to 21 October.



Mayors, councillors and council CEOs from across the state joined Federal and State Government representatives to discuss the issues facing Queensland communities. Many of these issues weigh heavily on rural and remote councils like Quilpie, including roads, housing, cost shifting from other levels of government, and the Federal Government's review of disaster funding arrangements.

The program included a Roads and Transport Forum, which focused on infrastructure sustainability, disaster resilience and technology in transport networks, and a dedicated forum for rural and remote councils to raise their priorities directly with the LGAQ's Policy Executive.

Premier David Crisafulli officially opened the conference. Delegates also heard from Opposition Leader Steven Miles and Federal Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories Kristy McBain.

On the final day, councils debated and voted on more than 130 motions. Motions that pass set the LGAQ's advocacy priorities for the year ahead, giving small councils like Quilpie a collective voice to State and Federal Government.

At the conference Awards Ceremony, the LGAQ presented Deputy Mayor Volz with an Elected Member Long Service Award in recognition of his 10 years of service to Quilpie Shire Council.

Community Safety Concerns

Treated Water Used at John Waugh Park

The water supplied to the John Waugh Park Football Oval is sourced from the Sommerfield Road Dam and treated with Dropzone Injectable, a blend of organic acids used to improve water and soil quality. This treatment helps reduce bicarbonate levels and lowers the naturally high pH of the bore water.



Water quality has a significant impact on turf health and growth. Irrigation water can contain salts and minerals such as sodium, chloride, carbonates and bicarbonates, which may affect nutrient uptake, fertiliser efficiency and overall soil condition.

Dropzone Injectable has been specifically formulated to improve poor-quality irrigation water for turf applications. When added to the water supply, it initiates a range of beneficial reactions in both the water and soil. These reactions reduce pH levels, remove excess bicarbonates, increase calcium availability and improve soil structure.

The result is enhanced soil chemistry, improved nutrient efficiency and healthier turf growth across the oval.

AGE 10-16 YEARS

CWA HALL
17 BROLGA ST

QUILPIE Shire

YOUTH GROUP

3:15PM - 4:45PM WEDNESDAY

INDOOR & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

FRUIT SNACK PROVIDED

CONTACT:
MICHELLE DONOHUE
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SESSIONS WILL NOT BE HELD DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Powering a Cleaner Future:

Progress on Quilpie Shire's Battery Recycling Program

You may know that International E-Waste Day is celebrated worldwide on 14 October. The initiative was created by the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Forum in 2018 to raise global awareness about electronic waste and promote responsible recycling.

Quilpie Shire Council is pleased to share progress on a new initiative that will make battery recycling safer, easier and more accessible across our communities. With support from the Queensland Government's Local Government Battery Collection Program, Council has taken significant steps towards establishing a dedicated battery collection network throughout the Shire. Council has also enrolled in the Battery Stewardship Scheme, which provides additional support and infrastructure for the collection and recycling of household batteries.

Recent works have seen the installation of large battery recycling bins at the transfer stations in Adavale, Eromange, Quilpie and Toompine. These purpose-built collection points will support the safe storage and recycling of household batteries and help divert potentially hazardous materials away from landfill. This is an important milestone in the program's rollout, creating a strong foundation for a coordinated battery recycling service across our remote communities.

While the collection program has not yet officially launched, Council is continuing work on the next stage of implementation. This includes the distribution of specialised 62-litre collection drums, tubs and buckets that will be placed at community locations in these four townships to collect household batteries, devices with embedded batteries and vape disposal. These collection options were recently outlined in information brochures distributed to residents in late September.

Batteries are one of the fastest-growing waste streams in Australia and can pose significant risks when placed in general rubbish. Improperly disposed batteries can cause fires in waste facilities and vehicles, while also releasing harmful substances into the environment. The new collection program will provide residents with a simple and responsible way to dispose of batteries and battery-powered devices.

Although there is still work to be completed before the service officially commences, the progress achieved to date demonstrates Council's commitment to reducing waste, improving environmental outcomes and delivering practical recycling solutions for our remote communities.

Keep an eye on Council's communications channels for further updates and the official launch of the battery collection program in the coming months.

Together, we are taking positive steps towards a safer, cleaner and more sustainable Quilpie Shire.



Battery Bin - Adavale



Battery Bin - Eromanga

REMINDER

Animal registrations renewal for the period of
1 October 2026 to 30 September 2027
were issued on 1 September 2026 and are now overdue.

Reminder notices have been issued to those with outstanding balances.

If you no longer have your registered animal, please contact us in writing at admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au so we can amend our records.

If you have an unregistered animal, please come into the Administration office to complete a registration form.

If you have any queries please contact Council's Administration Office on 07 4656 0500.



Fridays 3:30 - 4:30 PM
at Quilpie Library

LEGO Build & Create







Use your imagination to create LEGO masterpieces with friends!

Suitable for ages 5+

Please note children aged 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult when visiting the library. For more information, contact Quilpie Library on 4656 0550.

QUILPIE Shire

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 covered by the certified agreement
- 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

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: Applications assessed as received

Multi-skilled Plant Operator (Structures & Concrete)

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: Fixed Term, Full-time

Salary: $68,574.48 + applicable allowances

Job Category: Infrastructure Services

Closing Date: Applications assessed as received

Multi-skilled Plant Operator - Water Truck

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: $65.589.16 + applicable allowances

Job Category: Infrastructure Services

Closing Date: 08/01/2027

Plumber

As a Plumber at Quilpie Shire Council, you'll work on a variety of projects and be part of helping to deliver essential services that keep our communities healthy, connected and thriving.

Job Type: Permanent, Full-time

Salary: $65.589.16 + applicable allowances

Job Category: Infrastructure Services

Closing Date: 04/01/2027

Meet Tom!

"Growing up in Quilpie, it was just freedom. Talking with my wife about her childhood in Brisbane and comparing it to the childhood I had here and the memories I've made and the friendships I still have from growing up here - there's no place I'd rather raise my kids."

"Out of highschool, I came back home and did a bit of labouring, actually building this depot. I applied for a few jobs on the Council and was successful with a cadet Technical Officer Role. I completed a diploma of Technical Engineering and stayed on as a full-time Technical Officer since then."

"The amount of bitumen we've put on the roads has really changed how you can move around the shire and all this housing we're doing. I've also just enrolled in an associate degree, Civil Engineering."

"I've never lived anywhere else. I don't have much to compare it to. But the community in Quilpie is friendly and trusting, which I think is a big thing."



Cyber Security Awareness

Is Your Business Website Secure?

Quilpie Shire Council would like to bring attention to recently identified critical security vulnerabilities affecting PHP, a programming language widely used by websites and online services around the world.

The vulnerabilities have been assigned a severity rating of 9.2 out of 10, placing them in the ***Critical category***. If left unpatched (security updated) affected systems could be exposed to cyberattacks, potentially resulting in unauthorised access, data theft or disruption to online services.

What websites could be affected?

PHP is commonly used by popular website management platforms, including:

- WordPress
- Jooma
- Drupal
- Other websites and online applications that use PHP.

Many small businesses use these platforms to manage their websites, advertise services and communicate with customers.

Importantly, even if your website software and plugins are fully up to date, your website may still be vulnerable if the underlying PHP software has not received the necessary security updates.

What should local business do?

Council encourages businesses that operate a website to take a few simple precautions:

1. Contact your website provider

If your website is managed by a developer or hosting company, contact them and ask whether your website uses PHP and if the latest security patches have been applied.

2. Check your website's PHP version

If you manage your own website, check that the PHP version running on your hosting server is supported and has received the necessary security updates.

3. Keep you website software updated

Ensure your website platform, plugins and themes are regularly updated. These updates are important for maintaining website security but do not replace the need to update PHP itself.

4. Address vulnerabilities promptly

If your website is running an affected PHP version and cannot be patched immediately, seek advice from your website provider or IT professional. Affected services may need to be temporarily taken offline or isolated until they can be secured.

Why is this important?

Cyberattacks are not limited to large organisations. Small businesses can also be targeted, particularly when websites or other online systems are running outdated software.

A compromised website can result in the loss of sensitive information, disruption to business operations and damage to customer confidence. Council encourages all local businesses to take a moment to review their website security arrangements and, where necessary, contact their website provider to confirm that appropriate security updates have been applied.

A simple check today could help prevent a serious security incident in the future.

Further Information

For additional cyber security information and guidance, visit:

- Australian Cyber Security Centre - *www.cyber.gov.au*
- ACSC - Critical Vulnerabilities in PHP - *https://www.cyber.gov.au/alert/critical-vulnerabilities-in-php*
- Official PHP Website - *www.php.net*

This information is provided by Quilpie Shire Council for general cyber security awareness. Businesses should consult their website developer, hosting provider, or IT professional for advice specific to their systems.

Smoke alarm laws are changing in Queensland



What does this mean?

New Queensland laws mean smoke alarms must be interconnected and photoelectric by 1 January 2027.

Photoelectric alarms detect smoke using a light sensor.

Interconnected smoke alarms give you more time to escape. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound. This alerts everyone in the home if there is a fire.

Check your smoke alarms

Look for the Australian Standard code **AS 3786-2014** on your smoke alarm to check it meets the new requirements.

Replace your smoke alarms if they:

- contain an ionisation sensor,
- are not interconnected,
- are more than 10 years old.



Smoke alarms are powered by either a non-removable battery or the main power supply.

Hardwired smoke alarms are connected to the mains power and must be installed by a qualified electrician.

If your current smoke alarms are hardwired, replacements must also be hardwired.

Wireless smoke alarms have a non-removable 10-year battery, connect without wiring, and can be installed yourself.

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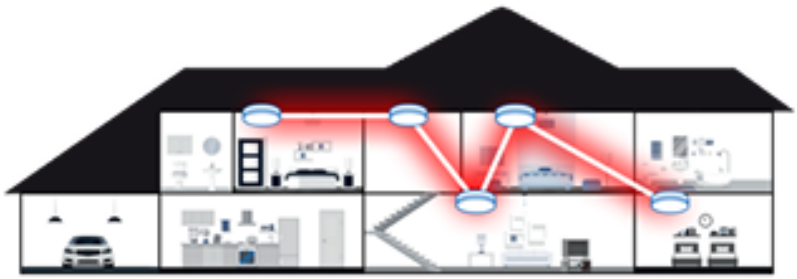
Smoke alarms must be installed:

- in every bedroom,
- in every hallway or rooms connecting bedrooms,
- on every storey of the home,
- on the ceiling of caravans and motorhomes.







Keep your smoke alarms working

- Test your smoke alarms every month to make sure they work properly.
- Clean away dust and insects with a vacuum or brush.
- Do not block or cover them.
- Never paint over smoke alarms.

Make your home safer

Make sure your have compliant smoke alarms by 1 January 2027.

Make and practise a home fire escape plan so you and anyone in your home knows how to get out quickly if there is a fire.

Make sure to keep exits clear from clutter and trip hazards.

For more information, visit **www.fire.qld.gov.au**.

Find out more

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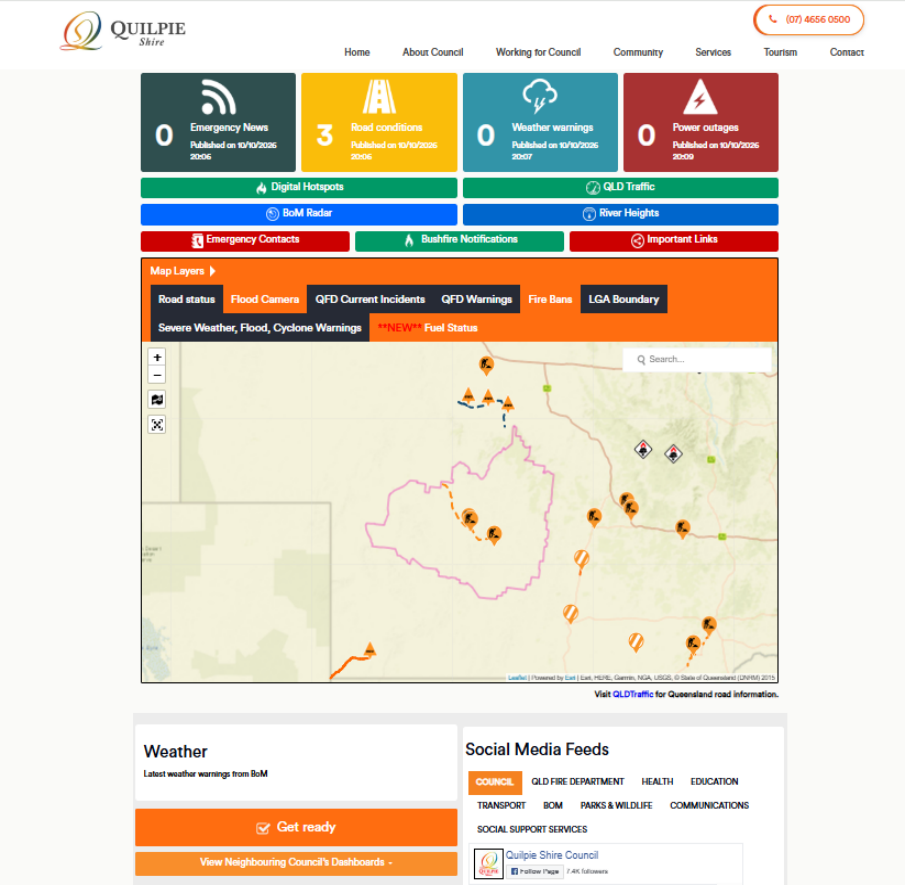
Queensland Government

Emergency Event Dashboard

The Quilpie Shire Emergency Dashboard gives you access to real time emergency information all year round and critical updates in times of disaster.

Visit the Dashboard for emergency news, weather warnings, road closures, power outages and important information and updates.



Be Prepared for Disaster Season

When you get ready before a disaster, you'll know what to do and have what you need to act quickly and stay safe. Communities that are well prepared and supported before a disaster are more resilient and recover faster.

Evacuation Kit

Have you packed an evacuation kit? Plan and gather these items ahead of time as you may need to leave quickly in an emergency. Visit https://www.getready.qld.gov.au/prepare/kit for a list of suggested items to include.

Pack Supplies

Think about what items everyone in your house might need if you had to stay at home for three days. Don't forget your pets. Think about your situation and pack a kit and stock the pantry for what is right for your household.

If you are in a rural or remote area, or you are at risk of extended periods of isolation, you might need supplies for more days. Being isolated may include situations where your whole community is isolated, which will affect supplies being available in stores, including food, water, and prescription medication.

Emergency Kit

Weather can cause your home to lose power (electricity), water and gas and you might not be able to get to a supermarket or pharmacy for supplies. Pack an emergency kit and store it somewhere safe so you have the things you need when the weather turns bad.

Keep your kit in a strong waterproof storage container and store it in a safe place in your home that you can get to easily. It is a good idea to keep it away from young children, and check your kit regularly for used items and expiry dates.

What to pack in an emergency kit https://youtu.be/7_diceQvTqE



Channel Country Ladies Day

A Little Rain, Plenty of Laughter and a Weekend to Remember

More than 300 women came together in Quilpie from 16-18 October for Channel Country Ladies Day, sharing a weekend of laughter, learning and a well-earned break from everyday responsibilities.

Keynote speakers Jana Pittman, Professor Ajay Rane, Emily Cowling, Rebecca Bradshaw and Julie Cross gave us plenty to think about and talk about. Speakers opened up conversations about women's health, confidence and self-worth, and finding our way through life's challenges, a shared reminder to back ourselves, make time for our own wellbeing and reach out for support when we need it.

Alongside the speakers, women enjoyed creative workshops, health appointments, pampering, market stalls and plenty of entertainment, with Jenny Wynter bringing the laughs and Maggie Burey providing the music.

A little rain made an appearance but didn't slow the ladies down. The Bridgerton-inspired evening events brought a touch of elegance and whimsy to the weekend - and who doesn't love an excuse to dress up?

But it was the people, conversations and the sense of togetherness that made it special. There were catch-ups with old friends, new faces to get to know and time to sit down for a proper chat. For women living remotely, these opportunities aren't always easy to come by. The weekend was a reminder of how much it matters to slow down, invest in ourselves and celebrate the women around us. Having a community that makes space for women to feel supported, encouraged and inspired is something worth celebrating.

A heartfelt thank you to the committee, volunteers, sponsors, speakers, service providers and every woman who joined us. It takes a lot of people to bring this weekend together, and we're so grateful to everyone who played a part.


Channel Country Ladies Day
INSPIRATION IN ISOLATION




Channel Country
Ladies Day




Channel Country
Ladies Day





Quilpie Welcomes It's Newest Australian Citizen

Ghulam Mujtaba, who many in our community know as Ali, became an Australian citizen on Thursday 29 October 2026. Mayor Ben Hall conducted the ceremony in the Council Chambers.

During the ceremony, Ali made the Australian Citizenship Pledge, committing himself to Australia and its people. Mayor Hall then presented him with his certificate of Australian citizenship.

Ali came to Australia from Pakistan and has become an integral part of the Quilpie community. As a co-owner of FoodWorks Quilpie, which he runs with his business partners, he welcomes locals and visitors with a friendly smile. He is personable, cheerful and hardworking, and he has become a familiar and valued face in town.

Ali is thankful for everything Quilpie has given him. He and his wife, Laiba, feel welcome, safe and supported here, and they appreciate the warmth the community has shown them.

"Becoming an Australian citizen is a proud moment, and it was an honour to welcome Ali as our newest citizen. Ali is a valued member of our community, and we are delighted to celebrate this milestone with him and Laiba." Mayor Hall said.

Council congratulates Ali and wishes him and Laiba every happiness as they continue to call Quilpie home.



Meet Quilpie's Newest Homeowner

A special milestone marked Justin's final official duty as Chief Executive Officer, handing over the keys and welcoming one of our community's newest homeowners.

On a week when Council hosted its first Housing and Prosperity Summit, this moment felt particularly symbolic of what can be achieved when local government invests in people, opportunity and the future of its community.

Georgia's journey is one that makes our region proud. Starting with Council as a Part-Time Tourism Officer before securing a Full-Time role as Customer Service Officer, she has embraced every opportunity that has come her way. Over the past 12 months, she has also taken advantage of Council's commitment to creating pathways to home ownership for our staff.

At just 19 years old, Georgia has achieved something many Australians aspire to become, a homeowner. More importantly, she is building a career, contributing to her community, and creating a strong foundation for her future right here in Quilpie.



"As I conclude my time as CEO, I can't think of a more fitting farewell. Georgia's story is a reminder that when councils invest in their people, they help create thriving communities and lasting prosperity." - Justin Hancock.

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:
October Update



Floodway Improvements Across The Shire

Council awarded the Quilpie Floodway Program to Durack Civil for $367,526.20 including GST, to improve floodways at locations across the shire road network. Durack Civil achieved the highest score in the evaluation.

Support for Eromanga Ablution Block

The Eromanga District Rodeo Association asked Council for help with the rising cost of the new ablution block at the Eromanga Sports Complex. In lieu of a Community Assistance Grant, Council gave in-principle support to the project, which will become a Council asset, subject to the provision of receipts. Council included the project in its first quarter budget review.

Arts Funding for 2026/27

Council approved $31,250 in Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) grants for 13 projects, as recommended by the Quilpie RADF Committee. They include wrought iron, upholstery, weaving, pastels, silversmithing, quilting and pottery workshops, and three Western Touring Circuit events. The Queensland Government contributed $26,250 and Council $5,000.

New Tool Carrier Loader

Council awarded the supply and delivery of a new all-wheel-drive tool carrier front end loader to Komatsu Australia for $379,170 including GST, as part of the 2026/27 Plant Replacement program. Komatsu achieved the highest score in the evaluation. Council also accepted Komatsu's trade offer of $136,400 including GST.

Detailed Design for Powerhouse Residential Development

Council engaged Hartecs group to prepare detailed civil design for Stage 2 of the Powerhouse residential development on the old depot site in Winchu Street, for $54,615 inlcuding GST. The Residential Activation Fund (Round 2) funds this work.

Congie Road Flood Damage Repairs

Council awarded the restoration of flood-damaged areas of Congie Road to APV Contracting for $2,493,793 including GST. APV Contracting achieved the highest score in the evaluation.

Local Business Innovation Fund Round 1

Council gave in-principle support to the Councillor Review Panel's recommendations for Round 1 of the Local Business Innovation Fund, totalling $106,951.10 across nine applications.

Flood Studies for Our Towns

Working with Bulloo and Paroo Shire Councils, Council appointed Synergy Solutions to prepare flood studies for Quilpie, Eromanga, Adavale and Toompine, for $243,111 including GST. The studies will provide critical flood information to support disaster management, planning and infrastructure decisions. Council expects to run a separate process in early 2027 for the flood risk management studies and plans.



Outback Queensland Tourism Association

Council nominated Corey Richards, Deputy Director Community and Business Development, as its delegate, and Lisa Hamlyn, Director Community and Business Development, as alternate delegate, to vote at Outback Queensland Tourism Association general meetings and Board elections.

Pony Club Gets A Hand

Council approved the Quilpie Pony Club's in-kind use of the Bulloo Park rodeo bar, toilets and a Council BBQ for its monthly rallies from November 2026 to December 2027.

Donald Angus Pass

Council supported naming the pass where the Diamantina Development Road crosses the Grey Range "Donald Angus Pass". Mr Rob Savory JP of Eromanga proposed the name to recognise Donald Angus, a teamster he credits with opening a shortcut between Eromanga and Charleville in the late 1890s.

First Quarter Budget Review

Council approved amendments to its 2026/27 budget following the first quarter review. The amendment budget will be available on Council's website.

Purchasing Card Limits

Council updated its purchasing card limits to align with a new corporate card system and reflect a review of actual spending patterns.

New Waste Shredder

Council awarded the supply and delivery of a mobile horizontal waste shredder to Vermeer Australia, trading as RDO Equipment, for $458,700 including GST, under the 2026/27 Fleet Replacement Program.

2027 Meeting Dates

Council confirmed its 2027 Ordinary Meeting dates. Meetings will generally take place on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30AM, except Thursday 28 January, Tuesday 26 October and Tuesday 14 December 2027.



Grader Up For Auction

Council will offer its Komatsu motor grader for sale by online auction through Nutrien Harcourts GDL on 20 November 2026.

Your Council in Action:
November Update



Adavale Blackall Road A Priority

Council nominated Adavale Blackall Road as its priority project for continued sealing works over the next four years under the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme.

Clean Audit For Council's Finances

The Auditor-General gave Council's 2025/26 financial statements an unmodified audit opinion. That's the best result an audit can give, and it means the community can rely on the statements. Council also received the Queensland Audit Office's final management report and the latest Audit Committee report.

Council's Finances

At 31 October 2026, Council has an operating surplus of $3,628,797 and total cash and investments of $51,803,583.

New Digital Platform

Council engaged Rapid Platform Projects Pty Ltd to deliver a new digital platform. It will include a customer request system, Council's policy and delegation registers and an employee intranet (internal website).

Improving How Council Responds To You

Council will review how it acknowledges and updates people who contact it. The new customer request system will log and acknowledge every request made by email, by phone or at the counter, and will track how quickly Council responds to it.

Cycle Network Mapped For Quilpie

Council endorsed the Quilpie Principal Cycle Network. The network maps key walking and cycling routes through town and now includes the Jabiru Street extension and the Baldy Top shared pathway, which Council asked for. The network sets a long-term vision for active transport and will help Council apply for future grant funding.

Quilpie Pool Operations Review

The review will cover cleanliness and presentation of the facility, opening hours, services available, learn to swim and squad training, and the process for customer feedback.

Cultural Society Building And Arts Precinct

Council will look at options to improve the wall of the Cultural Society building that faces Bob Young Memorial Park, so it's ready for ANZAC Day 2027. Council will also start planning an arts and culture precinct.

Hall Use For Community Church

Council approved free use of the Quilpie Shire Hall Supper Room and kitchen by Quilpie Community Church on the third Sunday of each month throughout 2027.

Industrial Estate And Airport Hangars Approved

Council approved roadworks and water supply works for the industrial estate subdivision on Anzac Drive. It also approved plans for aircraft hangars and a hangar lease area at Quilpie Airport.

Next Meeting

Council's next Ordinary Meeting is on Tuesday 15 December 2026 at 9:30am.

Bob Young Memorial Park

Official Opening

After more than a year of planning, design development, stakeholder engagement and construction, we are pleased to share that the Bob Young Memorial Park Upgrade, funded through the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland Program, is now complete. The official opening for the Bob Young Memorial Park was held on Tuesday 10 November.

What began as an initial concept has evolved into a revitalised community space that honours the park's history while creating a welcoming place for future generations.

Throughout the project, a key focus has been preserving the park's historical and cultural significance as a place of remembrance and reflection, while improving accessibility, amenity and long-term functionality.

Some of the key outcomes include:

- Honouring the ANZAC heritage and strengthening the park's role as a memorial space.
- Preserving and enhancing significant memorial elements and commemorative features.
- Incorporating meaningful design features that reflect themes of sacrifice, service, courage and remembrance.
- Creating a more accessible and welcoming public space for residents, visitors and future events.
- Delivering a high-quality landscape and civic space that will continue to grow and mature as the final planting works are completed.





The Bob Young Memorial Park was proudly funded by the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland program 24-26.

Television Transition Grant

Quilpie Shire Council



Applications close 30th June 2027

Council provided Television will cease on the 4th December 2026.

The program is intended to assist eligible applicants by contributing to the cost of transitioning

For more information on the grant please scan QR code.

Contact Corey Richards 4656 0509 or admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & SENIORS PROGRAM NOV 2026

MON
2ND - 23RD

WHEELIE WIGGLE WALK

10:00 AM | MEET AT GYRICA GARDENS MPC

TUE
10TH - 24TH

CHRISTMAS CRAFT

2:00 PM | GYRICA GARDENS MPC

THU
26TH

MOVIE AFTERNOON

10:30 AM | GYRICA GARDENS MPC

FRI
13TH

MEN'S GROUP

10:00AM | GYRICA GARDENS MPC

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2026 Ordinary Meetings of Council

09:30 AM - Council Chambers – 50 Brolga 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



Adavale Hotel
All About Aquatics
Bi Rite Quilpie
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 Golf Club
Quilpie Hardware & Tyre Service
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Re-store
Royal Hotel Eromanga
The Brick Hotel
The Lake
The Old Empire Cafe
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