





## **Discover Quilpie Shire**

- Occupying a total area of 67,415km²,
   Quilpie Shire is used mainly for grazing,
   with opal, oil and gas mining also being important industries.
- Quilpie is a transit route for oil and gas to SA and a key logistics hub for the livestock industry.
- Tourism is a major drawcard for Quilpie with a recently significantly expanded and enhanced Eromanga Natural History Museum.
- Water is plentiful in Quilpie, with bore holes providing access to the artesian basin.
- There is a thriving, supportive and positive local business network.

- Agriculture continues to play a major role in Quilpie for livestock rearing, and logistics, with the town of Quilpie acting as a key freight hub, supporting a number of haulage companies. Wool is beginning to make a comeback across the region too.
- Opal fields are worked in the Shire, with the area having one of the largest deposits of boulder opal in the world. There are also extensive deposits of gas and oil.
- There are many free amenities in Quilpie Shire for residents, including swimming pool, library, sports ground and museum.
- Other towns in the Shire are Eromanga, Adavale, Toompine and Cheepie.

Discover our Accessibility	<ul> <li>Quilpie airport is Integrated within the regional air network with flights to Brisbane, Toowoomba and Mt Isa.</li> <li>Good quality sealed roads provide easy access across the region to Thargomindah, Birdsville and Charleville, and interstate to NSW and SA.</li> <li>Digital connectivity rivals SEQ, and with recent investment in the latest infrastructure, fast and reliable internet is a feature of Quilpie.</li> <li>Water is readily available through artesian sources.</li> </ul>
Discover our Affordability	<ul> <li>Median house price is \$95,000, lower than Queensland.</li> <li>Industrial land is available and affordable, with 7 lots currently available in Quilpie town.</li> <li>Lower cost of living and doing business.</li> </ul>
Discover our Amazing Lifestyle	<ul> <li>Home to Australia's largest dinosaur at the Eromanga Natural History Museum.</li> <li>Idyllic and expansive flat water at Lake Houdraman, enjoy the surrounds or partake in something more active such as water skiing, right on the doorstep of Quilpie.</li> </ul>



### **Small Business Success**



Moving to the region from Byron Bay, in 2018 Cristina Zito started selling various home baked takeaway items from her Adavale premises near Quilpie. By 2020, Elegant Emu was established as a café, specialising in high tea, offering a luxury experience to visitors, and complemented by an online fair-trade handbag business. Elegant Emu shows that remoteness is no barrier to running a boutique business.

"2021 is kicking off with bookings already made from March to August, and plans for extending to weekend evenings with woodfired pizza and tapas for 2022."

**Cristina Zito** Elegant Emu

## **Boundless Opportunities for Investment**

Housing	Opportunities to coordinate housing construction across the region and develop ready-to-build lots, supported by Council initiatives.
Industrial space	Affordable and available industrial space in Quilpie, which would ideally suit engineering or metal working to support agriculture and mining.
Logistics	A key location for regional distribution and within the livestock logistics industry, Quilpie is ideally suited for development of a formal truck stop including wash facilities.
Small business	Opportunity to develop a health hub with support from Quilpie Shire Council for premises. With Quilpie's role as a logistics hub, there is enough demand for an automechanic small business. Shopfronts are available on Quilpie's main street, where small businesses could complement the existing offer of cafes, hotels and the post office. There is strong demand to service long-term daycare or home daycare provision, with the opportunity to partner to explore building new facilities.
Mining	Ample opportunities to explore, potentially for uranium, lithium and potassium.
Film and TV location	Quilpie is the ideal location for film and TV production, offering authentic outback locations and ability to service visiting crews.
Horticulture	Aquaponics opportunities, as part of a transformational micro-precinct. Capacity to link to supply chains and export from the region. The region is very suitable for charcoal production with excellent timber such as Gidgee available.
Tourism	Opportunities to think big with the space available, such as an outback resort, venue for weddings, thrill-seeking experiences or camel trekking. Also, strong potential for developing education-based tourism and school camps, which could benefit from links to major attractions such as the Eromanga Natural History Museum.



## Committed to Quality

Offering quality accommodation to service the tourist and business traveller markets, Quilpie Motor Inn is an established feature of Quilpie's unique landscape. Located a stone's throw from the local pub, shops and post office, the motel is ideally placed to introduce visitors to local hospitality.

While meeting the needs of business and tourist travellers for many years, Quilpie Motor Inn continues to diversify and take advantage of emerging opportunities. Recently, package tours have been launched that bundle together accommodation, a sunset grazier station tour and a trip to the Eromanga Natural History Museum.

# Boundless Opportunities in South West Queensland

South West Queensland, a place of immense natural resource, talent and enterprise, a place that people and businesses are proud to call home. A place of boundless opportunity.

#### **Discover our Accessibility**

 Unrivalled access to regional Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and Northern Territory.

#### **Discover our Affordability**

• Lower costs of living and doing business.

#### **Discover our Amazing Lifestyle**

 Infinite possibilities to explore the expansive landscape, and thrive in a unique and supportive environment.

"Quilpie and the region has a lot going for it, and with the recent re-focus on Aussies discovering their own backyard, we know there's lots to offer. Looking ahead, we see many opportunities in catering for an increasingly mixed visitor market."

**John Gollan,** Owner, Quilpie Motor Inn

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