



**Bulloo
Shire**

**I hereby give notice that
an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:**

Date: Friday, 8 December 2023

Time: 9.00AM

**Location: Council Chambers, 68 Dowling Street
Thargomindah Queensland 4492**

BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

8 December 2023

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1 OPENING OF MEETING**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

The Bulloo Shire Council acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting is being held, and pay respects to their elders, past and present.

3 ATTENDANCE INCLUDING APOLOGIES**4 CONDOLENCES****5 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- Pursuant to section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009, a councillor who has a material personal interest in an issue to be considered at a meeting of the local government, or any of its committees
 - (a) must disclose the interest to the meeting; and
 - (b) must not be present at or take part in the meeting while the issue is being considered or voted on.
- A councillor who is barred from a meeting under subsection (1) must not be in the chamber where the meeting is being conducted, including any area set apart for the public.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 21 NOVEMBER 2023

File Number: 145871

Author: Debra Souvlis, EA

Authoriser: Tamie Warner, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Minutes of Council Meeting - 21 November 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 November 2023 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

Council held the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 21st November, 2023 at the Bulloo Shire Council Chambers, Thargomindah.



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

21 November 2023

**MINUTES OF BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 68 DOWLING STREET THARGOMINDAH QUEENSLAND 4492
ON TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 9.00M**

PRESENT: Cr John Ferguson (Mayor), Cr Shirley Girdler, Cr Vaughan Collins, Cr Glyn Dare, Cr Stewart Morton

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Tamie Warner (Acting CEO), Ms Donna Hobbs (Rural and Town Services Manager), Ms Tiffany Dare (Finance & Administration Manager), Ms Debra Souvlis (Minute Taker).

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed all Councillors and guests and declared the meeting open at 9.01am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Bulloo Shire Council acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting is being held, and pay respects to their elders, past and present.

3 ATTENDANCE INCLUDING APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 24 OCTOBER 2023

RESOLUTION 2023/265

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24 October 2023 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

8 RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

10 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

11 MAYORAL REPORTS

11.1 MAYORS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2023/266

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Mayors Report for the month of October 2023.

CARRIED

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2023/267

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's report for the month of October 2023.

CARRIED

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS

14.1 TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION 2023/268

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council receive and note the Community, Culture & Places report for the month of October 2023

CARRIED

14.2 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION 2023/269

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council receive and note the Administration & Finance Services Report for October 2023.

CARRIED

14.3 COUNCILLORS TRAINING

RESOLUTION 2023/270

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That

- a) Council develop a clear process for Councillors to raise an item for inclusion in the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda.
- b) Councillors training requests for the remainder of the term be denied.

CARRIED

14.4 CARETAKER PERIOD POLICY**RESOLUTION 2023/271**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council adopt the Caretaker Period Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

14.5 2023/24 THARGOMINDAH ANIMAL INSPECTION PROGRAM**RESOLUTION 2023/272**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council endorse the Animal Inspection Program from Monday 15th January 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024 in accordance with section 113 of the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 in order to monitor compliance with the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 and the Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2019 in the township of Thargomindah.

CARRIED

14.6 FEES AND CHARGES 2023/24 AMENDMENT**RESOLUTION 2023/273**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council include fees for the Thargomindah Swimming Pool in the Fees and Charges 2023/2024 in accordance with Chapter 4 Part 2 Sec 97 of the Local Government Act 2009.

Swimming Pool	
Under 18 per session	2.00
Adults per session	3.00
Half Season Ticket - Children (under 18)	25.00
Half Season Ticket - Adult	35.00
Half Season Ticker - Family	55.00
Full Season Ticket - Children (under 18)	40.00
Full Season Ticker - Adult	60.00
Full Season Ticket - Family	100.00
Thargomindah State School	Fees Waived
Charleville SODE	Fees Waived

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Council adjourned the meeting for Morning Tea at 10:02am.

Resumed

Council resumed the meeting at 10:25pm.

14.7 REMOTE ROADS UPGRADE PILOT PROGRAM - SITE SUPERVISOR**RESOLUTION 2023/274**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council approve a Site Supervisor appointed by Shephard Services to assist with RRUP & QRA for a 6-month period.

CARRIED

14.8 QRA - APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT AND EXTEND THE ENGAGEMENT OF SHEPHERD SERVICES**RESOLUTION 2023/275**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council approve a Superintendent appointed by Shepherd Services to assist with QRA and extend the engagement of Shepherd Services for QRA Flood Damage support to 30 June 2024.

CARRIED

14.9 2022/2023 CLOSING REPORT**RESOLUTION 2023/276**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That the Council receive and note the 2023 Closing Report.

CARRIED

14.10 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PHASE 4 REPORT**RESOLUTION 2023/277**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council defer the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 4 Report to the ordinary Meeting held 8th December, 2023 to obtain additional information as requested.

CARRIED

14.11 REMOTE AIRSTRIP UPGRADE PROGRAM ROUND 10 - APPLICATION PROPOSAL**RESOLUTION 2023/278**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council endorse further planning for the Noccundra Airport Fence to be submitted under the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 10.

CARRIED

14.12 BUILDING OUR REGIONS ROUND 6 - REPLACEMENT OF THARGOMINDAH SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT DETAILED DESIGNS**RESOLUTION 2023/279**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive the final version of the Concept Design Report prepared by Brandon & Associates, inclusive of capital cost estimates, to consider and implement recommendations to replace the sewerage treatment system within the next 3-5 years with:

- a) an Activated Sludge System; or,
- b) a Trickling Filter/Biofilter; or,
- c) a Rotating Biological Contactor,

following proper planning and appropriate funding sources.

CARRIED

14.13 APPLICATION FOR TACKLING REGIONAL ADVERSITY THROUGH CONNECTED COMMUNITIES - THARGOMINDAH PONY CLUB INC

RESOLUTION 2023/280

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council approve the TRACC funding of \$5,835 requested by Thargomindah Pony Club Inc to assist in running the Thargomindah Pony Club Training Weekend event.

CARRIED

14.14 T2023-2024-109 DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF ONE (1) X THREE-BEDROOM HOUSE

RESOLUTION 2023/281

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council defers the matter to the ordinary Meeting held 8th December, 2023 to obtain additional information as requested.

CARRIED

14.15 T2023-2024-107 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 2 X NEW CREW CAB TRUCKS WITH STEEL TRAY

RESOLUTION 2023/282

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council accept the Tendered prices totalling \$232,247.60 Inc GST for T2023-2024-107 Supply & Delivery of Two (2) New Crew Cab Trucks with Steel Trays submitted by Tait.

CARRIED

14.16 T2023-2024-108 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 1 34,000LT WATER TANKER**RESOLUTION 2023/283**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council

1. accept the Tendered prices totalling \$196,500 Inc GST for T2023-2024-108 Supply & Delivery of one (1) 32,000lt Water Tanker by Brown and Hurley; and
2. adjust the 2023/34 Capital Budget accordingly.

CARRIED

14.17 T2023-2024-111 SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF 1 X NEW 4WD SERVICE SINGLE CAB TRUCK WITH STEEL TRAY , CRANE & SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF 1 X NEW 2WD SERVICE SINGLE CAB TRUCK WITH STEEL TRAY , CRANE**RESOLUTION 2023/284**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council

- a) accept the Tendered prices totalling \$379,060.01 Inc GST for T2023-2024-111 submitted by Black Trucks for:
 - i. Supply & Delivery of 1 x New 4WD Service Single Cab Truck with Steel Tray, Crane.
 - ii. Supply & Delivery of 1 x New 2WD Service Single Cab Truck with Steel Tray, Crane.
- b) Amend 2023/24 capital budget accordingly.

CARRIED

14.18 T2023-2024-112 WARRI GATE RD - BITUMENT SEAL SUPPLY**RESOLUTION 2023/285**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council accepts the tender received from Austek Spray Seal for the total amount of \$1,191,416.82 including GST to deliver

- Bitumen Seal Spray for Warri Gate Road
- Innamincka Road Reseal; and
- Ballera Gas Center Road Reseal

CARRIED

14.19 T2023-2024-113 VARIOUS ROAD WORKS- PACKAGE 1 (QRA)**RESOLUTION 2023/286**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council accepts the tender from Tenderer 1 for the sum of \$939,493.10 including GST to complete QRA Restoration Works – Package 1.

CARRIED

14.20 T2023-2024-114 VARIOUS ROAD WORKS- PACKAGE 2 (QRA)**RESOLUTION 2023/287**

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council accepts the tender from Tenderer 3 for the sum of \$462,655.36 including GST to complete QRA Restoration Works – Package 2.

CARRIED

14.21 T2023-2024-115 VARIOUS ROAD WORKS- PACKAGE 3 (QRA)**RESOLUTION 2023/288**

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council accepts the tender from Tenderer 4 for the sum of \$762,731.49 including GST to complete QRA Restoration Works – Package 3.

CARRIED

Attendance:

Leanne Smith (Accountant) entered the meeting at 12:25pm.

14.22 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**RESOLUTION 2023/289**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council adopt the Financial Performance Report for period ending 31st October 2023 in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

CARRIED

Attendance:

Leanne Smith left the meeting at 12:15pm.

Adjournment:

Council adjourned the meeting for Lunch at 12:15pm.

Resumed

Council resumed the meeting at 12:50pm.

14.23 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT**RESOLUTION 2023/290**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Rural Services Department Report for October 2023

CARRIED

Attendance:

George Inocentes (Engineer) entered the meeting at 1:00pm.

14.24 ENGINEERS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2023/291**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Engineers Report for October 2023
- b) Approve Tolbra to crush an additional 26,000 cu.m at Iron Stone Pit on Warri Gate at 11.60/cu.m.

CARRIED

14.25 ROADS MANAGER REPORT**RESOLUTION 2023/292**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Roads Manager Report for the month of October 2023.

CARRIED

Attendance:

George Inocentes left the meeting at 1:40pm.

15 LATE ITEMS

Nil

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**RESOLUTION 2023/293**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

CLOSURE OF MEETNG

THAT pursuant to Section 275 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the meeting be closed to the public at [enter time] to discuss the confidential matters listed below:

16.1 South West Queensland Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Management Plan

This matter is considered to be confidential pursuant to Section 254J(3)(1) (i) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as it deals with a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.

To be discussed:

to discusses a draft policy position being prepared in consultation with, and funded by, the Department of Environment and Science (DES)

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2023/294

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting at 1:45pm.

CARRIED

16.1 SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND REGIONAL WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION 2023/295

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council

1. Resolves to:
 - (a) receive and support the South West Queensland Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Management Plan as detailed in attachment 1, and
 - (b) receive and support the Technical Report for the Darling Downs and South West Region as detailed in attachment 2, and
2. Note future reports will be presented to Council outlining ongoing governance arrangements.

CARRIED

17 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be Friday 8th December, 2023.

18 CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 1:45pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 8 December 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

8 RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

9 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

10 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

11 MAYORAL REPORTS

11.1 MAYORS REPORT

File Number: 145870

Author: John Ferguson, Mayor

Authoriser: Tamie Warner, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Correspondence from the Bureau of Meteorology

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Mayors Report for the month of November 2023.

MEETINGS

The Mayor and Councillors, as part of their roles attend a range of meetings. Accordingly, meetings, appointments, functions, media commitments, civic receptions and committee meetings have been listed below.

Meetings and Consultations

9 November 2023 SWQROC, – South West Qld Regional Organisation of Council Meeting – Mayor Ferguson, Tamie Warner (ACEO), Simone Talbot.

21 November 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting – Mayor Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Shirley Girdler, Cr. Glyn Dare, Cr. Vaughan Collins, Cr Stewart Morton.

28 November 2023 'More of the Queensland you love' Community Awareness Campaign - Creative Briefing - Mayor Ferguson, Tamie Warner (ACEO), Owen Wareham, A/Executive Director, Strategic Communications, DSDILGP.

29 November 2023 SWQROC, – South West Qld Regional Organisation of Council Meeting – Mayor Ferguson, Tamie Warner (ACEO), Simone Talbot.

Media

ABC; 2WEB

Information – Correspondence**Bureau of Meteorology letter From Peter Stone dated 20 November 2023 :**

The Bureau of Meteorology is upgrading its flood warning assets across Australia, including the replacement of manual rain gauges with automatic equipment in the Bulloo Shire from February 2024. The upgrades will provide rainfall information in real-time, enhancing the speed and volume of information that helps monitor and predict riverine floods. Additionally, the Bureau plans to engage with councils and asset owners in high-priority Queensland catchments to assess existing flood warning infrastructure and improve community access to critical flood information.

Consideration

Nil

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20 November 2023

Cr John Ferguson
Mayor
Bulloo Shire Council
PO Box 46
Thargomindah QLD 4492

Mayor@bulloo.qld.gov.au

Dear Mayor

The Bureau of Meteorology is upgrading Bureau-owned assets across Australia that assist flood warning by improving the hardware and software that underpin riverine flood and weather warning data.

From February 2024 the Bureau will replace manual rain gauges with automatic equipment in the Bulloo Shire. The following Bureau-owned sites will be upgraded:

- Hungerford (Paroo River)
- Thargomindah

The works will replace gauges that are currently read manually and will provide rainfall information in real-time, improving speed and volume of information that helps monitor and predict riverine floods. The new automated systems will improve safety for volunteer observers during severe weather, replacing the current reliance on manual gauge readings.

There may be some minor interruptions to data or information during the works. To reduce the impacts of this we will co-ordinate with operational staff to discuss technical requirements and ensure continuity of service. There are no costs to council for installation or ongoing maintenance of these assets.

We will liaise directly with landowners and/or land managers. We welcome any advice about cultural sensitivities that we need to consider.

In addition to the above, you may be aware that the Australian Government recently committed up to \$236 million over the next 10 years to enable the Bureau to acquire, upgrade and integrate many existing local government-owned, and some state government-owned, rain and river level gauges in high-priority areas into its existing flood warning network. Once complete, the work will improve community access to rain and water level observations and enhance provision of flood forecasts and warnings.

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While detailed planning for the initiative has not been finalised, between January and June 2024 the Bureau will engage your council and other asset owners in high priority Queensland catchments to closely assess the location and functionality of existing flood warning infrastructure. We look forward to working with you to incorporate local knowledge into decisions that seek to improve communities' access to critical flood information.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out to floodinfrastructure@bom.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Peter Stone
Chief Customer Officer

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12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

File Number: 145941

Author: Tamie Warner, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Authoriser: Tamie Warner, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's report for the month of November 2023.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

External Meetings and Consultations for September 2023

2 November	QLD Health – Service Coordinator Position, Heidi Atkins, Tamie Warner & Donna Hobbs
2 November	Agritourism Accelerator Project – Tamie Warner & Danielle Tuite
6 November	TMR Town Common Grid Bundeena Road – Tamie Warner, Donna Hobbs, Chris Burgess & Tim Schluter
8 November	JLT Risk Workshop – David Munro, Tamie Warner, Donna Hobbs, Tiffany Dare & Danielle Tuite
9 November	TMR Catch Up – Steven Dart, Tamie Warner, Donna Hobbs & Tiffany Dare.
21 November	Ordinary Council Meeting
29 November	SWQROC – Drought Resilience Update, Tamie Warner, Donna Hobbs & SWQROC members
30 November	QRA final catch 2023 – Martin Sergas, Cameron Shields, Brett Fulloon, Tamie Warner, Tiffany Dare, Leanne Smith & Dan Roy
30 November	Ener-G Thargomindah Microgrid Onboarding – Tamie Warner, Dan Roy, Ken Ash, Geoff Bowes & Susie Lord

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1.0 Thargomindah State School P&C

Council received correspondence from the P&C requesting support of \$45,000.00 to cover the cost of 0.5 of a teacher for the 2024 school year. I have responded to the P&C supporting this request as Council have already included this in their budget.

2.0 Thargomindah Microgrid.

Myself and Dan Roy met with Ener G last week to have an onboarding meeting for them to commence the feasibility study. The meeting went well, and I explained to Ener G the position Council sits at with this project. Ener G will be holding a consultation session with both Council and the Community in January or February to gauge a better understanding of how the Community feels about the concept of a Microgrid and to explain what the feasibility study is about.

3.0 QLD health SW Primary Care Pilot Program

During October and November, myself and Donna Hobbs have had several Teams meetings with Heidi Atkins from QLD health discussing the possibility of Bulloo Shire working with QLD Health to develop a SW Primary Care Pilot in Thargomindah /Bulloo Shire. Below is an explanation of what this Pilot Program is about:

- As part of the 2022-23 October Budget, the Commonwealth announced \$100 million over two years from 2022-23 to co-develop and pilot innovative models with states to improve care pathways and inform the roll-out of Medicare Urgent Care Clinics (UCCs).
- Queensland has proposed a pilot that improves the integration and enhances hospital and primary health pathways in general practice and community.
- The pilot will scale and spread an existing pilot program in two regions. The current pilot is running in the Caboolture region of Brisbane North, under the Care Collective – Caboolture project, which is a complex care coordination model. The two regions for the Primary Care Pilot are:
 - Brisbane North
 - **South West Queensland**
- **Purpose:** The Primary Care Pilot's purpose is to co-develop and pilot innovative models that improve care pathways, reduce pressure on Emergency Departments (ED) and inform the roll-out of Urgent Care Clinics (UCCs).
- The South West Primary Care Pilot will leverage the established South West Queensland Primary Care Alliance (the Alliance) for the consultation, rapid codesign and implementation of the Primary Care Pilot in South West Queensland. This will enable the design and implementation of a pilot that will meet local needs.
- South West Queensland region is classified as rural and remote which has consequences on the workforce and the ability to support permanent health services. The population in this catchment is 13.05% First Nations (higher than the Qld average) and experiences socio-economic disadvantage. There are high rates of chronic disease with nearly half the population living with one or more chronic diseases, and there is a tendency to participate in risky health behaviours resulting in poorer health outcomes.
- Through scoping and engagement with health providers, stakeholders and consumers in South West Queensland, it was identified that many residents in the western hub, including the Far South West and Charleville, experience challenges in accessing primary health care services and the coordination and integration of care. Limited or inconsistent resourcing of workforce and services was also evident.
- The Primary Care Pilot is an opportunity to collaborate with local services and health providers, including local A&TSICCHOS, to build on existing strengths and address identified gaps.
- Following the early co-design it was agreed the South West Primary Care Pilot will initially focus on Charleville and the far south west, including Quilpie, Cunnamulla and Thargomindah, and would use a care coordination approach.

- To conduct localised co-design of the model and to guide implementation 4 local governance groups were established to provide a place-based approach and to facilitate high level, strategic advice and recommendations on the primary care pilot approach and local priorities.
- The co-design of the place-based care coordination models and workforce aims to be finalised by end October with the goal to have the positions recruited to and service up and running by the end of 2023.
- Expected benefits include a systems approach to care coordination, greater integration, collaboration and information sharing between service providers and improved patient outcomes.

Based on the most recent discussions at the local governance group meetings last week some recommendations were made in regard to the functions/workforce positions that would be best suited to each town. This meeting is to discuss the pilot and explore the potential possibility of the Bulloo Council hosting/housing any positions (with funding provided). As the pilot works across all the primary care providers in the region, we are exploring different options in this area.

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS

14.1 TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

File Number: 145942

Author: Tamie Warner, Tourism & Economic Development Manager

Authoriser: Tamie Warner, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Community, Culture & Places report for the month of November 2023

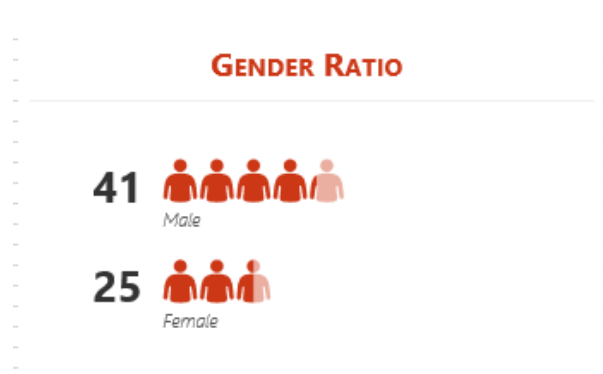
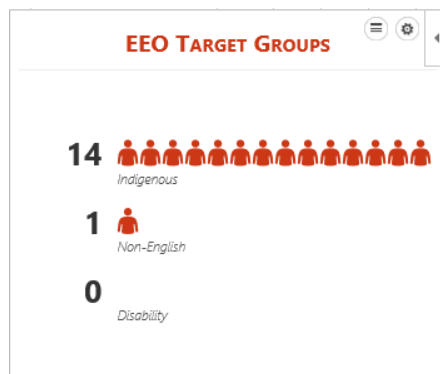
CORPORATE / HUMAN RESOURCES ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY

- Resignations – Brooke Riley – Labourer Towns and Services 30/11/2023
- New Employees
 - Dusty Lasker – Maternity Creditors position, 12-month placement. Started 1/11/23
- Recruitment
 - 1 x Concreter Labourer – Advertisement currently opened, advertised in March 2023 originally with a closing date of 8th April 2023 with no applications, posted back on the website in April 2023 with no closing date and to date, no applications have been received.
 - 1x Tourism Events Officer – Filled Position, Alana Baxter starts in February 2024
 - 1x Casual Pool Operator – advertisement closes 15th November 2023 – Shane Dare was successful started 28/11-23

HEADCOUNT – September

Class	Opening Balance	New Starters	Terminated
Full Time	58		1
Part Time	1		
Casual	3	1	
Fixed Term	1		
Apprentice	2		
Totals	65	1	1

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



DIVERSITY DEMOGRAPHICS

Department	Total	Full Time		Part Time		Casual		Trainee/Apprentice	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Executive Services	7	1	4			2			
Admin & Finance Services	8	3	5						
Rural & Town Services	4	3	1						
Road Services	36	29	4	1				1	1
Community, Culture & Places	10		7		1	1	1		
Total	66	36	21	1	1	3	1	1	1

Department	Total	Age Group								
		<20	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55+
Executive Services	7					1	1	2	2	1
Admin & Finance	8				1	2	3			2
Rural & Town Services	4				2				2	
Road Services	36	2	1	3	6	2	2	4	7	9
Community, Culture & Places	10					1	3	2	3	2
Total	66	2	2	3	9	5	9	8	14	14

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

VIC Organisational Activity November 2023

- VIC staff have been for 1 of our 2 annual Familiarisation trips, this one consisted of Noccundra, Tibooburra, Cameron Corner, Innamincka, the Dig Tree and all the roads joining. 2 out of 3 staff have previously not been to most of these places and as we are the main source of information for the SW corner it is crucial that staff are up to date on the road conditions and what is happening in our area.

Next trip planned for the new year, Lake Bindegolly, Currawinya NP, Hungerford, Kilcowera and roads in between.

- New Natural Science Loop signs have been delivered and I will work with the roads department to have them installed in the new year.
- Keeping ourselves on track for where we should be with the planning for the two major events for next year, Shindig and Music Muster. I am working with Kaylene to make sure she has a thorough understanding of the focus of these events. When Alana starts in February, I will be looking to spend a good week with the both to all be on the right track.
- Most advertising has been refreshed for the upcoming tourism season. New adds and advertising to come out in the New Year.
- I have reached out to all community groups to get in their dates of events for 2024 for this to be advertised as a part of the SWQROC group and OQTA, this is advertising that is a part of our membership. Most groups have been in touch however I have had to push others to get an answer, as most community groups reach to Council for some type of funding you would think that free advertising would be a priority.
- The casual Pool attendant position has been filled with appointing Shane Dare, Shane and Cassandra will complete relevant training 8-9 December. The pool has been running quite smoothly. There have been quite a few power outages that has caused some minor problems, all were relatively easy to fix.

Pool Numbers for November

Kids	Adults	Laps	Free Play
80	69	43	49

- **Visitor numbers of the month of November**

Visitors – 122 into the Information Centre.

Phone calls – 52

Email enquirers – 33

Only down on 14 visitors compared to last November, understandable with rain around the area and with roads to the east being closed.

- **Facebook Statistics – Explore Bulloo**

Followers: 7,661

New Page Likes: 29 last month 107 this month

Likes: 6,465

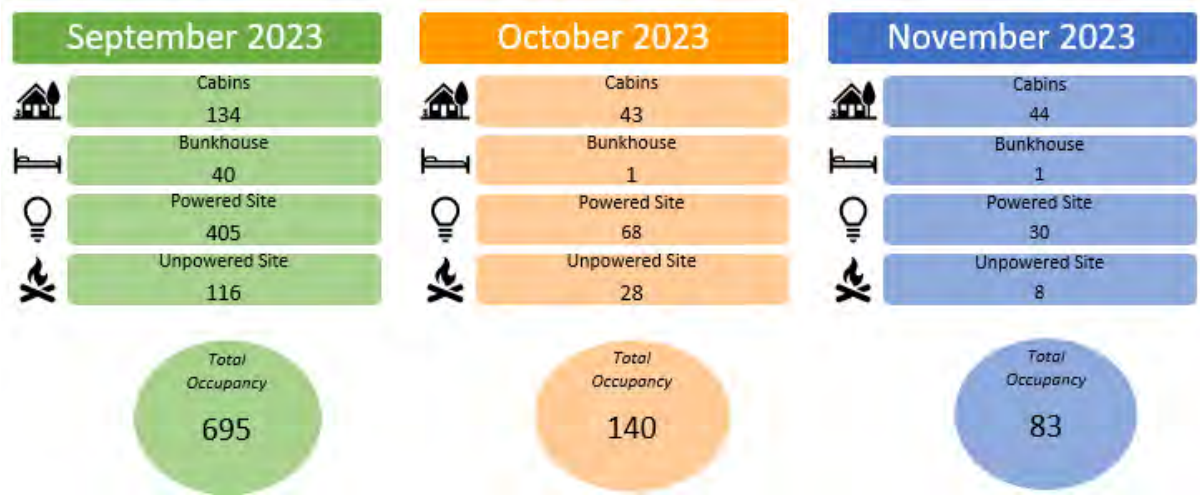
New Page Followers: 168 this month, most in one month for over two years

Highest post reach: November River Run.

- **Instagram Statistics**

Followers: 1,373

EXPLORERS CARAVAN PARK



LIFESTYLE AND RECREATION

Library, Health and Wellbeing Organisational Activity

Healthy Ageing

- Activities continue at Teelow Court on Monday and Wednesday.
- Annual Xmas Party is scheduled for the 13 Dec at The Bulloo River Hotel.
- Monthly Luncheon was held on the 1st November and was attended by 21 of our Healthy Ageing Residents.

Workshops

- A Wood Alchemist workshop was held 24 & 25th November. Attended by 15 adults and 5 children. This workshop was very popular with those who attended and has been requested by the participants that it be held again next year.
- A Garden Day was held on the 4th November in conjunction with the Thargomindah Hospital to promote mental health and general health awareness through health checks. This event had great attendance from the community with around 45 in attendance.

Theatre Productions

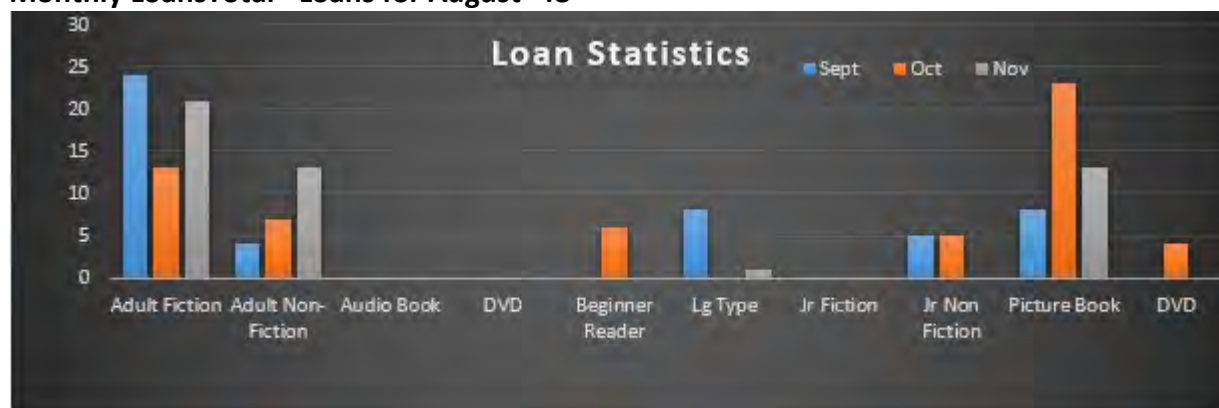
- 4 performances have been booked for the 2024 season.

Library

- Playgroup continues Thursday mornings at the Library

Activity	Users
Total Library Visits	
Tourists	3
Local Adults	23
Local Children	21
First 5 Forever (Parents and Children)	23
WQPHN Activities - Seniors Program	
Healthy Body-Happy Mind	21
Massage/Beauty Treatments (55yrs & Over) Thargo (Gabba)	6
Fit Bit Program	8
Luncheon (2)	21
InBody Scans	0
Workshops/Community Events/School Holiday	
Wood Alchemist Workshop	20

Monthly LoansTotal - Loans for August- 48



Healthy Ageing Liaison Officer Report

- Five clients are receiving CHSP cleaning.
- Assisted with telehealth and general enquiries and concerns. Forwarded information to hospital and nurse navigator about appointments when clients had been directly contacted by providers.
- Met with Janell (nurse navigator) and Nina (CACH) and discussed clients ongoing needs.
- Assisted with technology issues – phones.
- Letter drafted and sent to council re the power issues. Some residents have medical issues that require constant electricity supply. All clients with personal care alarms need a functioning phone system and power for the alarm device to work.
- Assisted with information about My Aged Care packages for residents/family that were unsure of the process of accepting the offer.
- Drafted and sent flyer explaining My Aged Care, how to accept a offer, important information and relevant telephone numbers.
- Meetings in November
 - Leisa Fraser WQPHN - Leisa is looking to bring Aged and Disability Advocacy Australia to the western regions in early 2024.
 - South-West Primary Care pilot program Thargomindah governance group refining what position is suitable for the community.
 - David Melloy – discussion about their suggested community-managed home care model. They are collaborating with Lifetec to provide this.

Trilogy Care is the Home Care package provider (keeps funds from My Aged Care and retains 14% fee).

They partner with Lifetec (Non for-profit organization focusing on assistive technology but also moving into managing local community managed care who set aside 12% to pay a local coordinator or in Thargomindah's case would be set aside for identified community uses/wages if needed).

Mable is the support worker platform and is paid out of the package.

This means that the consumer pays 26% of their package to provide care management, clinical governance (which is a requirement of the Aged Care Quality Standards) and financial package management (invoicing, reimbursement, and monthly statements). For example, a Level 2 package of \$18064 would have \$4697 deducted.

Clients can nominate a provider and then as part of their Consumer Directed Care nominate who they wish to provide this care. This is brokered by the provider.

14.2 NOCCUNDRA INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

File Number: 145974
Author: Tamie Warner, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tamie Warner, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: 1. Noccundra Interpretive Signage

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider a request from Jodielyn Edge from Heritage Programs – West who is undertaking a project of a second interpretation sign for Noccundra which will be based around the history of the town, the early pastoralists, publicans, and other well-known members of the area including stockmen.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Nil

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

ECO2.2 Promote and develop Bulloo Shire as a unique destination and manage tourism in a sustainable manner.

ECO2.3 Work in collaboration with tourism industry bodies, local businesses and all levels of government to build successful visitor experiences.

ECO2.4 Continue to provide and investigate options to improve our visitor information centre and tourism infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider the request received from Jodielyn Edge and provide direction for Council Officers.

BACKGROUND

Steve Blore has recently donated an interpretive sign to Council documenting the history of King Millar to be installed by Council at Noccundra. They plan to unveil King Millar project on the 11th of May 2024. The location of this sign is yet to be confirmed. Since receiving this donation from Steve Blore, a new request has been received for Council to support a second interpretative sign.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSIONLocation of Signs

It was originally discussed to install the King Millar sign outside with a shelter to protect it from the elements. However, with the new proposed sign and further discussion it has been suggested to house both signs in the Noccundra hall and have it opened to the public as a Tourist attraction. Council may need to consider community consultation if the use of the Noccundra Town Hall is going to be changed.

Funding of Second Sign

The email received from Jodielyn as attached, is requesting council to contribute \$10,000.00 to the project to develop another interpretative sign. Reviewing Councils Tourism Signage budget, we could allocate \$10,000.00 from this budget to cover these cost. Due to the lack of information for Visitors to Noccundra these signs would be beneficial and provide another reason for Visitors to stop at Noccundra.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$10,000.00

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

11 May 2024

CONSULTATION

ACEO

Jodielyn Taylor

Tourism & Marketing Coordinator

From: [Jodielyn Edge](#)
To: [Tamie Warner](#)
Subject: Noccundra interpretation project
Date: Tuesday, 21 November 2023 7:28:56 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Sorry Tam I sent this last night but it bounced back because I spelt the email wrong. Sorry for the lateness.

Dear Tammy,

As you are aware I have worked on the King Millar interpretation sign with Steve Blore, Rusty Ferguson and Dogga Dare. We have discussed undertaking a project of a second interpretation sign for Noccundra which will be based around the history of the town, the early pastoralists, publicans and other well-known members of the area including stockmen. Noccundra currently has no heritage information that speaks of the foundations of the town or its people, telling its story to tourists visiting the town. Knowing what we have already achieved, we are hoping that the Thargomindah Shire Council would be willing to support this project financially allowing us to complete the second interpretation. Should you require a project proposal, including key project and budgetary information I am happy to provide one. We have based the budget for the Noccundra interps on the expenditure for the King Millar sign;

\$4700.00 – completed interps board

\$800.00 – graphic designer

\$700 – freight

\$500.00 – incidentals (purchase of photos and information if necessary/restoration of photos)

\$2300.00 – to cover any Shire costs for installation.

\$10,000.00 - Total

The King Millar project is due to be unveiled on the 11th of May 2024, and with your support we would like to be able to present the Noccundra interpretation on the same day.

Should you wish to discuss this further I can be contacted on 0420 276 035.

Regards

Jodie

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14.3 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT**File Number:** 145812**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Admin & Finance Manager**Authoriser:** Tamie Warner, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Administration & Finance Services Report for November 2023.

ADMINISTRATION**Customer Service Requests**

Listed below is a summary of the 12 External Service Requests received for the month of November 2023.

Department - Type	Number
Council Building Maintenance	2
Housing Maintenance	6
Road Conditions	2
Sewerage Complaint	1
Water Services	1

PLANNING**Development Applications**

Material Change of Use	Reconfiguring a Lot	Operational Work	Building Work
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

BUILDING, PLUMBING & DRAINAGE APPLICATIONS

Nil

LAND DEALINGS**Proposed Road Opening Road Closure in Naryilco and Noccundra – Warri Gate Road**

6 July 2022 – Fieldwork has been completed. Ian Rosenberger is working on reducing data and existing draft plans ready for lodgement of application with BSC for the Road Opening in the Nockatunga Freehold paddock. This will be a RAL app to the BSC subject to obtaining the consent of the owner.

Application ready to lodge with Department for the Noccundra Town Reserve and plan is substantial drafted. Owners consent required once plans have been finalised.

Applications ready to lodge with Department for Naryilco and Nockatunga Road opening and road closure. Plans require further amendment as advised above. Work is proceeding on this project. Owners consent required once plans have been finalised.

March 2023 - Report presented at meeting.

July 2023 - Rosenberger Surveyors have experienced some difficulty with the scaling of the Warri Gate project. They have enlisted the help of a Colleague who specialises in Geodetic Projects and hope to have the issue resolved soon (the scaling requirements is part of this order so the cost will not increase). This is because the project extends over 180 km. Once this has been done they can prepare final draft plans with accurate road area calculations.

With the final plans they can then organise owner consents and liaise with the Departments as previously discussed.

Ian Rosenberger is working on the Scaling issue. They have purchased some additional software to help with the issue. They hope to have some final tuition of the software later this week and will let Council know when the issue is finally resolved.

TENDER

Item	Department	Status
T2023-2024-109 1x 3-Bedroom House	Projects	Tender closes 7/11/2023 Report to Council
T2023-2024-116 Seal- Package 4	Roads	Report to be submitted to January Meeting after report from Engineer

GRANTS

Council has engaged the services of Peak Services to assist with Grant Applications.

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure – Phase 3

Final Acquittal lodged.

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure – Phase 4

Following submissions have been approved by the Department:

- Warri Gate Road
- Innamincka Road Reseal
- Thargomindah Swimming Pool Upgrade
- Hungerford Hall Switchboard Upgrade
- Easton Drive - Upgrade with Gravel
- Thargomindah Rodeo Grounds - Road Extension and Parking Access
- Sewerage Treatment Plant Vacuum Pump Upgrade

A separate report has been submitted for Council consideration of alternative projects to replace the now no longer needed Warri Gate Road project funding.

Remote Roads and Upgrade Program

- Crew 2 and Crew 4 assigned work schedules
- Seal due before Christmas shutdown delayed due to wet weather.
- Camp setup continues to be finalised before January 2023.

QRA Get Ready Queensland 23-24

- Funding payment received
- Upgrading Emergency Dashboard system with enhanced capabilities.

QRA Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund 2022-23 Speedy Stafford Street Stormwater Drainage

- 80% design documentation was submitted to Council in October 2023
- Original Stafford Street scoped works was missing from the plans, requested to be included for final approval

QRA Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund 2023-24

- Applications now being worked on for Corner Gilmour and Frew Street Stormwater Drainage Extension and Warri Gate Road Flood Resilience – Stage 1 projects
- Due by 20 December 2023
- Working with George and Shepherd Services for accurate data to increase success

Building Our Regions Round 4

- FSG submitted development applications for remaining communication towers (3).
- Development Application & Building Approvals issues.
- Construction to commence in December for completion in January 2024.

- Monthly meetings occurring with Council, Department and FSG to ensure project is on schedule for completion.

Building Our Regions Round 6 – STP Planning

- Brandon & Associates has delivered final design options and financial estimates to Council which was endorsed at the November 2023 Ordinary Meeting.
- Council will wait for suitable funding for the construction of a new STP system based on the plans.

TRACC Community Funding

- Six (6) community groups have utilised funding to date, \$39,580 remaining of \$66,000 grant funding.
- Funding to be exhausted by June 2024

Growing Regions Program – Round 1

Three EOI submissions have been approved:

- Two three-bedroom houses for construction,
- Independent Living Units Stage 2; and
- STP Replacement

Council is now working with Peak Services to submit full applications for all three projects.

Queensland Microgrid Pilot Fund

- Consultancy works have now begun with Ener-G Management, with the first Milestone expected for delivery in February.
- An extension on the Department's Milestone 1 report is currently being processed, to align with updated project schedule dates due to delays with administrative requirements from Department.

Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program – Development and Planning

- Working with Peak Services Grant Management support team to draft application for submission under the development and planning stream

Regional Economic Future Fund

- Council has lodged a submission of two projects for consideration under the program: Warri Gate Road – Stage 2 and further housing construction
- Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning will provide an update on application progress by end of year

Saluting Their Services Commemorative Grants Program 2023-24

- Submission for ANZAC Memorial River Walk being drafted
- Concept designs have been created to support application
- Estimates of \$130,000 to \$140,000 ex. GST, working with Australian company Plaques.com.au to determine potential budget costs

Queensland State Emergency Services Support Grant

- Working with Allan Girdler to determine adequate shade structure for construction at SES shed
- Council approved application in October 2023 General Meeting

14.4 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PHASE 4 REPORT**File Number: 145830****Author: Daniel Roy, Grants Officer****Authoriser: Tamie Warner, Acting Chief Executive Officer****Attachments:**

1. Playground Proposals & Costings (under separate cover)
2. Pool Shade (under separate cover)
3. Estimate Costs (under separate cover)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to amend projects under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 4 Grant, following previous Council discussions requesting further project details.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Nil

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

ECO3.1 Support appropriate growth and development with responsive planning schemes, processes, customer service and other initiatives.

INF1 Provide and maintain quality infrastructure and assets that will serve the community for generations to come and meet the needs of a growing population.

Operational Plan 2022-2023 – Governance and Financial Management – Council maximises external grants which are in line with corporate aims.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the variation request for Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 4 to withdraw Warri Gate Road Widening and nominate:

- i. Thargomindah Town Common Fence Stage 2
- ii. Thargomindah Golf Club Upgrade
- iii. Thargomindah Memorial Park Softfall Replacement
- iv. Hungerford Park Softfall Replacement
- v. Noccundra Park Softfall Replacement
- vi. Increase Thargomindah Swimming Pool Upgrade

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the LRCI Program is to support local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across the nation, supporting jobs and delivering benefits to local communities.

The LRCI Program commenced on 1 July 2020 and has delivered projects across Phase 1, 2 and 3. Phase 4 provides a further \$750 million provided in two funding allocations:

- Part A - \$500 million available to 550 councils across Australia to spend on local roads and community infrastructure projects, and
- Part B - \$250 million available to 466 councils in rural, regional or outer-urban areas to spend exclusively on roads projects.

Including Phase 4, the total Australian Government investment in the program is \$3.2 billion.

As with the earlier Phases of the LRCI Program, Eligible Funding Recipients can select a broad range of projects to fund so that communities can continue to be provided with the infrastructure they require. It is expected that Eligible Funding Recipients will use local businesses and workforces to deliver projects wherever possible to ensure direct benefits to local communities.

Council received notification from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts earlier this year regarding successful funding through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 4 program. Under this program, Council was awarded a total of \$1,338,597 to be applied to various projects covering regional infrastructure and road development.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THIS MATTER

Resolution 2023/277

DISCUSSION

Council submitted and received approval in September of the following projects under the Phase 4 funding:

Warri Gate Road Widening Works
Thargomindah Swimming Pool Upgrade
Hungerford Hall Switchboard Upgrade
Easton Drive – Upgrade with Gravel
Thargomindah Rodeo Grounds – Road Extension and Parking Access
Sewerage Treatment Plant Vacuum Pump Upgrade
Innamincka Road Reseal Program

Since its approval, the Warri Gate Road Widening Works has been successfully achieved through other grant funding which has now made available the original allocation of \$544,921. Through discussions with all Council Departments, the following projects have been deemed high priority for funding and we submitted for consideration at the November Ordinary Meeting;

- Thargomindah Town Common Fence Stage 2
- Thargomindah Golf Club Upgrade
- Thargomindah Memorial Park Softfall Replacement

- Hungerford Park Softfall Replacement
- Noccundra Park Softfall Replacement
- Increase Thargomindah Swimming Pool Upgrade

Following Council's November 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting, it was requested that more information be sought to determine potential costs on including a complete replacement of the existing Thargomindah Memorial Park playground equipment.

At this time, estimates show a significant increase in the original proposed softfall replacement costings, with average prices being from \$50,141 to \$80,767 for a new playground depending on the design (Attachment 1).

The estimates in the attached designs do not include freight, GST or installation, which would have to be completed by an external contractor relevant to any and all legislation requirements.

The estimate from a local contractor to remove the existing play equipment with the sand at the Thargomindah Memorial Park and install the new playground equipment with Softfall \$215,000, bringing the total to \$265,141 to \$295,767 including purchase of new playground equipment.

If the inclusion of a playground equipment upgrade for the Thargomindah Memorial Park is to be considered, it would come at the cost of Hungerford & Noccundra's proposed softfall replacements and the Swimming Pool Shade.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

LRCI Phase 4 Part A funding is eligible for local road or community infrastructure projects. The original project funding assigned to Warri Gate Road Widening Works was \$544,921, and this has now been split across the proposed replacement projects.

Average cost of a playground equipment is between \$50,141 to \$80,767, excluding GST, freight and installation.

Remove the existing play equipment with the sand at the Thargomindah Memorial Park and install the new playground equipment \$140,000 + Softfall.

Installation of softfall was estimated at \$75,000 per location.

The estimates for a new Pool Shade are from \$140-170k for Shade Sails to \$210-240k for the Shade Barrel Vault, including \$100,000 from existing capital budget and \$108,921 from LRCI.

No further financial implications are expected, as the grant funding has already been approved from the Department.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Low operational risk, critical dates provide sufficient timeframe for projects to be completed.

CRITICAL DATES

All projects must be completed by June 2025.

CONSULTATION

Grants Officer

Admin & Finance Manager

Rural & Town Services Manager

Ago Vires

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

14.5 T2023-2024-109 DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF ONE (1) X THREE-BEDROOM HOUSE**File Number:** 145831**Author:** Daniel Roy, Grants Officer**Authoriser:** Tamie Warner, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:**

1. Charleville Construction and Tiles Updated Proposal (under separate cover)
2. Asset Cabins & Homes Updated Proposal (under separate cover)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider updated tender responses for the design and construction of One (1) x Three-Bedroom house.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

ECO3.1 Support appropriate growth and development with responsive planning schemes, processes, customer service and other initiatives.

INF1 Provide and maintain quality infrastructure and assets that will serve the community for generations to come and meet the needs of a growing population.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the Tender from Asset Cabins & Homes for 1x 3-bedroom house (option 3) for \$488,630 including connection to services onsite.

BACKGROUND

The continued housing shortage in Thargomindah has been identified by Council, and with the lack of Government support forthcoming, Council is proceeding with funding the housing shortfall. Council approved housing in the configuration of One (1) x three-bedroom houses.

The Design & Construction Request for Tender closed on Tuesday 7th November 2023. The tender evaluation was held on Wednesday 8th November. Council discussed the tender results in the November 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting, opting to ask for further information from both suppliers to be presented in this report.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THIS MATTER

Resolution 2023/281

TENDERS

Council originally received the following responses presented at the November 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting:

SUPPLIER	Price Excl GST
Charleville Construction & Tiles	\$734,434 Includes connection to services & landscaping
Asset Cabins & Homes	Option 1 - \$443,900 Option 2 - \$425,200 + connection to services \$44,700

The following updated prices are as follow:

SUPPLIER	Price Excl GST
Charleville Construction & Tiles	\$734,434 (unchanged) Includes connection to services & landscaping. Optional Duplex – Additional \$200,000-\$300,000
Asset Cabins & Homes	Option 3 - \$443,930 <i>based of Option 2 with ensuite and larger carport</i> + connection to services \$44,700 Optional 2 Buy Bulk Rate - \$851,060

Council requested both suppliers to provide further information on the following topics:

- Adjusting floor plan to include one bedroom with an ensuite
- Ensuring that typical sized cars in Thargomindah be able to fit the proposed garage space
- If the order was to be issued in December, what would be the estimated delivery dates

In the original responses, it was noted that Charleville Construction & Tiles included **all** scope of works requested by Council with no exclusions listed.

Asset Cabins & Homes **did not include** all scope of works, providing a list of inclusions and exclusions, namely that the supplied price **did not include** landscaping works or service connections.

Charleville Construction & Tiles

Charleville Construction & Tiles' proposal is for a complete on-site constructed "kit" home including garage, landscaping, fencing and service connections (see attachment 1). No changes outside of proposed garage sizing adjustments to floor plan provided.

Charleville Construction & Tiles provided the following answers to Council's further requested information:

- The garage on the original plans (see attachment 1) can be extended to accommodate larger vehicle storage and the new National Construction Code laws requiring appropriate wheelchair access

- To show commitment to the Shire, there will be no additional costs for the enlarged size of the car accommodation
- Charleville Construction & Tiles has the following schedule – Thargomindah and Augathella QBUILD houses to be completed by February 2024; Thargomindah Foodworks completed by May 2024; Thargomindah private residence to be completed by December 2024
- Estimated start and delivery of the construction project expected June 2024 and December 2024 if an order was issued in December 2023

Comments from Previous Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda:

- Relevant experience was considerably high, with a 35-year legacy that includes works in Shire of Murweh, QBuild, Government employee housing, Bulloo Shire Council and an array of residential clients.
- Company has previously undertaken works for Council, including the supply of construction works for the Noccundra Sports Ground kitchen upgrade, Thargomindah Golf Club cladding, VIC 4-bay shed, installation of concreting at the Thargomindah Sports Grounds and residential repairs.
- Clear indication of key personnel experience and demonstration of required skillsets to complete construction
- Proposed plan appears to be suitable for the required purpose, however the supplied pricing schedule was not in the provided format but a custom format. Addresses all of the key criteria, showing relevant information:
 - Attached carport
 - Fencing and landscaping including turfing, trees, mulch, gravel
 - Pricing schedule does lack clear detail on whether all fixed white goods will be supplied in the price
 - Carpet is noted as an inclusion in the bedrooms, but this can be opted out of
- Compliance with QBCC, valid builder's licence and all relevant insurances.
- Cost is within the budget, however including a 10% margin does exceed that limit. An alternative proposal of building a duplex was provided, which would increase the costs by \$200,000-\$300,000 but overall be cheaper than two separate constructions.
- Project completion within 22 weeks of start date, dependant on services being available for house connection.

Asset Cabins & Homes

Asset Cabins & Homes' proposal is for a multi-part modular transportable building, with a new design provided following Council's requests (see attachment 2).

Asset Cabins & Homes provided the following answers to Council's further requested information:

- Asset Cabins & Homes has provided a modified floor plan to include the addition of an ensuite in Bedroom 1. This has also reduced the size of Bedroom 1's wardrobe space, but this has in turn been converted to a walk-in-wardrobe space that does slightly reduce bedroom area. The garage has also been shifted down to meet the ensuite requirements.
- The roller door for the garage has been adjusted to an increased size of 3m x 4m to accommodate larger vehicles

Comments from Previous Ordinary Council Meeting:

- Relevant experience listed was impressive and relevant, showing a number of similar successful projects.
- No current BSC experience.
- Significant experience and qualifications of key personnel clearly defined, with relevance to the proposed project.
- Proposed plans are extremely attractive, with clear indication of understanding what Council is requesting and suitable for the location. Clear differences in the two design options provided and all inclusions/exclusions outlined.
- Compliance with QBCC, valid builder's licence and all relevant insurances.
- 12-month defect period after construction sign-off, structural guarantee of 8 years.
- Plans have proposed galvanised steel stumps/Zinc coated plates utilising adjustable stump design, obligation on owner to monitor stump adjustments.
- Cost is well within budget means, however landscaping, fencing, concrete exterior slabs/paved areas are excluded from the price. These would need to be costed separately and may increase costs depending on scope of works.
- Price **does not include** connection of external services; however, it is offered as an extra for \$44,700.
- Delivery included in the proposed cost.
- Tenderer provides discounts on purchase of two or more homes based on simultaneous manufacture and delivery to sites which are near each other.
- Project completion within 5 months from tender agreement.

DISCUSSION

After the initial discussions in Council's November meeting, further information was requested and has been provided in this report for consideration.

Charleville Construction & Tiles' proposal does include all requested scope of works, with Asset Cabins & Homes lacking in landscaping, external service connections, concrete works and fencing. This however has been mitigated by a lower construction cost proposal from Asset Cabins & Homes, which would allow for potential additions and extras.

Charleville Construction & Tiles does have a significant number of projects on their current schedule, which could potentially impact delivery timeframes if any delays occurred. It is expected that a contingency factor would be put into place to prevent this happening.

Asset Cabins & Homes has provided significantly higher detail in planning designs, including two varied options to choose from that still retain the desired Shire aesthetics. There is also an option for Council to capitalise on discounted rates if two or more houses are purchased for construction at the same time, which, depending on cost estimates, could be more beneficial for longer term budgeting.

Due to the exclusion of Asset Cabins & Homes' external services, landscaping and fencing, Council would have to manage these items internally or engage additional contractors to complete. Asset Cabins & Homes has outlined that **they are capable** of completing external service connections for an **additional \$44,700**, but have not made available landscaping costs as an additional offer.

Estimates for the landscaping costs and service costs (external if not done by Asset Cabins & Homes) are as follows:

- Landscaping (estimated by BKR Town Maintenance): \$4,314.55 ex. GST
+ Labour @ \$130/hr
- Services Connection Estimates (Electrical, Plumbing and Sewerage): \$40,000 ex. GST

Both tenders have provided additional commentary on the proposal of Council increasing budget amounts to accommodate a second home purchase at the same, for a discounted/additional cost.

Charleville Construction & Tiles is proposing an additional \$200,000 - \$300,000 for a duplex-styled delivery, effectively increasing capacity of housing by two.

Asset Cabins & Homes is proposing an additional

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (EX GST)

Adopted budget:	\$750,000
Asset Cabins & Homes revised offer: option 3 with connection to services	\$488,630
+ Landscaping (estimate including 2 people for 3 days labour)	\$ 10,554.55
	\$499,184.55
Charleville Construction & Tiles revised offer:	\$734,434

Optional second house purchase:

Charleville Construction & Tiles Duplex (estimates) -	\$934,434 to \$1,034,434
Asset Cabins & Homes 2Buy Option (bulk package rate, no services/landscaping) -	\$851,060

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Low to Medium. There is a risk of project delay dependant on services connection to the site.

CRITICAL DATES

As per projected completion dates for the successful tenderer.

CONSULTATION

Admin & Finance Manager

Grants Officer

Asset Cabins & Homes

Charleville Construction & Tiles

Ago Vires

BKR Town Maintenance

14.6 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

File Number: 145814
Author: Leanne Smith, Accountant
Authoriser: Tamie Warner, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the Council Monthly Financial Statements.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Financial Performance Report for period ending 30 November 2023 in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*, Council must prepare a financial report and present the report at each meeting of government.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Financial statements including Councils Operating Statement, Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) and Cash Flow Statement as at 30th November 2023 are included for the information of Council.

Financial Sustainability Indicators

Two of the three key performance indicators are better than our target guidelines, but the Operating Surplus Ratio remains negative for the period ended 30th November 2023.

Key Local Government Performance Indicators

Indicator		Target	30 Nov 23	Comment
Current Ratio Is Council able to pay off its short-term liabilities with its current assets?	<i>Current Assets/Current Liabilities</i>	Greater than 3.0	6.52%	Better than Target
Operating Surplus Ratio Does Council have sufficient operating revenue to meet Council operating costs?	<i>Surplus (Deficit) from council operations / Revenue generated from Council operations</i>	0 to 10%	(17%)	Below Target
Unrestricted Cash Expense Ratio Has Council properly planned for when payments associated with Council activities are due?	Cash at Bank / Expected cash operating costs for one month	3 months	15.81 Mths	Better than Target

Bulloo Shire Council Operating Statement (Income Statement) For the year ended 30th June 2024				
	November 2023	Actual - YTD	Original Budget 2023/24	Variance
Operating Revenue				
Rates and Charges	0	3,017,864	5,787,210	2,769,346
Less: Discount, Rebate & Remissions	0	(83,379)	(155,015)	(71,636)
	0	2,934,485	5,632,195	
Fees and Charges	6,943	99,435	160,345	60,910
Interest	72,774	459,045	623,437	154,392
Rental Income	43,130	251,236	422,049	170,813
	122,847	809,716	1,205,831	
Recoverable Works	340,594	937,526	2,565,573	1,628,047
Other Income	2,498	2,861	31,621	28,760
Contributions	0	0	0	0
Subsidies and Grants	996,344	2,849,628	16,405,548	13,555,920
	1,339,436	3,790,015	19,002,742	
Total Operating Revenues	1,462,283	7,534,216	25,840,768	
Operating Expenditure				
Administration and Governance Services	287,213	2,034,909	5,875,570	3,840,661
Corporate Services	110,436	620,974	1,821,147	1,200,173
Town Service Costs	255,159	1,025,433	2,933,109	1,907,606
Net Plant Operating Costs	(154,705)	994,519	(1,924,622)	(930,103)
Rural Services	131,489	284,770	708,526	423,756
Finance Services	20,395	14,118	44,351	30,233
Depreciation	490,884	2,513,783	7,879,354	5,365,571
Road Services	451,446	3,356,565	12,904,622	9,548,057
Total Operating Expenditure	1,592,317	8,856,033	30,242,057	
Operating Capability Before Capital Items	(130,034)	(1,321,817)	(4,401,289)	
Capital Items				
Profit/Loss on Sale of Non-current Assets	(11,985)	(11,985)	670,000	681,985
Contributions	0	0	4,909,032	4,909,032
Subsidies and Grants	103,000	5,487,478	8,740,320	3,252,842
Flood Damaged Road Write-Off	0	0	0	0
INCR / (DECR) IN OPERATING	(39,019)	4,153,676	9,918,063	

Bulloo Shire Council Financial Position (Balance Sheet) For the year ended 30th June 2024			
	Notes	YTD- November 2023	Original Budget 2023/24
Current Assets			
Cash and Equivalents	11	26,480,239	16,090,000
Trade and Other Receivables	12	555,400	2,067,000
Contract Assets	12	1,322,274	1,757,000
Inventories	13	3,241,7400	803,500
Other Financial Assets	14	0	0
		31,599,653	20,717,500
Non-Current Assets Held for Sale	15	2,636	0
Total Current Assets	2	31,602,289	20,717,500
Non-Current Assets			
Trade and Other Receivables		0	0
Property, Plant and Equipment	18	289,318,828	218,108,000
Intangible Assets		0	0
Total Non-Current Assets	2	289,318,828	218,108,000
TOTAL ASSETS		320,921,117	238,825,500
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	20	58,567	855,500
Contract Liabilities		3,046,982	1,447,500
Borrowings	21	0	0
Provisions	23	1,744,714	1,302,000
Total Current Liabilities		4,850,263	3,605,000
Non-Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	20	0	0
Contract Liabilities		0	0
Borrowings	21	0	0
Provisions	23	72,925	157,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities		72,925	157,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES		4,923,188	3,762,000
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS		315,997,929	235,063,500
Community Equity			
Asset Revaluation Reserve	25	177,357,854	101,952,000
Retained Surplus	26	138,640,075	133,111,500
Shire Capital			0
Other Reserves	28		0
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		315,997,929	235,063,500

Bulloo Shire Council Cash Flow Statement For the year ended 30th June 2024			
	Notes	YTD – November 2023	Original Budget 2023/24
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Receipts from Customers		5,033,771	8,454,500
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(7,362,850)	(22,101,000)
			(13,646,500)
Interest Received		459,148	623,500
Rental Income		251,736	421,000
Non-Capital Grants and Contributions		2,793,970	15,810,000
Borrowing Costs		0	0
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	35	1,175,775	3,208,000
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment		(4,285,886)	(14,329,000)
Payments for Intangible Assets		0	0
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment		163,663	670,000
Capital Grants and Contributions		5,402,966	8,740,000
Other Cash Flows from Investing Activities		0	0
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		1,280,743	(4,919,000)
Cash Flow from Financing Activities			
Proceeds from Borrowings		0	0
Repayment of Borrowings		0	0
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		0	0
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		2,456,518	(1,711,000)
Cash at Beginning of Reporting Period		24,023,721	17,801,000
Cash at End of Reporting Period	11	26,480,239	16,090,000

Balance Sheet: Note 11

Cash at bank – the majority of this has been invested in QTC at market rates to maximise return on investment.

As at 30th November 2023

BANK	\$	INTEREST RATE	Restricted Cash \$	Unrestricted Cash \$
NAB – General Account	3,995,202	3.45%		3,995,202
NAB – Term Deposit	5,000,000	5.18%	5,000,000	0
Explorers Caravan Park	4,342			4,342
QTC - 22039	7,033,987	5.14%	1,423,188	5,610,799
QTC - 22040	7,296,827	5.14%		7,296,827
QTC - 27366	3,148,681	5.14%		3,148,681
Float Money	1,200			1,200
TOTAL	26,480,239		6,423,188	20,057,051

Money In/Out - NAB

	November 2023	YTD
Money Received	4,176,856	22,782,965
Money Paid	(1,937,347)	(20,140,202)

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PROFITABILITY

The table below shows actual vs budget BSC Plant Profitability as at 30th November 2023

ID	Description	30 Nov 2023 Income/Exp \$	YTD Income/Exp \$	%	Budget	
Revenue						
7100-1905	Plant Hire	326,019	2,018,431	48%	\$4,206,829	
7100-1100	Fuel Rebate Subsidy	5,133	24,333	36%	\$66,950	
7100-1900	Flood Truck Revenue				\$0	
7100-1917	Other Income - Plant				\$0	
7100-1918	Profit/Loss on Disposal of Assets				\$0	
Total Revenue		331,152	2,042,764	48%	4,273,779	
7100-2005	Plant Maintenance - Parts & Labour	88,512	379,345	37%	\$1,038,475	
7100-2010	Plant Maintenance - Tyres & Batteries	7,423	69,116	46%	\$148,750	
7100-2015	Plant Maintenance - Fuel & Oils	69,429	337,731	57%	\$590,911	
7100-2020	Plant Rego. & Insurance	0	175,357	85%	\$205,884	
7100-2025	Workshop Consumables	1,606	12,925	42%	\$30,488	
7100-2030	Workshop Operating Costs	2,853	48,303	18%	\$249,563	
7100-2035	Radio & T.V. Maintenance	494	1,135	19%	\$7,000	
7100-2600	Depreciation-Plant & Depot	83,501	439,886	43%	\$1,004,800	
Total Expenditure		253,818	1,463,798	44%	3,317,153	
Profit (Loss)		77,334	578,966		956,626	

CONSULTANT REPORT - NOVEMBER 2023

Consultant	Nov 2023 Expenditure	YTD Expenditure 2023/2024	Comments
Shepherd Services Pty Ltd	0	\$655,892.64	Road Consultancy Service (Claimable)
Brandon & Associates Pty. Ltd.	\$40,018.00	\$349,522.76	Engineering Services
C Alexander and Associates Consulting Pt	\$9,442.02	\$63,940.58	Accounting Services
Safe As Gold Consulting	\$8,443.42	\$34,055.80	HSE
King & Company Solicitors	0	\$20,465.50	Legal Expenses – General
Protest Engineering	0	\$21,099.10	Soil Testing
Ian A Rosenberger Solicitor	\$1,874.32	\$12,167.80	Various Legal fees Including Housing Buy Back Scheme
Peter Driemel	0	9,149.19	
Ochre Community Consulting	0	5,789.99	
SC Lennon & Associates Pty Ltd	0	\$10,582.00	
Statewide Building Design Solutions Pty	\$396.00	\$2,420.00	Building Design
Ian A Rosenberger Surveyor	\$880.00	\$880.00	
AMB Geotech SQS Pty Ltd	\$2,354.00	\$2,354.00	
Total	\$59,777.76	\$1,188,517.36	

DEBTORS SUMMARY – NOVEMBER 2023

Debtors Category	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	Balance
Sundry Debtors	\$20,842.31	\$28,943.57	\$1,903.48	\$1,201.34	\$52,890.70
Housing	\$4,797.10	\$43.20	\$128.88	\$85.00	\$5,054.18
Common	\$735.20	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$735.20
Qld Government	\$268,954.21	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$268,954.21
Federal Government	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Total	\$295,328.82	\$28,986.77	\$2,032.36	\$1,286.34	\$327,634.29

RATES SUMMARY – November 2023

Rates	\$
Brought forward arrears including Interest	\$52,851.57
Interest current year	\$4,912.67
Rates Levied in 2023-24	\$3,090,824.02
Total	\$3,148,588.26
Less Rates Collected during 2023-24	\$2,897,038.03
Government & Council pensioner subsidy 2023-24	\$1,800.58
Discount on rates collection during 2023-24	\$81,578.54
Write-Offs	\$0.60
Credit supplementary notices	\$1,424.38
Total Outstanding Balance *	\$166,746.13
Unallocated Receipts	\$21,654.94
Current Outstanding Balance	\$145,091.19

FUEL STORES – SUMMARY

No Fuel Reports this month.

14.7 2023/24 BUDGET REVISION**File Number:** 145813**Author:** Leanne Smith, Accountant**Authoriser:** Tamie Warner, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Budget Review**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present the December 2023 draft Budget Revision. The amended budget most likely reflects the financial outcome as at the end of the 2023/2024 financial year.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the draft 2023/24 Budget revision as presented.

BACKGROUND

The Accountant and Council's executive team have reviewed current operating income and expenditure as well as Capital projects where costs have increased/decreased and have proposed the following amendments. As such a budget amendment is required to ensure that the budget accurately reflects Council's needs.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

RES 2023/131 - Adoption of 2023/2024 Budget and Ten-Year Financial Forecast

DISCUSSION

Council's Accountant, along with the Executive team have proposed the amendments in attachment 1 to the 2023/2024 budget.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget amendments presented, result in a reduction of cash at bank as at 30 June 2024 by \$310,632 from \$16,369,533 to \$16,058,901.

Overall Impact of 23-24 Budget Amendment	\$
Increase in income	1,540,515
Increase in cash expenditure	- 1,274,184
Decrease in Depreciation Expense	1,873,343
Reduction in Operating Loss	2,139,675
Increase in Capital contribution expenditure	- 576,964
Net change in Council's Amended Budget	1,562,711

This report is to receive the 2023/24 Budget revision documents only, finalised budget revision with Financial Statements and 10-year Forecast will be presented at the January meeting.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Finance Risk - The amended budget most likely reflects the financial outcome as at the end of the 2023/2024 financial year to ensure Council can achieve its outcomes.

CRITICAL DATES

8 December 2023

CONSULTATION

Executive Management Team

Consultant Accountant

Managers

Proposed 23-24 Budget Amendments - December 2023

Amendments requested - Materials and services		Expenditure		
GL		Current amount	Increase/(decrease) amount	New amount
2000-2015	Freight	24,617.00	36,000.00	54,617.00
2000-2120	Audit Fees	82,400.00	26,000.00	108,400.00
2000-2123	Additional internal audit	51,500.00	16,500.00	68,000.00
2000-2130	Elections	2,400.00	4,500.00	6,900.00
2000-2230	Insurance	285,715.00	5,000.00	290,715.00
2000-2345-0000	General Expenses	500.00	500.00	500.00
2000-2410	Council Contracts	305,000.00	208,500.00	513,500.00
3000-0001	SWERTG - Tech Training 2 x courses Nov & Jan	14,459.00	20,459.00	20,459.00
3000-0003-1025	Sam & Frew ST Sewerage extension Design	3,300.00	23,280.00	26,580.00
3000-2012	Town Planning/ Building approvals	35,090.00	54,910.00	70,000.00
3100-2410	Recoverable Works-DNR RMPC	1,028,440.64	450,000.00	1,478,440.64
3200-0000-1540	Metro Court - Gear is obsolete	14,340.00	14,340.00	14,340.00
3260-0037	Besim Rd Culverts (Council Cost)	20,500.00	20,500.00	20,500.00
4800-2004	Stock Route Maintenance	618.00	882.00	1,500.00
4800-2020-40	Grant Exp - Pest Animal Mgt Drought	1,827.00	1,827.00	1,827.00
4800-2020-40	Grant Exp - Pest Animal Mgt Drought	8,654.00	8,654.00	8,654.00
5000-2025	Dig Tree Expenditure	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
5000-2026	Teelow Court Maintenance	33,000.00	8,500.00	21,500.00
5000-2050	Music Muster	30,900.00	20,590.00	51,490.00
5100-2005	Maintenance - Thargo Hall	20,700.00	5,000.00	25,700.00
5310-2644	River Walk Solar Light Maintenance	8,910.00	3,000.00	11,910.00
5410-2006	Maintenance-Nocoundra	5,000.00	3,000.00	8,000.00
5500-2001	Thargo Sports Ground Maint	2,500.00	7,500.00	10,000.00
5500-2004	Maintenance - Nocoundra Sports	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
7100-2010	Plant - Tyre and Batteries	348,750.00	36,350.00	385,100.00
7100-2015	Plant - Fuel and Oil	590,911.00	219,992.00	804,903.00
		2,653,851.64	1,162,784.00	3,816,635.64

Proposed 23-24 Budget Amendments - December 2023

Amendments requested - Employee Benefits

	Current amount	Current Amount	New amount	Comment
1300-295 Training Oncost Recovery	350,000.00	96,020.00	248,020.00	Increase in recovery account as per below increase
1300-2951 Training split 75K costs & 75K wages	150,000.00	96,020.00	248,020.00	Mandatory training - labour costs all staff 1 fortnight approx \$180K. Utilising free training services where possible. This will replace normal wages
3100-2160 Leave - Prior year expenses	86,930.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	Catching up on prior year leave payments
4800-2008 Town Common Operating Expenses	86,930.00	50,600.00	137,530.00	4800-2008-30 - already over - dry conditions - water, etc
	86,930.00	100,600.00	187,530.00	

Depreciation Expense

	Current amount	amount	New amount	Comment
7100-2600 Depreciation - Plant & Depot	1,034,944.00	64,355.00	3,099,299.00	New plant and Equipment
3100-2600 Depreciation-Road Infrastructure	4,712,351.00	1,337,695.00	2,774,655.00	Decrease in Depreciation Expense due to Reval of roads.
	5,747,297.00	1,873,346.00	3,873,954.00	

Amendments requested - Finance Costs

	Current amount	amount	New amount	Comment
2000-2130 Bank Charges	31,138.00	10,800.00	41,938.00	Increase in bank charges on QTC interest revenue.
	31,138.00	10,800.00	41,938.00	

Proposed 23-24 Budget Amendments - December 2023

Amendments requested - Capital		Current amount	Amount	New amount	Comment
1749-4000	Corrected the value of SR Mix order 23522	269,393.00	90,000.00	379,393.00	Error in formula added the trade in (overstated by 90k)
3100-0016	Warri Gate Camp	10,000.00	60,000.00	70,000.00	Currently spent 47k this year, committed \$11,500k
3100-4913-0000	Stormwater drainage Frew Street	170,000.00	570,000.00		This can be removed
7700-4903-0000	Add BoR Connectivity Expense to budget		337,570.00	337,570.00	Round 4 BoR - Connectivity Grant not included in original budget - Grant funds have already been received
8000-1000-0000	Renovate Golf Club - Cladding & Gutters	40,000.00	2,900.00	42,500.00	Increase by \$2,500 to complete
8000-2013-0000	Explorers CR Cabin upgrade	70,000.00	17,500.00	87,500.00	Increase by 25% of \$70000 as per Ago estimate
8000-5003-0000	Thargomindah - Finalisation of Bore 2 connection	25,000.00	45,000.00	70,000.00	Original quote was only to supply - not install
Amendments	2 Isuzu Trucks for road crew	320,000.00	13,000.00	233,000.00	Council Resolution - 2023/282
Amendments	Water tank	155,000.00	23,632.00	178,632.00	Council Resolution - 2023/283
Tenders	Isuzu Truck - Mechanic 2nd truck - 2 WD (replace 6024 Landranger Ute)	100,000.00	63,560.00	163,560.00	Council Resolution - 2023/284
Tenders	Isuzu Truck - (Mechanics) New 4wd (Replace 705)	135,000.00	47,595.00	177,595.00	Council Resolution - 2023/284
New Job No	Hungerford Water storage - pumps, power etc		20,000.00	20,000.00	Waiting on confirmation from Wai
New Job No	Weather protection roof - oil containment TIP		20,000.00	20,000.00	the Transfer Station (the old building). Having a cover over the area will reduce the likelihood of water infiltrating any oil drums etc and leaching into the area.
New Job No	Rodeo Ground Lighting		10,000.00	10,000.00	Electrical
5501-4019-0000	Nocoundra Sport Facilities	30,000.00	212,646.00	242,646.00	Council Resolution - 2023/176
7800-4043-0000	W4Q4 Thargo Sports Ground Canteen - Fire wall and		68,961.00	68,961.00	Council Resolution - 2023/205
		1,224,393.00	576,964.00	1,801,357.00	
INCOME		Current amount	Increase amount	New amount	Comment
2200-1105	FAGS General Purpose Grant	6,769,676.00	289,570.00	7,059,246.00	Initial payment plus quarterly payments
1310-1810	Interest Received	600,000.00	350,000.00	950,000.00	Increase due interest rate
3100-1100	FAGS Roads	1,742,129.00	72,474.00	1,784,603.00	Initial payment plus quarterly payments
3100-2410	RMC Contract	1,028,440.64	828,471.47	1,856,912.11	Additional Contracts
		20,110,295.64	1,540,515.47	21,650,811.11	

Bulloo Shire Council
Summary of Amended Budget 2023-24

Account Description	Original Budget 2023- 24	Amended Budget 2023- 24	Variance
Operating Income			
Rates and Utility Charges	5,787,210	5,787,210	
Less: Rates Discounts and Write Offs	155,015	155,015	
Fees and Charges	160,345	160,345	
Interest Income	623,437	973,437	350,000
Other Income	31,621	31,621	
Rental Income	422,049	422,049	
Sales and Other Recoverable Works	2,565,573	3,394,044	828,471
Operating Grants and Subsidies	16,405,548	16,767,592	362,044
Operating Income Total	25,840,768	27,381,283	1,540,515
Operating Expenses			
Employee Benefits	6,128,300	6,228,900	100,600
Councillor Remuneration	353,232	353,232	
Materials and Services	15,850,034	17,012,817	1,162,784
Depreciation	7,879,354	6,006,011	1,873,343
Finance Costs	31,138	41,938	10,800
Operating Expenses Total	30,242,057	29,642,898	599,159
Operating result	- 4,401,289	- 2,261,614	2,139,675
Capital Funding			
Capital Grants and Subsidies	8,740,320	8,740,320	
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	670,000	670,000	
Council Cash Reserves	4,909,032	5,485,996	576,964
Capital Expenditure	14,319,352	14,896,316	576,964
Net Capital	-	-	1,562,711

Bulloo Shire Council Forecast Statement of Cash Flows Budgeted Figures			
	Notes	Amended Budget 23/24	Original Budget 23-24
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Receipts from Customers		9,218,205	8,389,733
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(23,636,887)	(22,362,703)
		(14,418,682)	(13,972,970)
Interest Received		973,437	623,437
Rental Income		422,049	422,049
Non-Capital Grants and Contributions		16,767,592	16,405,548
Borrowing Costs		0	0
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	35	3,744,396	3,478,064
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment		(14,896,316)	(14,319,352)
Payments for Intangible Assets			
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	5	670,000	670,000
Capital Grants and Contributions		8,740,320	8,740,320
Other Cash Flows from Investing activities			
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		(5,485,996)	(4,909,032)
Cash Flow from Financing Activities			
Proceeds from Borrowings		0	0
Repayment of Borrowings		0	0
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		0	0
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		(1,741,599)	(1,430,967)
Cash at Beginning of Reporting Period 30 June		17,800,500	17,800,500
Cash at End of Reporting Period	11	16,058,901	16,369,533
Variance between Original and Amended Budgets		-310,632	

14.8 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT**File Number:** 145817**Author:** Donna Hobbs, Rural & Town Services Manager**Authoriser:** Tamie Warner, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Rural Services Department Report for November 2023

BIOSECURITY**Landholders**

Phone, email and face to face consultations with landholders during the month on topics including, property visits, rainfall, road conditions, wild dog management, November Aerial Baiting, water agreements, property pest management plans, feral pig management, weeds, fire preparedness, hazard reduction burns, fire breaks, boundary fences, road signs, grids on roads, NLIS tags, Clinic hours. Properties consulted during the month include Omicron, Epsilon, Orientos, Nappa Merrie, Bingara, Dynevor Downs, Wombula, Norley, Nockatunga, Bulloo Downs, Thargomindah Station, Besm, Autumnvale, Wiralla, Yakara, Boodgherree, Picarilli, Kilcowera, Moombidary, Naryilco, Tickalara, Durham Downs, Nooyeah, Wombula, Woomonooka, Nockatunga, National Parks.

Wild Dog Management

The November Coordinated Aerial Baiting program is being postponed until 7 & 8 December 2023 due to rain. This is the first baiting program where there is no funding to assist with meat costs.

Property Visits

Rural Service Staff completed property visits to Kilcowera Station to assist with reviewing and updating their Property Pest Management Plan.



Weeds

Council's Rural Lands Officer has sprayed tree regrowth along the Hungerford Airport Fence, as only the inside of the fence line was graded.



Council's RLO also completed spraying of mesquite and mimosa on Bulloo Downs.



Mimosa



Treated Mesquite

Department of Agriculture and Fisheries – Waterway barrier works

Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and neighbouring shires visited sites across the shire to discuss how to undertake road maintenance (waterway barrier works) within red and purple waterways under the State Development Assessment Code.



Town Common

Rural Service's Staff participated in meetings with Transport & Main Roads regarding grid removal. TMR had planned to remove the Town Common and Kulki boundary grid but following discussions with Council Acting CEO and staff on site, this grid will remain in place.

Southwest ROC Drought Resilience Meeting

Acting CEO and Rural Services Manager attended the Southwest ROC Meeting on 29 November via Teams, an update was provided on:

Southwest Regional Drought Resilience Plan

Review of the Calculation Methodology for the Wild Dog Barrier Fence

Review of Local Drought Committees & Drought Declarations

Town Services**Airport**

- Operation of the Thargomindah Airport during September was without incident. Apart from standard visits to the Thargomindah Clinic, the RFDS had nil evacuations during the month.

Facilities and Housing

- Minor general maintenance was completed during November 2023. Purchase orders have been issued for plumbing and electrical works and minor maintenance being completed by Council staff.

Parks and Gardens

- Gum trees were provided for the Hungerford Sports Grounds shade program, with local volunteer Doug Clifford planting and looking after these trees.
- Additional trees were planted around the Thargo campdraft arena, where local volunteer Rusty Ferguson looks after the trees. Bottle brush seedlings were planted at the Bike Track.
- Additional areas around town that have been cleaned up during the month with the assistance of Council plant operators:

Parking area adjacent to oval



Roadside in Powell Street is being cleaned up.



14.9 ENGINEERS REPORT**File Number: 145940****Author: George Inocentes, Engineer****Authoriser: Tamie Warner, Acting Chief Executive Officer****Attachments: Nil****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

- a) receive and note the Engineers Report for November 2023.
- b) reallocate \$45,000 from Capital Budget for Easton Drive Road Upgrade to Operational Budget for Design Work.

WARRI GATE ROAD**R.R.U.P. Stage 1**

- Construction two construction crew has just completed the preparation for sealing on 3.9km section from the start of job.
- It was a challenging week for the construction stage for this job as we had some issues of our own workers including machineries and health issues that destruct the operation.
- Due to the recent rain event that was affected the job site in particular section of Wippo floodway, as per report from Ed Hamill who was our Works Supervisor on the jobsite, inspect and advice that they will divert the traffic to our existing concrete floodway at Wippo creek due to the extent of damage on our sidetrack that it will takes weeks to be repair. So, this means that our proposed section to be seal up to Wippo will be shorten and this will probably only 3.5km to be schedule for sealing.
- We done the Quality Testing for the job with SQS who done the compaction test on this section to be seal and the entire test has passed.
- Tolbra has continued the crushing of gravel and up to the 3rd of November they had already crushed nearly 23,000 cu.m at Iron Stone Pit out of 30,000 cu.m on the Purchase Order.
- Tolbra has been issued a new order to do the extra 26,000 cu.m. to crush the remaining gravel for RRUP job at Warry Gate to complete the proposed 20 km sealing works.

COUNCIL RESEAL PROGRAM

- Council Maintenance crew has completed the patching for the proposed reseal section along Innamincka and Ballera Road.
- Austek who won the tender for the reseal program has deferred the reseal until early next year due to another early committed schedule by other Shire before the win the contract.
- As this reseal budget has been over to the allocated reseal program this year, Council has been advice that we can utilise other Road Maintenance Budget for this year to allocate the difference on the cost to initial reseal program mostly on Innamincka Road.

- It was observed by Council Engineer during his field inspection done on Innamincka Road that there is serious bad section of this Road to be reseal, as this was not properly look at and this will cost the Council to redo it.
- As the reseal cost is only \$6.00 per square meter, but doing a rehabilitation of bitumen road will cost the Council at least \$50-\$60 per square meter to bring what the Council has putting the service of level on that section.

COUNCIL TIDS 2023-2024

- Council Engineer had advice Main Road about the delayed the implementation of TIDS along Quilpie-Thargomindah Road due to the reason of short period of construction works because of coming Christmas break.
- It was program to start the construction of TIDS by early next year.

FLOOD DAMAGE RESTORATION 2023-2024

- Council with be delivering flood damage restoration for submission 31 and 32 under the Project Management by Shepherds Services.
- Council work crew is working on flood damage restoration along Soona Crossing and nearly complete for the REPA on this section, as the construction crew are working on Soona Crossing some section which was not illegible for flood damage restoration was repair thru Council Maintenance budget.
- Council Engineer has coordinated with Shepherd Services to used most of gravel to incorporate in the restoration works will be crushed to aim for better quality of gravel to use for the works.

RMPC WORKS 2023-2024

- Clearing works along Quilpie-Thargomindah Road has been completed.
- Commence clearing works along Cunnumalla Road (94-A) from BESM intersection back to Shire Boundary.
- Plan to works Heavy Shoulder Grading and Resheeting before Christmas break along Cunnamulla Road weather permitting.

SPEEDY STREET STORM DARINAGE

- Council Engineer has been coordinating with Brandon's Design office with regards to Speedy Street Storm Drainage design and to incorporate Stafford Street and Western side of Frew Street on how we come up with the solution on the drainage problem within the area.

PROPOSED WORKS ON HENRY STREET

- Initial cost for gravelling and to move the levee bank along the boundary fence is \$50,000 which will come from Roads Maintenance Budget.

PROPOSED GRAVELLING OF EASTON DRIVE

- After the Engineer inspection of Easton Drive it was determined that a Design will need to be completed prior to any gravel work being completed on the road to reduce any

potential water run off during rain events onto surrounding properties. Due to its current state this is highly likely if Council commence work without a design.

- It is recommended that Council relocate \$45,000 from Capital Budget for Easton Drive Road Upgrade to Operational Budget for a design including drainage and proposed bitumen works before commencing any works along this street.

REPLACEMENT OF CULVERT ALONG BULLOO DOWNS ROAD.

- As Council proposed for the replacement of culvert along Bulloo Downs Road, Brandon and Associates has been tasked to do the design for this work as per latest DAF requirements due to Purple water restriction.
- We has a meeting with DAF about some issues for Purple waterways and classic example is this job and the group went to inspect this proposed works and comes out good idea on how we can deliver the works as per latest DAF requirements on Purple Waterways with in the Shire.
- It's been a good exercise for the Council to know what we can do if we need to upgrade whatever existing infrastructure or proposed works within the Shire which affect any road crossing waterways and we make sure the this will comply with the Department requirement on waterways.

14.10 ROADS MANAGER REPORT**File Number: 145816****Author: Kim Norris, Roads Manager****Authoriser: Tamie Warner, Acting Chief Executive Officer****Attachments: Nil****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Roads Manager Report for the month of November 2023.

ROADS UPDATE

- Grader Crew 1

Have been undertaking Visibility Clearing:

- Heavy Should Grading for TMR Seal Program completed.
- Cunnamulla Road on either side of the road of the road from Besm turnoff until the Shire Boundary

- Grader Crew 2

Continued working on Warri Gate Road, for the Remote Roads Upgrade Program (RRUP):

- Commencement of heavy formation grade (11km)
- Residing in Council's mobile caravan and additional Council Donga, with watercart contractor in their own accommodation.
- Sealing booked for Warri Gate Road on December 7th

- Grader Crew 3

- Restoration Works / Maintenance Activities on the Soonah Crossing Road,

- Grader Crew 4

Continued working on Warri Gate Road, for the Remote Roads Upgrade Program (RRUP):

- Commencement of heavy formation grade (11km)
- Double Lane detour for second half road works
- Sealing booked for Warri Gate Road on December 7th

- Concrete Crew

- Clean up work at Bundilla Ck on Besm Road
- Preparing Bridge for new Bridge Post
- Pothole Patching with Maintenance Crew
- Guide Posting on Cunnamulla Road and Bundeena Road

- Maintenance Crew
 - Pothole Patching – Innamincka Road
 - Guide Posting Cunnamulla Road and Bundeena Road
- RMPC
 - Road Inspections along the 5 Main Roads in the Bulloo Shire Council (Quilpie Road, Cunnamulla Road, Eulo-Hungerford Road, Bundeena Road and Eromanga Road).
- Workshop

Workshop repairs

- Services – Graders, Rollers, Gensets, Trucks
- Replace Bucket Pins on 562
- Fixed Ad Blue injectors on 5072
- Replaced batteries on VIC Generator
- Replace E-Stop on EWP
- Service and Test Generators at Warri Gate Camp
- Fixed pumps at Pump Station

PLANT DAMAGED / SITTING DOWN

Plant Description	Incident Detail	Plant Damage	Insurance Cover	Warranty	Cost	Replacement Plant	Down Time	Current Status	Return to Fleet
7042 – Mack Truck Superliner 195,197 km	Metal shavings found in oil sample during routine service		N/A	N/A	Approx \$13,600 to date	7043 7040 7041	21/01/2023 to present	Truck floated to WTG in Toowoomba (12/10/2023)	Unknown
740 – Mack Truck 265,805km	Clutch is slipping & needs to be replaced		N/A	N/A	No cost supplied	7049 – New Kenworth	06/10/2023		Unknown
7045 – Mack Truck Superliner	Ran over a large rock on the haul road in a rill to the Gravel Pit	Damage to front & back fuel tanks & straps, muffler system & brackets on drivers side of the truck	Claim No. MO0066661XQ45UO Approved 11/10/2023	N/A	\$16,078.00 (parts only) + 2 days labour	Truck still in use due to operating on one fuel tank	N/A Defect reported 28/08/2023	Parts have been ordered 11/10/2023	
6031 – Hilux Dual Cab Ute	Backed into a	Pushed the tray into	Claim No.	N/A	Waiting on insurance	6029 Hilux	20/09/2023 to present	Parked against fence	Unknown

33,519km	tree at the Wongetta Gravel Pit	the back of the cab, dented the cab, broke the tray mounts & smashed the back window	MO0067454553CW3 Quote required from Higgins Bros		quote			at depot	
5550-ster	Skid	Batteries	Waiting on new batteries	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Workshop	Unknown

- Welding Bay
 - Warri Gate Camp
 - Finished removing old flooring in dining room
 - Replacing lino flooring in dining room
 - Finished replacing old flooring in office
 - Hung blinds on the windows in 10 of the room's

WATER

LOCATION	CALL OUTS	CHECKS	TESTING	ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	CAPITAL WORKS
THARGOMINDAH	-	16 x Daily Checks	fortnightly - internal	Routine housekeeping maintenance.	
HUNGERFORD	-	4 x Weekly	Quarterly		

Usage

The following readings were recorded for November 2023:

- November water supply usage 27,094KL
- Average daily water usage 874.0KL
- Water supply usage for 2023/2024 (July to November) 90,763KL
- Council's annual allocation (Licence No. 618478) 345,000KL
- % of allocation used 26.3%
- Maximum Air Temperature 43.0°C
- Minimum Air temperature 17.8°C
- Average Maximum Air Temperature 35.6°C
- Average Minimum Air Temperature 22.0°C
- Recorded rainfall for November 2023 62.0mm

Hungerford (Non-potable & Raw Water Supplies)

River water storage in the storage dams is sufficient for town usage without restrictions for the next 6 months.

There were no incidents reported for the raw water supply during November 2023.

The Roads Manager and the Water & Sewerage Operator installed a cable system on the pontoon and a submersible pump on the larger pond at the Water Storage Facility. There is now one operational pump on each pond.

The recent flow in the Paroo River has enabled the Hungerford Caretakers to pump into the storage ponds.

Noccundra (Raw Water Supply)

There were no incidents reported for the raw water supply during November 2023.

Thargomindah Town Water Supply

The Thargomindah Town Water Supply has remained operating on bypass mode during November.

All water quality sampling on the Town Water Supply has returned with negative detection of any pathogens, however the water quality sampling performed on the Cooling Plant has continuously indicated that there is an issue with either the disinfection process or the presence of a biofilm in the pipework between the tanks and the TWS manifold. Initially the tanks were treated with a sanitisation agent, however when follow-up samples indicated the presence of a pathogen at the TWS manifold that was not in the tanks, the bag filter was thoroughly cleaned and brought back online and a hot water sanitisation of the system was performed, when the follow-up sampling still returned with a very low detection of Total Coliforms post UV, this indicated that the issue could be any, either or all:

- A biofilm entering from the tanks;
- A biofilm build-up inside the UV which may be hindering its effectiveness;
- The dead-leg section of piping between the Cooling Plant blowdown and where the Cooling Pond pipework joins the network could be harbouring the pathogen.

As a test for the operation of the BESS unit, water was continually blown down for a period of two weeks while the full system was monitored – during this period there were multiple days with storm activity and a 22-hour blackout – the system operated effectively during this time which increases confidence that the operational issues have been resolved.

Follow up works to improve water quality and bring the system back online included:

- Drained and cleaned all three tanks to refresh the water;
- Removed and cleaned the internal workings of the UV system;
- Conducted another hot/sanitising flush of the system which included the entire TWS manifold;
- Re-sanitised all three tanks and conducted a slow flush of the UV system with sanitised water;
- Re-sampled the network to ensure water quality.

On 1 December the BESS unit failed again while refilling the tanks. The system was returned to the mains power supply to enable staff to continue with required above mentioned works to bring the system back online. NRG arrived onsite to assess and repair the BESS unit.

The most recent sample results had not been received at the time of writing this report, however if all sample results return clear of any pathogen the system can be reinstated.

BORE 02 WORKS

The Drilling Contractor has supplied an estimation to replace the headworks and use a specialised packing agent (pressure cement casing) to repair the breach. Due to the quote being much higher than the current budget, a budget amendment has been applied for.

SEWERAGE

LOCATION	CALL OUTS	CHECKS	TESTING	ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	CAPITAL WORKS
RETICULATION	5	16 x Daily Checks	-	Routine housekeeping maintenance.	
PUMP STATION	1	16 x Daily Checks	-	Routine housekeeping maintenance.	
TREATMENT PLANT	0	16 x Daily Checks	-	Routine housekeeping maintenance.	

Usage

The calculated volume of effluent pumped and processed by the sewerage treatment plant is ongoing with the following results recorded. The flow through the Thargomindah Sewerage Treatment plant for November 2023 was:

- total discharge pumped to wastewater treatment plant 1,932.16KL
- the total volume of effluent discharge from the Wastewater Plant 1,079.0KL
- average daily discharge to wastewater plant A 64.4KL
- total discharge from Wastewater Plant 2022/2023 (July to November) 10,226.0KL

There was a failure with a float activation switch and level sensors at the Thargomindah Sewer Treatment Plant causing the system to overflow, once repaired the system returned to operating normally.

Other Works

- Serviced pumps at the Treatment Plant
- 2 x camp septic pump-outs
- Trained three personnel in basic water and sewerage operations in order to have a 4 week rotational on-call roster as well as back-up staff to cover water and sewerage operations if needed.

WASTE**Waste Oil Clean Up**

The external contracting team were onsite from 30 October. All works have been completed as per the scope of works:

- Top Yard
 - Removal of all storage containers including IBC's and oil drums
 - Removal of all hazardous waste
 - Excavation, removal and disposal of all contaminated soil
 - Replace excavated soil with clean soil
- Transfer Station – Bunded Area
 - Identify, sort and remove all hazardous waste
 - Removal of all storage containers (drums etc)
 - Removal and disposal of required contaminated sludge – both inside and outside of bunding
 - Steam clean/wash bunding

Quotes are currently being sourced for the supply of the self-bunded waste oil tanks. There has been a delay in ordering due to a wait on information from the collection contractor for the required fitting size they collection truck can connect to. During this wait a contractor has been sourced to collect the waste cooking oil – providing there is a minimum of 4,000L of cooking oil to collect, there will be no charge for the collection.

Conversations have also been held with two separate scrap metal collection contractors. Both operators are willing to collect from the area and offer a rebate for the collected metal. Depending on current market value of scrap metal, an opportunity exists for the cost of the scrap metal collection to be offset by the rebate of collected metal – this could make the collection cost neutral or potentially give Council a small financial return.

15 LATE ITEMS

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

17 NEXT MEETING

18 CLOSURE