



**Bulloo
Shire**

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

Date: Tuesday, 23 January 2024
Time: 9.00
**Location: Council Chambers, 68 Dowling Street
Thargomindah Queensland 4492**

BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

23 January 2024

**Tiffany Dare
Acting Chief Executive Officer**

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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 - 8 DECEMBER 2023

File Number: 146605

Author: Debra Souvlis, EA

Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Minutes of Council Meeting - 8 December 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Friday 8 December 2023 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

Council held the Ordinary Council Meeting on Friday 8th December, 2023 at the Bulloo Shire Council Chambers, Thargomindah.



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

8 December 2023

**MINUTES OF BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 68 DOWLING STREET THARGOMINDAH QUEENSLAND 4492
ON FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2023 AT 9.00AM**

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 9.06AM.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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3 ATTENDANCE INCLUDING APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Council observed one minute silence for Eileen Finlay.

5 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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Councillors	item
Cr Glyn Dare	Item 14.2 Noccundra Interpretive Signage

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 21 NOVEMBER 2023

RESOLUTION 2023/296

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 November 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 2023/298

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

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

CARRIED

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2023/299**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

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

CARRIED

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS**14.1 TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT****RESOLUTION 2023/300**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

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

CARRIED

I, Councillor Glyn Dare, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest as a result of 14.2 Noccundra Interpretive Signage. Although I have a declarable conflict of interest, I do not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias because this interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest. Therefore, I wish to remain in the meeting and ask the eligible councillors to decide if I may participate despite my declarable conflict of interest.

REMAIN IN THE MEETING**RESOLUTION 2023/296**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

I move that it is in the public interest that Glyn Dare participates and does not vote on Item 14.2 Noccundra Interpretive Signage, because this interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest, and therefore a

reasonable person would trust that the final decision is made in the public interest.

CARRIED

14.2 NOCCUNDRA INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

RESOLUTION 2023/301

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council

- a) Endorse expenditure from tourism sign budget for a second interpretive sign at Noccundra.
- b) Agree to house the signs in Noccundra Hall.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Council adjourned the meeting for Morning Tea at 9:54am.

During the Morning Tea break Council inspected the King Millar Sign at the VIC Shed.

Resumed

Council resumed the meeting at 10:26am.

14.3 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION 2023/302

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

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

CARRIED

14.4 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCUTRE PHASE 4 REPORT

RESOLUTION 2023/303

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council endorse the variation request for 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

CARRIED

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

RESOLUTION 2023/304

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

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

CARRIED

Attendance:

Leanne Smith (Accountant) attended the meeting at 10:55am.

14.6 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION 2023/305

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

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

CARRIED

14.7 2023/24 BUDGET REVISION

RESOLUTION 2023/306

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

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

CARRIED

Attendance:

Leanne Smith left the meeting at 10:15am.

14.8 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION 2023/307

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

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

CARRIED

14.9 ENGINEERS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2023/308

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

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.

CARRIED

14.10 ROADS MANAGER REPORT

RESOLUTION 2023/309

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

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

CARRIED

15 LATE ITEMS

Nil

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

17 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be Tuesday 23rd January, 2024.

18 CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 11:40am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 January 2024.

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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: 146603

Author: John Ferguson, Mayor

Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

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

Consultation and Engagement for the month of December 2023.

Meetings and Consultations

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| 8 December 2023 | Ordinary Council Meeting – Mayor Ferguson, Cr. Shirley Girdler, Cr. Vaughan Collins, Cr. Glyn Dare, Cr. Stewart Morton |
| 8 December 2023 | BSC Christmas Party – Mayor Ferguson, Cr. Shirley Girdler, Cr. Vaughan Collins. |
| 12 December 2023 | Department of Resources RE 2024 Revaluation – Cr. Shirley Girdler, Cr. Vaughan Collins, Cr Stewart Morton |

Media

ABC

2WEB

Attachments

Nil

Consideration

Nil

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

File Number: 146601
Author: Tamie Warner, Community, Culture & Places
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

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

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

External Meetings and Consultations for December 2023

01 December	LDMG Meeting - Wet weather event & Christmas Shutdown
02 December	Economic Development Community Consultation – Kullilli Room
05 December	Kullilli Consultative Committee Meeting
06 December	TMR & Rex Airlines – Western 1 Route Stakeholder meeting
07 December	SWQROC - End of year meeting
08 December	Ordinary Council Meeting
12 December	Department of Resources - 2024 Revaluation Meeting
14 December	TMR monthly catch up meeting.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1.0 Thargomindah Water Cooling System

During the month of December, Council switched the Town Water Supply over from the Bypass System to the Water-Cooling System. Everything seemed to work fine considering the power outages and overcast days we experienced during December. It is to be noted when we had a week of really hot weather, we did have some residents comment that their water supply was quite warm. However, since the weather has dropped below 40 degrees and the nights have been cooler we have not received any more comments that the water is hot.

2.0 Thargomindah Sports Oval

There was a community game of cricket held at the Town Sports Oval in early January. During the cricket match it was noted how dry and hard the oval was. Taking into account the Christmas holiday period and hot weather which may have contributed to the condition of the oval, however it may be worthwhile for Council to investigate further the condition of the oval to try and get it in better condition all year round.

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING**13.1 MINUTES OF BULLOO LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP - DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024**

File Number: 146678

Author: Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. LDMG Meeting Minutes 1.12.2023
2. LDMG Meeting Minutes 15.01.2024

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Bulloo Local Disaster Management Group Meeting held on 1st December 2023 & 15th January 2024 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

1ST DECEMBER 2023

Following the rain event in late November 2023, the Bulloo LDMG held a Meeting on 1st December to discuss the impact of the extensive rainfall including resupply for the Bulloo landholders, road conditions and formally moved to 'Lean Forward'.

The LDMG stood down on 6 December 2024.

15th JANUARY 2024

Following the rain event in January 2024, the Bulloo LDMG held a Meeting to discuss the impact to the community, primarily regarding whole of community resupply and road conditions. The committee moved to 'Lean Forward'

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS

14.1 ERGON ENERGY - REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT

File Number: 146717

Author: Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Ergon Energy - Community Batteries Council Letter of Support Request

PURPOSE

The purpose of this request is to consider a request from Ergon Energy for a letter of support for a community battery.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Nil

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council wait for a reply from Ergon Energy to the request for additional information before considering a letter of support.

BACKGROUND

Council received correspondence from Ergon Energy dated 20 December 2023 seeking Council's support to extend Ergon Energy Network's community battery program into your Bulloo Shire.

Ergon have been successful in the Expression of Interest stage of the Australian Renewable Energy Agency's (ARENA) Community Batteries Funding Round 1 and are now preparing to make a full application for a share of the funding.

If successful in our funding application, we will be looking to deploy energy storage into Thargomindah.

The batteries will allow more solar energy to be sent back into the grid, while the sun is shining, storing it locally for use locally when electricity demand is high.

Ergon Energy held a meeting with Council in July 2023 to discuss the proposed battery and at the time Council did not see the benefit to the community.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Council has issued correspondence to Ergon Energy requesting the following information prior to providing a Letter of Support:

- What is the actual benefit to the community?
- Councils understanding from the meeting is July is that the battery will not help with power outages or brownouts, so would like to understand what the benefit is of storing solar energy.
- As per out comments at the meeting, has any community consultation taken place for the project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Council has concerns that this is step one of phasing Bulloo of the Ergon power grid.

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Ergon Energy

Councillors

14.2 RISK MANAGEMENT**File Number:** 146613**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:**

1. 1.04.1 Risk Management Policy (under separate cover)
2. Bulloo SC - Risk Management Framework and Guidelines (under separate cover)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider the reviewed Risk documents.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

AS ISO 31000:2018 Risk Management

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

1.04.1 Risk Management Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

GOV2.3.1 Review Council's Risk Management Plan and Framework including risk register

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the reviewed:

- Risk Management Policy;
- Risk Management Framework and Guidelines; and
- Risk Appetite Statement

BACKGROUND

Council is committed to establishing an environment that is not unduly risk averse, but one that enables risks to be logically and systematically identified, analysed, evaluated, treated, monitoring and managed. Risk is inherent in all of Council's activities and a formal and systematic process was adopted to minimise and where possible eliminate all risks that directly or indirectly impact on the Council's ability to achieve the vision and strategic objectives outlined in the Corporate Plan.

Council held a Risk workshop on 11 November 2023 with Mr David Munro, Regional Risk Coordinator – LGMS to review the Risk Register, as part of this review Mr Munro also reviewed Council Policy and Framework.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Risk Management Policy

Provide guidelines to implement a consistent and rigorous risk management framework, systems, processes, and controls throughout Bulloo Shire Council operations.

- Changes to Australian Standard reference only which was updated in 2018

Risk Management Framework and Guidelines

This Risk Management Guidelines have been developed to demonstrate the Council's commitment, by detailing the integrated Risk Management framework to be employed by all staff members, contractors, committees and volunteers engaged in Council business and defining the responsibilities of individuals and committees involved in managing risk.

In addition the guidelines have been developed to:

- Ensure enterprise risk management is an integral part of strategic planning, senior management and the major activities of the organisation;
 - Promote a robust risk management culture within the Council;
 - Enable threats and opportunities that face the organisation to be identified and appropriately managed;
 - Facilitate continual improvement and enhancement of Council's processes and systems;
 - Improve planning processes by enabling the key focus of the organisation to remain on core business and service delivery;
 - Ongoing promotion and awareness of the risk management throughout Council.
- Minor changes to formatting
 - Changes to Australian Standard reference
 - Updated to new version of Risk Management Policy

Risk Appetite Statement

A statement describing the amount of risk Council is willing to accept or retain in order to achieve its objectives.

- No changes

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Risk is inherent in all of Council's activities and a formal and systematic process was adopted to minimise and where possible eliminate all risks

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Management Team

Mr David Munro, Regional Risk Coordinator – LGMS

14.3 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT**File Number:** 145943**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

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

ADMINISTRATION**Customer Service Requests**

Listed below is a summary of the 5 External Service Requests received for the month of December 2023.

Department - Type	Number
Council Building Maintenance	1
Housing Maintenance	3
Rates Enquiry	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
T2023-2024-116 Seal- Package 4	Roads	Report to be submitted to January Meeting after report from Engineer
T2023-2024-117 Quilpie- Thargomindah Rd Bitumen Seal Supply	Roads	Report to Council
T2023-2024-118 Warri Gate Rd – Bitumen Deal Supply	Roads	Report to Council
T2023-2024-119 Winning, Crushing and Stockpile of Gravel- 18 Month Contract	Roads	Report to Council
T2023-2024-120 Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers 2024	Admin/ Finance	Report to Council
T2023-2024-121 QRA Roads Works- Package 5	Roads/ QRA	

PROCUREMENT

Bulloo Shire Council Procurement Policy states the commitment of Council to assist the local businesses in the development of competitive local business and industry. This is stated in Council Procurement Policy Statement No. 2:

“Council acknowledges that it has an important role to play in the local economy and is

committed to assisting local industry engage in business with Council.”

To date, Council has paid a total of **\$1,684,052.53** to local businesses for all goods and services procured from 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024.

GRANTS

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

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure – Phase 3

Council has lodged a final report and acquittal.

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure – Phase 4

Following submissions have now been approved by the Department as of January 2024:

- 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
- Thargomindah Town Common Fence – Stage 2
- Thargomindah Golf Club Upgrade - Stage 1
- Thargomindah Memorial Park Softfall Replacement
- Hungerford Park Softfall Replacement
- Noccundra Park Softfall Replacement

All work schedules can now be executed for commencement.

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 end of January 2024.

QRA Get Ready Queensland 23-24

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

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.
- Construction must be completed by June 2025

QRA Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund 2023-24

- Applications for Corner Gilmour and Frew Street Stormwater Drainage Extension and Warri Gate Road Flood Resilience – Stage 1 projects submitted December 2023

- Awaiting outcome on applications – expecting by March 2024

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 – Growing Regions Program as a potential
- Acquittal being processed for grant closure

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 submitted all three projects under full applications in January 2024 for consideration. Expecting outcomes to be delivered by March 2024.

Queensland Microgrid Pilot Fund

- Consultancy works have now begun with Ener-G Management, with the first Milestone expected for delivery by January 2024 showing initiation and engagement
- An extension has been provided by the Department, with final report now due January 2025 moved from December 2024
- Consultations with Ener-G Management are expected to begin in late January/early February

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
- Application will be based on previous concept designing for an all-inclusive community precinct facility in Thargomindah
- Anticipating submission of application by end of January 2024, incorporating design methodologies that enable community growth with accessible and improved community facilities

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 early February

Saluting Their Services Commemorative Grants Program 2023-24

- Submission for ANZAC Memorial River Walk project, aimed at creating a modern addition to Shire's tourism attractions that commemorates those served from the Shire
- Concept designs have been created to support application process, along with plaque templates to ensure accurate and historical evidence is presented
- Estimates of \$130,000 to \$140,000 ex. GST, working with Australian company Plaques.com.au and Action Graphics to determine potential budget costs
- Application due 6 February 2024

Queensland State Emergency Services Support Grant

- Application submitted for shade structure at SES Shed, awaiting outcome

Works for Queensland Round 4

- Works have finalised and acquittal has been accepted by the Department
- Expecting Round 5 funding to be announced this year

Accessible Tourism Elevate Fund

- Application submitted December 2023
- Project scope includes:
 - New toilet facility located at Hydro Power Plant display, septic-based
 - Telescopes accessible by public community for star gazing at the Hydro Power Plant display
 - Virtual Reality birdwatching tourism attraction based out of the Visitor Information Centre, provides all-weather accessible attraction
 - No Council co-contribution required, all funding provided through grant

Building Bush Tourism Fund

- Working with Tourism department to formulate suitable project
- Deliver new or enhanced tourism related infrastructure, or improve amenity and/or accessibility of social, community and tourism infrastructure or experiences, and will attract and grow both regional participation and visitors to the region
- Funding could be utilised for Shearer's Shindig
- No Council co-contribution

14.4 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023-2024 PROGRESS REPORT - 31 DECEMBER 2023 (Q2)**File Number:** 145826**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Operational Plan 2023/2024 - Quarter 2 Progress Report (under separate cover)**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the report is to outline Councils progress on the Operational Plan.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Regulations 2012 – Section 174

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Annual Reporting - Governance

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the October - December 2023 quarterly report for the Operational Plan 2023-2024 in accordance with s174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

BACKGROUND

The Chief Executive Officer must present a report on the progress of the Operational Plan at regular intervals of not more than three months. Accordingly, the progress report from 1 October 2023 to 31st December 2023 is attached.

An annual summary is included as part of Councils annual reporting process.

Item	Legislative reference	Requirement	Calendar action
Report on Operational Plan	s174 LGR12	The CEO must present the local government with a written assessment of the local government's progress toward implementing its annual operational plan.	Four reports per year. Minimum three-month interval.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Of 112 goals 43% in total has been achieved, this is six months passed and the expectation would be 50% but whilst this is indicative of most of the goals, there are some broader goals that can't yet achieve that rate of completion and as such draws the percentage down. It is expected that this will show a better outcome with the 12-monthly report.

It is also noted that the Water, Sewerage and Waste Supervisor is still on leave and Cascade was not completed for Q2.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

On Track

CRITICAL DATES

1st October 2023 – 31st December 2023

CONSULTATION

Not applicable

14.5 CHANNEL COUNTRY LADIES DAY COMMITTEE - REQUEST TO HOLD EVENT AT THE NOCCUNDRA CAMPDRAFT/SPORTING GROUNDS**File Number:** 146693**Author:** Debra Souvlis, EA**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. CCLD Event Email Request**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the report is consider the request from the Channel Country Ladies Day Committee to hold their annual event at the Noccundra Campdraft/Sporting Grounds.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

N/a

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

4.03.2 Community Grants - Hire of Noccundra Campdraft/Sporting Grounds and facilities at no charge.

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Operational Plan:

COM 2.2.1 Support current and new community groups and activities, and their infrastructure requirements

COM 2.2.2 Facilitate and support community development through effective implementation and delivery of the Community Grants Program – Maximise recreational services utilisation

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the use of the Noccundra Campdraft/Sporting Grounds at no charge from 16th - 21st October 2024 for the Channel Country Ladies Day Event.

BACKGROUND

Council received a request from the Chanel Country Ladies Day Committee on 15th January 2024 requesting use of the Noccundra Campdraft/Sporting Grounds at no charge for their event from the 16th to the 21st October 2024.

The Channel Country Ladies Day is an annual not-for-profit event in western Queensland that connects and celebrates outback women. The event rotates between the four Shires of Barcoo, Diamantina, Quilpie and Bulloo.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The Chanel Country Ladies day has already negotiated to hold the event in Bulloo Shire for 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minor Grants/Donations Program Budget

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

16-21 October 2024

CONSULTATION

Nil

14.6 INNAMINCKA ROAD QRA APPROVED SEALED PAVEMENT WORKS – VARIATION COST (T2023-2024-116)**File Number:** 145687**Author:** Marianne Hortin, Ms**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Indicative images of expanded treatments**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the Innamincka Road QRA approved Sealed Pavement Works – Variation Cost (T2023-2024-116 tender).

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Maintain and upgrade the current infrastructure in accordance with the needs of the community.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) accepts the variation from Tenderer 1 for the total sum of \$1,253,613.64 including GST to complete QRA Restoration Works to undertake necessary expanded pavement repairs to reinstate council's existing asset utilising a high level of site management and damage; and
- b) prepare reporting to best satisfy QRA closeout requirements to mitigate a worsening asset and improve road safety.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) have approved several pavement repair sites on Innamincka Road stemming from Flooding which occurred during January and May 2022. Council is now in a position to undertake these repairs however due to time elapsed and nature of the identified failures caused by flooding and saturated pavement, some of these sites have increased in size and are beyond the scope of the original approved repair treatments as saturated pavements can exist for many months after the original event further impacting on the integrity of the pavement beneath.

QRA does not have a standard mechanism to fund an increase of scope of approved repair treatments, however, may look favorably at a funding increase if Council were to undertake the additional work providing certain Inspection, variation, damage and work in progress images criteria which Council's delivery contractor will be managing accordingly.

This report seeks to inform Council of the options moving forward and the funding risks associated if ultimately QRA deny funding for the increase in scope.

BACKGROUND

Flooding occurred in two events in 2022, one in January and the second in May. Damage pickup was undertaken on both occasions in Recover by Council's Roads Inspector Rex Barwick and earlier contractors.

Shepherd Services subsequently lodged two submissions for Reconstruction of Public Assets (REPA) funding as BSC 0031 and BSC 0032.

QRA approved these submissions in May 2023 and Tenders and Council tendered this work out in 4 packages with Package 4 including pavement repair works on Innamincka Road. There was only 1 Tenderer that quoted on Package 4 and by default, were the successful tenderer.

On undertaking assessment and setout of these sites, it had been identified that the size of the repairs approved by QRA do satisfactorily not cover the current damaged pavement in these locations.

A total of 45 sites were assessed on Innamincka Road for potential variation with 12 locations requiring an expanded treatment requiring expanded quantities on the following treatment types.

1. Reconstruct granular pavement. (Stage 1 of Repair)
2. Two coat Bitumen seal (Stage2 of Repair)
3. Pavement Repairs (Includes Seal) <20 m²

(Note - Treatments 1 and 2 are completed in conjunction with each other)

Shepherd Services requested an additional quotation review with consideration of the expanded variation quantities.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THIS MATTER

Nil

DISCUSSIONOriginal Tender Evaluation

Council received responses from the following:

Tenderers	Score rate	Unit Rate	Price Inc GST
Tenderer 1	83.50	N/A	1,040,269.08

The responses received from the Tender Box and Vendor panel suppliers were evaluated against

- local preference policy (30%),
- value for money (30%),
- experience, resources, capability (20%),
- conforming tender documents (10%)
- management plans (10%).

The supplier has previously delivered multiple projects for Council in recent years and have the capability and resources to deliver the proposed works. This was the only submission for this package.

Based on past performances it was recommended to negotiate with Tenderer 1 around the increase in Scope to complete the works.

Outcomes with increased scope of works

Original Tendered Cost \$ inc. total m2	Variation increases in Scope %	Variation increases in Cost \$	Original Cost including variation Cost Total\$ inc. total m2
7,355.88m2 \$1,040,269.08	6% or 431m2	20% or \$213,343.83	7,787.13m2 \$1,253,613.64

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

QRA pay on market rate.

- Market Rate for T2023-2024-116 \$1,040,269.08

Revised tenderer price due to increased scope \$1,253,613.64

Difference in price being \$ 213,344.56

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

While the repairs to the increased scope is necessary, at a total cost of \$ \$1,253,613.64. The inability for QRA to provide a written guarantee that the cost of increase will be supported, QRA have provided sound advice on the inspection and evidential requirements needed to best satisfy the project scope increase at the final acquittal phase of the claim close out process however if acquittal scrutiny is not satisfied, these additional variation costs pose additional cost to Council and additional financial risk.

If Council orders the work done and QRA subsequently do not approve the additional funding, then Council will need to cover these costs within their current road maintenance budget.

If Council choose not to accept the risk of undertaking the existing or expanded repairs, they would be penalised further by losing the original approved funding along with impacted pavement failures creating further degradation of this asset and ongoing maintenance and safety concerns.

CRITICAL DATES

Works to be completed by 30 June 2024

CONSULTATION

Shepherd Services

Evaluation Panel

- Admin & Finance Manager
- Engineer Bulloo
- Procurement Officer

- Project Manager Shepherd Services

14.7 T2023-2024-117 QUILPIE-THARGOMINDAH RD BITUMEN SEAL SUPPLY

File Number: 146619
Author: Marianne Hortin, Ms
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the tender responses for Quilpie Road Bitumen Reseals (TIDs) within Bulloo Shire Council.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Maintain and upgrade the current infrastructure in accordance with the needs of the community.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the quote received from Austek Spray Seal for T2023-2024-117 Quilpie/Thargomindah Rd Bitumen Seal Supply (TIDs) for the amount of \$423,694.00 including GST.

BACKGROUND

Councils 2023/2024 TIDS program includes 5.00km of new pavement & seal along the Quilpie Road to be completed prior to 30 June 2024.

The procurement for this seal followed the public tender processes, which closed on 30th December 2024. The successful tenderer will be expected to supply all the necessary labour, plant and materials to successfully undertake the work as specified. While the successful tenderer will be the principal contractor and be responsible for all necessary documentation and legislation compliance, Council will carry out regular inspections.

Two tenders were received.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THIS MATTER

Nil

DISCUSSION

Council received responses from the following:

SUPPLIER		Price Inc GST
Austek Spray Seal		\$423,694.00
RPQ Spray Seal		\$440,417.67

The responses received from the Tender Box suppliers were evaluated against price, experience, resource and local content. Both tenderers have previously delivered multiple projects for Council in recent years and have the capability and resources to deliver the proposed works.

The prices offered by the two suppliers are close with Austek Spray Seal's tender being the cheapest within Council budget. Based on Austek Spray Seal performances delivered previously, with consultation with Road Services, it is recommended that Council accept the tender from Austek Spray Seal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2023/24 Budget TIDs \$1,047,000

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

As per Date for Practical Completion of the Agreement of Contract.

Funding Completion by 30 June 2024.

CONSULTATION

Evaluation Panel

- RMPC Officer
- Road Manager
- Roads Inspector
- Finance Officer

14.8 T2023-2024-118 WARRI GATE RD - BITUMEN SEAL SUPPLY**File Number:** 146617**Author:** Marianne Hortin, Ms**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the tender responses for Warri Gate Road Bitumen Seal Supply, within the Bulloo Shire Council.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Maintain and upgrade the current infrastructure in accordance with the needs of the community.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the tender received from Austek Spray Seal for T2023-2024-118 Warri Gate Road Bitumen Seal supply for the total amount of \$450,758.00 including GST to deliver

BACKGROUND

Council called for tender for Bitumen Seal Supply on the Warri Gate Road.

Warri Gate Road and is approximately 160 km from Thargomindah. The Warri Gate Road is 187 km long, with gravel and sealed sections throughout and has a traffic count of 65 vehicles per day.

Council require the winning tenderer to supply bitumen seal with double/double seal services on Warri Gate Road chainage from 43.11-Ch.48.11 = 5klm.

Side-track construction and TGS will be implemented by BSC prior to sealing works. The Contractor is responsible for traffic management and maintaining traffic control devices during its construction period.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THIS MATTER

Nil

DISCUSSION

Council received responses from the following:

SUPPLIER		Price Inc GST
Austek Spray Seal		\$450,758.00
RPQ Spray Seal		\$461,603.60
Colas Solutions	non-conforming	\$619,831.38

Three tenderers submitted a tender for Warri Gate road bitumen seal supply, with one tenderer being non-conforming due to incomplete tender submission documents. The responses received from the Tender Box suppliers were evaluated against price, experience, resource and local content. Two of the Suppliers have delivered multiple projects for Council in recent years and have the capability and resources to deliver the proposed works.

Based on Austek Spray Seal previous performances, in consultation with Road Services, it is recommended that Council accept the tender from Austek Spray Seal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2023/24 Budget

- RRUP \$5,000,000

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

As per Date for Practical Completion of the Agreement of Contract.

Funding Completion by 30 June 2024.

CONSULTATION

Evaluation Panel

- Finance Officer
- RMPC Officer
- Roads Inspector
- Roads Manager

14.9 T2023-2024-119 WINNING, CRUSHING AND STOCKPILE OF GRAVEL - 18 MONTH CONTRACT**File Number:** 146622**Author:** Marianne Hortin, Ms**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the tender responses for Winning, Crushing and Stockpile of Gravel – 18 Month Contract within the Bulloo Shire Council.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Maintain and upgrade the current infrastructure in accordance with the needs of the community

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the tender from Tolbra Earthmovers & Haulage Pty Ltd for T2023-2024-119 for winning, crushing and stockpiling of gravel as per schedule of rates provided in their tender submission.

BACKGROUND

Bulloo Shire Council advertised a request for tender seeking the services of a suitably qualified contractor to undertake winning, crushing and stockpiling of materials over an 18-month period.

The request for tender was published by public tender and closed on Tuesday, 28th December 2023.

The site of works located in the Bulloo Shire are as detailed below:

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|---|-------------|
| a) Dynevov Pit (158.50) – Cunnamulla Road | (Ch 158.50) |
| b) Wongetta Pit (10.60) – Hungerford Rd | (Ch 10.60) |
| c) Warri Gate Pit (47.9) – Warri Gate Rd | (Ch 47.9) |
| d) Quilpie Pit (156.77) – Quilpie Rd | (Ch 156.77) |
| e) Quilpie Pit (141.55) – Quilpie Rd | (Ch 141.55) |
| f) Eulo Hungerford Rd (101.45) | (Ch 101.45) |
| g) Innamincka Rd (145.00) Ducks Pit | (Ch 145.00) |
| h) Innamincka Rd (151.00) Chalky's Pit | (Ch 151.00) |

Other endorsed pits that are not listed may be required throughout the 18-month period and will be discussed and agreed to by the Roads Manager and successful contractor.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The responses received from the Tender Box suppliers were evaluated against price, experience, resource and local content. Council received four tender submissions, with one tenderer being non-conforming due to incomplete tender submission documents.

Council received responses from the following contractors:

- a) Civicrush (non-conforming)
- b) Crushrite Pty Ltd
- c) Lesdale Quarry
- d) Tolbra Earthmovers & Haulage Pty Ltd.

Crushrite Pty Ltd			
Item	Unit	QTY	Price (inc GST)
Mobilisation to Thargomindah	Item	1	16,390
Mobilisation to pits	km	1	54.45
Demobilisation from pits	km	1	0
Demobilisation from Thargomindah	Item	1	5,500
Winning, crushing and stockpiling	M3	1	12.43

Lesdale Quarry			
Item	Unit	QTY	Price (inc GST)
Mobilisation to Thargomindah	Item	1	3,300
Mobilisation to pits	Hour	1	330
Demobilisation from pits	Hour	1	330
Demobilisation from Thargomindah	Item	1	3,300
Winning, crushing and stockpiling	M3	1	24.20

Tolbra Earthmovers & Haulage Pty Ltd			
Item	Unit	QTY	Price (inc GST)
Mobilisation to Thargomindah	Item	1	0
Mobilisation to pits	Km	1	35.20
Demobilisation from pits	Km	1	26.40
Demobilisation from Thargomindah	Item	1	0
Winning, crushing and stockpiling	M3	1	14.19

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2023/24 Budget

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

Contract period to 30 June 2025 to coincide with quarry pit permit dates.

CONSULTATION

Evaluation Panel

- Finance Officer
- Roads Inspector
- Roads Manager

14.10 T2023-2024-120 REGISTER OF PREQUALIFIED SUPPLIERS 2024**File Number:** 146703**Author:** Marianne Hortin, Ms**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the tenders submitted from suppliers to be included on to Bulloo Shire Council's Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (RoPS).

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012 - section 232

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

ECO1.1.2 Ensure that a robust local economy is supported through pre-qualified procurement and local purchasing wherever possible and in line with VFM.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the tenders from the following suppliers and include them onto Council's Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (RoPS):

- CZ5 Contracting
- JNK Contracting
- Rollers Queensland
- Strezborn
- Tait Toyota
- Project W

BACKGROUND

Council invited suppliers to submit a tender for the inclusion onto Bulloo Shire Council's Register of Preferred Suppliers (RoPS), under one (1) or more categories. The categories include:

- a) Provision of electrical, plumbing, and building trade services;
- b) Provision of mechanical and air-conditioning trade services;
- c) Provision of catering services;
- d) Provision of embroidery and fabric repair services;
- e) Provision of painting services;

- f) Provision of labour hire services;
- g) Provision of gravel crushing services;
- h) Provision of concreting services;
- i) Supply of goods and materials;
- j) Provision of small fleet vehicles; and
- k) Provision of plant hire services.

Tenderers are to take into consideration:

- a) Inclusion onto the RoPS does not provide any guarantee of work with Council;
- b) Council may, at its sole discretion, by Public Tender re-advertise the Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (RoPS) during the term of this arrangement; and

Council has determined that the development of local business is a core responsibility. Therefore, we can apply the 'buy local' culture while still complying with the relevant legislation we need to set up the Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers.

The request for tender was advertised by Public Tender and closed at 4:00pm on Tuesday, 9th January 2024.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS REPLEATED TO THIS MATTER

DISCUSSION

The evaluation took place at Bulloo Shire Council's Administration Centre on Monday, 15th of January 2024. The evaluation was based on the following criteria:

- a) Relevant Experience;
- b) Tenderer's Resources;
- c) Cost; and
- d) Local Content.

The tender was opened for pre-existing Prequalified Suppliers to update their prices and insurances.

Council received responses from Six (6) new suppliers and seventeen (17) pre-existing Pre-Qualified Suppliers.

Council will contact the remaining Supplies on the Pre-Qualified Suppliers list to provide updated insurance by Friday 26th January 2024, any suppliers who do not provide insurance will be removed from the Pre-Qualified Suppliers list for the year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with section 232 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

- (3) A local government may establish a register of pre-qualified suppliers of particular goods or services only if—
 - a) the preparation and evaluation of invitations every time the goods or services are needed would be costly; or
 - b) the capability or financial capacity of the supplier of the goods or services is critical; or

- c) the supply of the goods or services involves significant security considerations; or
- d) a precondition of an offer to contract for the goods or services is compliance with particular standards or conditions set by the local government; or
- e) the ability of local business to supply the goods or services needs to be discovered or developed.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

NIL

CONSULTATION

Evaluation Panel

- Acting CEO
- Finance Officer Procurement/ Tenders
- Human Resources and Training officer

14.11 T2023-2024-121 QRA ROAD WORKS - PACKAGE 5

File Number: 146735
Author: Marianne Hortin, Ms
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the tender responses for QRA Restoration Works for Submission 31 & 32 – Package 5 within Bulloo Shire Council.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Maintain and upgrade the current infrastructure in accordance with the needs of the community.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accepts the tender from Tenderer 3 for the sum of \$1,005,305.46 including GST to complete QRA Restoration Works – Package 5.

BACKGROUND

QRA restoration works is required to be completed by 31st May 2024.

Councils crews have been undertaking various sections of restoration works however they are moving on to Council maintenance and RMPC works, therefore Council has advertised the Tender to complete the remaining QRA funded works under BSC0031.2122.F.REC & BSC0032.2122.F.REC prior to 31 May 2024.

This procurement followed the public tender processes, which opened on 15th December 2023 and closed on 8th January 2024. The successful tenderer will be expected to supply all the necessary labour, plant and materials to successfully undertake the work as specified. While the successful tenderer will be the principal contractor and be responsible for all necessary documentation and legislation compliance, Council will carry out regular inspections.

QRA Restoration Package 5:

- Black Gate Road - 3.425 Km
- Hungerford Road - 4.627 Km
- Warri Gate Road - 2.990 Km
- Yenloora Road – 17.470 Km

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THIS MATTER

Nil

DISCUSSION

Council received four tender submissions, with one tenderer being non-conforming due to incomplete tender submission documents.

Council received responses from the following:

Tenderers	Price Inc GST
Tenderer 1 (Non-Conforming)	1,242,108.40
Tenderer 2	1,251,972.56
Tenderer 3	1,005,305.46
Tenderer 4	1,568,550.00

The responses received from the Tender Box and Vendor panel suppliers were evaluated against

- local preference policy (30%),
- value for money (30%),
- experience, resources, capability (20%),
- conforming tender documents (10%)
- management plans (10%).

All three of the suppliers have previously delivered multiple projects for Council in recent years and have the capability and resources to deliver the proposed works.

Update:

Following the publication of the Agenda to the website, Council was contacted by Tenderer 4 to ask why their tender wasn't included in the report. Council investigated and discovered that the tender submission had been quarantined by the server as a potential virus thus did not appear in the Tender Outlook mailbox.

Council was able to recover the submission and assessed it against the evaluation criteria on Monday 22 January 2024.

It was also identified that a tender document (response schedule) was missing from the website, tendered 2, 3 & 4 contacted the project Superintendent from Shepherd's Services for a copy of the missing document and provided the completed schedule with their submission. Tendered 1 did not, this is the cause of Tenderer 1 being Non-Conforming. Council has discussed this matter with Tenderer 1 & Shepherd's Services.

All tenderers have provided quality of work for Council in the past.

Based on past performances and cost it is recommended that Council accept the quote from Tender 3.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As per Tenderers' pricing above.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Loss of QRA funding for recovery works across Bulloo Shire Network for submissions.

BSC0031.2122.F.REC

BSC0032.2122.F.REC

CRITICAL DATES

30 May 2024

CONSULTATION

Evaluation Panel

14.12 THARGOMINDAH MICROGRID FEASIBILITY STUDY - STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY DRAFT REVIEW**File Number:** 146710**Author:** Daniel Roy, Grants Officer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Thargomindah Microgrid Feasibility Study - Stakeholder Consultation & Engagement Strategy Draft for Client Review (under separate cover)**PURPOSE**

To inform Council of the status of the Thargomindah Microgrid Feasibility Study, and to request feedback on the recent Stakeholder Consultation & Engagement Strategy draft documentation.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Climate Change Act 2022

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Queensland 2030 Emissions Reduction Targets

National Greenhouse Gas Inventory Reporting Requirements as per Department of Climate Change, Energy & the Environment.

Commonwealth 'Rewiring the Nation' (RWN) Plan

Commonwealth National Reconstruction Fund (NRF)

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

COM2.1.2 Identify and respond to community infrastructure funding opportunities

ECO1 Develop a strong and sustainable regional economy

ECO3 Balanced development that preserves and enhances our region

ECO4 Partner with industry to build, diversify and promote the Bulloo economy

ENV2 Sustainable practices are applied to all Council operations

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

INF2 Effective advocacy and strategic planning

GOV4 Effective advocacy and strategic partnerships

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and review the draft Thargomindah Microgrid Feasibility Study – Stakeholder Consultation & Engagement Strategy document, noting any recommendations for consultation with Ener-G Management Group at a later date.

BACKGROUND

Department of Energy and Public Works awarded Council \$705,000 through the Queensland Microgrid Pilot Fund to conduct an extensive feasibility study into alternative energy sources for the Thargomindah town main power system. On 30 August 2023 Council opened up to VendorPanel a Request for Tender for works to begin October 2023 and completed by October 2024.

After significant interest in the tendered works, Ener-G Management Group Pty Ltd were successful in being awarded the contract, for a total of \$649,100 (ex. GST). Ener-G Management Group is working in partnership with Planz Town Planning, The Missing Link Resource Coordinators, and ITP Renewables Australia, Ener-G Management Group to complete the study.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Resolution 2023/252

DISCUSSION

On 12 January 2024, Council received a first draft from Ener-G Management regarding Stakeholder Consultation & Engagement Strategies for the Thargomindah Microgrid Feasibility Study. This document serves as a significant component of the overall project, informing stakeholder and community consultations and developing options assessing the project's potential impacts/benefits to the community. The Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Strategy (the Strategy) provides an overview of communication and consultation activities to be undertaken during the feasibility study.

Ken Ash, Company Direction/Project Lead (Engineer) at Ener-G Management Group has provided the following steps in relation to the documentation and Council's recommendation of reviewing:

- Identify local stakeholders and key stakeholder groups not already listed in the Strategy
- Draft the proposed consultation & engagement calendar;
- Establish the local community reference group by identifying candidates and having Ener-G briefing them in their February 2024 visit

The project team has met with Daniel Roy, Council's Grants Officer, on 18 January 2024 to determine appropriate site meeting and consultation dates, aiming for an early February 2024 timeline dependant on local weather. It is understood by the project team that Council will be undergoing the Caretaker period during Local Government elections, and intends to work effectively and with respect relative to what Council is able to do during this period.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Project budget inclusive of Council co-contribution is \$755,000 (ex. GST).

T2023-2024-104 tender contract total is \$649,100 (ex. GST).

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Low risk, on target with project timeline.

CRITICAL DATES

Feasibility Study is to be completed by October 2024. Department of Energy and Public Works have four key milestones for the project, which are:

Report 1 – Initiation and engagement due by 31 January 2024

Report 2 – Six-month Project Report and Presentation due by 30 April 2024

Report 3 – Final Feasibility Study Report and presentation due by 31 October 2024

Report 4 – Final Report due by 31 January 2025

CONSULTATION

Grants Officer

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Ener-G Management Pty Ltd

14.13 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

File Number: 146054
Author: Leanne Smith, Acting Admin & Finance Manager
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, 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 31st December 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 31st December 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 31st December 2023.

Key Local Government Performance Indicators

Indicator		Target	31 Dec 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	6.41%	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%	(25%)	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	16.56 mths	Better than Target

Bulloo Shire Council Operating Statement (Income Statement) For the year ended 30th June 2024				
	December 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	2,697,710
Fees and Charges	3,044	102,479	160,345	57,866
Interest	88,988	548,033	623,437	75,404
Rental Income	13,461	264,697	422,049	157,352
	105,493	915,209	1,205,831	290,622
Recoverable Works	71,413	1008,939	2,565,573	1,556,634
Other Income	0	2,861	31,621	28,760
Contributions	0	0	0	0
Subsidies and Grants	459,115	3,308,743	16,405,548	13,096,805
	530,528	4,320,543	19,002,742	14,682,199
Total Operating Revenues	636,021	8,170,237	25,840,768	17,670,531
Operating Expenditure				
Administration and Governance Services	192,480	2,227,389	5,875,570	3,648,181
Corporate Services	108,345	729,319	1,821,147	1,091,828
Town Service Costs	196,460	1,221,893	2,933,109	1,711,216
Net Plant Operating Costs	(148,173)	(1,142,692)	(1,924,622)	(781,930)
Rural Services	41,924	326,694	708,526	381,832
Finance Services	2,494	16,612	44,351	27,739
Depreciation	505,967	3,019,750	7,879,354	4,859,604
Road Services	419,025	3,775,590	12,904,622	9,129,032
Total Operating Expenditure	1,318,522	10,174,555	30,242,057	20,067,502
Operating Capability Before Capital Items	(682,501)	(2,004,318)	(4,401,289)	(2,396,971)
Capital Items				
Profit/Loss on Sale of Non-current Assets	0	(11,985)	670,000	681,985
Contributions	0	0	4,909,032	4,909,032
Subsidies and Grants	(84,512)	5,402,966	8,740,320	3,337,354
Flood Damaged Road Write-Off	0	0	0	0
INCR / (DECR) IN OPERATING	(767,013)	3,386,663	9,918,063	6,351,400

Bulloo Shire Council Financial Position (Balance Sheet) For the year ended 30th June 2024			
	Notes	YTD- December 2023	Original Budget 2023/24
Current Assets			
Cash and Equivalents	11	26,120,484	16,090,000
Trade and Other Receivables	12	155,120	2,067,000
Contract Assets	12	3,241,741	1,757,000
Inventories	13	1,267,335	803,500
Other Financial Assets	14	0	0
		30,784,679	20,717,500
Non-Current Assets Held for Sale	15	2,636	0
Total Current Assets	2	30,787,315	20,717,500
Non-Current Assets			
Trade and Other Receivables		0	0
Property, Plant and Equipment	18	289,318,203	218,108,000
Intangible Assets		0	0
Total Non-Current Assets	2	289,318,203	218,108,000
TOTAL ASSETS		320,104,518	238,825,500
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	20	59,140	855,500
Contract Liabilities		3,046,982	1,447,500
Borrowings	21	0	0
Provisions	23	1,694,659	1,302,000
Total Current Liabilities		4,800,780	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		4,873,706	3,762,000
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS		315,230,813	235,063,500
Community Equity			
Asset Revaluation Reserve	25	177,357,854	101,952,000
Retained Surplus	26	137,872,959	133,111,500
Shire Capital		0	0
Other Reserves	28	0	0
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		315,230,813	235,063,500

Bulloo Shire Council Cash Flow Statement For the year ended 30th June 2024			
	Notes	YTD – December 2023	Original Budget 2023/24
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Receipts from Customers		5,593,449	8,454,500
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(8,224,605)	(22,101,000)
		(2,631,156)	(13,646,500)
Interest Received		548,033	623,500
Rental Income		265,197	421,000
Non-Capital Grants and Contributions		3,138,286	15,810,000
Borrowing Costs		0	0
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	35	1,320,361	3,208,000
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment		(4,790,227)	(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		776,402	(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		2,096,763	(1,711,000)
Cash at Beginning of Reporting Period		24,023,721	17,801,000
Cash at End of Reporting Period	11	26,120,484	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 31st December 2023

BANK	\$	INTEREST RATE	Restricted Cash \$	Unrestricted Cash \$
NAB – General Account	1,866,275	3.45%		1,866,275
NAB – Term Deposit	5,000,000	5.18%	5,000,000	0
Explorers Caravan Park	1,448	0		1,448
QTC - 22039	7,062,989	5.03%	1,373,706	5,689,283
QTC - 22040	9,026,910	5.03%		9,026,910
QTC - 27366	3,161,663	5.03%		3,161,663
Float Money	1,200			1,200
TOTAL	26,120,484		6,373,706	19,746,778

Money In/Out - NAB

	December 2023	YTD
Money Received	1,941,209	24,724,174
Money Paid	(4,070,137)	(24,210,339)

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PROFITABILITY

The table below shows actual vs budget BSC Plant Profitability as at 31st December 2023

ID	Description	31 st Dec 2023 Income/Exp \$	YTD Income/Exp \$	%	Budget \$	
Revenue						
7100-1905	Plant Hire	272,717	2,291,148	54%	4,206,829	
7100-1100	Fuel Rebate Subsidy	7,747	32,080	48%	66,950	
7100-1900	Flood Truck Revenue					
7100-1917	Other Income - Plant					
7100-1918	Profit/Loss on Disposal of Assets					
Total Revenue		280,464	2,323,228	54%	4,273,779	
7100-2005	Plant Maintenance - Parts &	72,591	451,936	44%	1,038,475	
7100-2010	Plant Maintenance - Tyres &	6,354	75,470	51%	148,750	
7100-2015	Plant Maintenance - Fuel & Oils	37,714	375,445	64%	590,911	
7100-2020	Plant Rego. & Insurance	1,893	177,250	86%	205,884	
7100-2025	Workshop Consumables	828	13,753	45%	30,488	
7100-2030	Workshop Operating Costs	5,108	53,411	20%	249,563	
7100-2035	Radio & T.V. Maintenance	1	1,192	20%	7,000	
7100-2600	Depreciation-Plant & Depot	85,999	525,885	51%	1,004,800	
Total Expenditure		210,488	1,674,342	50%	3,317,153	
Profit (Loss)		69,976	648,886	68%	956,626	

CONSULTANT REPORT - DECEMBER 2023

Consultant	Dec 2023 Expenditure \$	YTD Expenditure 2023/2024 \$	Comments
Shepherd Services Pty Ltd	229,510.59	885,403.23	Road Consultancy Service (Claimable)
Brandon & Associates Pty. Ltd.	3930.0.97	388,823.73	Engineering Services
C Alexander and Associates Consulting Pt	0	63,940.58	Accounting Services
Safe As Gold Consulting	8,443.42	42,499.22	HSE
King & Company Solicitors	896.50	21,362.00	Legal Expenses – General
Protest Engineering	0	21,099.10	Soil Testing
Ian A Rosenberger Solicitor	0	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	5,291.00	15,873.00	
State-wide Building Design Solutions Pty	0	2,420.00	Building Design
Ian A Rosenberger Surveyor	0	880.00	
AMB Geotech SQS Pty Ltd	6,495.00	8,849.00	
Total	\$289,937.48	\$1,478,256.84	

DEBTORS SUMMARY – DECEMBER 2023

Debtors Category	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	Balance
Sundry Debtors	\$7,687.29	\$1,348.80	\$1,136.77	\$2,051.48	\$12,224.34
Housing	\$-	\$892.80	\$-	\$-	\$892.80
Common	\$-	\$695.20	\$-	\$-	\$695.20
Qld Government	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Federal Government	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Total	\$7,687.29	\$2,936.80	\$1,136.77	\$2,051.48	\$13,812.34

RATES SUMMARY – DECEMBER 2023

Rates	\$
Brought forward arrears including Interest	\$52,851.57
Interest current year	\$5,582.41
Rates Levied in 2023-24	\$3,090,824.02
Total	\$3,149,258.00
Less Rates Collected during 2023-24	\$3,026,504.88
Govt & Council pensioner subsidy 2023-24	\$1,800.58
Discount on rates collection during 2023-24	\$81,578.54
Write-Offs	\$3.82
Credit supplementary notices	\$1,424.38
Total Outstanding Balance *	\$37,945.80
Unallocated Receipts	\$24,632.69
Current Outstanding Balance	\$13,313.11

14.14 2023/24 BUDGET REVISION**File Number:** 146056**Author:** Leanne Smith, Acting Admin & Finance Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:**

1. BSC_Budget Review 23-24
2. BSC_Budget Review LT Financial Statements
3. BSC_Budget Review_LT Sustainability Ratios

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to adopt the December 2023 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 adopt the 2023/24 Budget revision.

BACKGROUND

Council's Accountant along with the executive management team have proposed amendments to the 2023/2024 budget.

The draft budget was presented to Council at the November 2023 meeting, only one amendment has been requested.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

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

DISCUSSION

Council has approved one amendment to the proposed budget revision presented at the November meeting – Res 2023/308 – Easton Drive Road Upgrade - reallocate the \$45,000 originally in Capital to maintenance to cover the cost of design works.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget amendments presented, result in a reduction of cash at bank as at 30 June 2024 by \$310,632 compared to the original 2023-2024 budget.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

NIL

CRITICAL DATES

23 January 2024

CONSULTATION

Executive Management Team

Consultant Accountant

Managers

14.15 TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**File Number:** 146588**Author:** Tamie Warner, Tourism & Economic Development Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

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

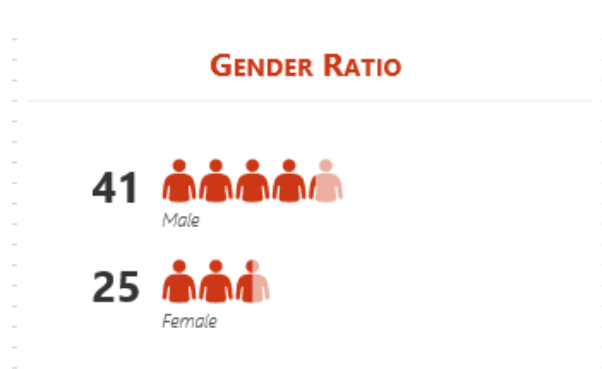
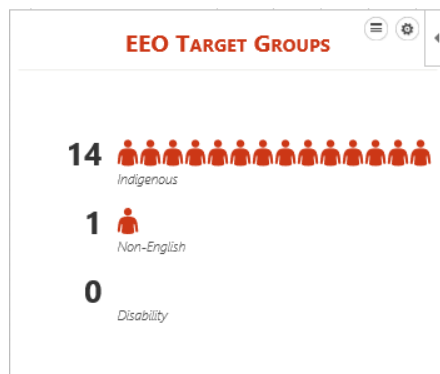
CORPORATE / HUMAN RESOURCES ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY

- Resignations – Nil for December
- New Employees – Nil for December
- 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

HEADCOUNT

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

- December brought an end to another great year in Tourism, a total of 6339 people walked through the doors of the Visitor Information Centre and another 1090 attendees at our two major events, Shearers Shindig and the Channel Country Music Muster.
- A grant has been submitted through Accessible Tourism Elevate Fund Grant to allow us to continue furthering the experiences that we have to offer here in Thargomindah, we will find out more in the early new year.

- A start has been made at the Old Jail to get mains power connected and the experience back up and running for the 2024 Tourism Season. Ago Vires are working on the installation of a meter box and underground power throughout January.
- Pool Numbers are, for the month of December;

Kids	Adults	Laps	Free Play
178	92	19	196

Compared to November – Huge jump in interest, understanding it was school holidays

Kids	Adults	Laps	Free Play
80	69	43	49

- **Visitor numbers of the month of December**

Visitors – 51 into the Information Centre.

Phone calls – 49

Email enquirers – 29

- **Facebook Statistics – Explore Bulloo**

Followers: 7,723

New Page Likes: 62

Likes: 1041

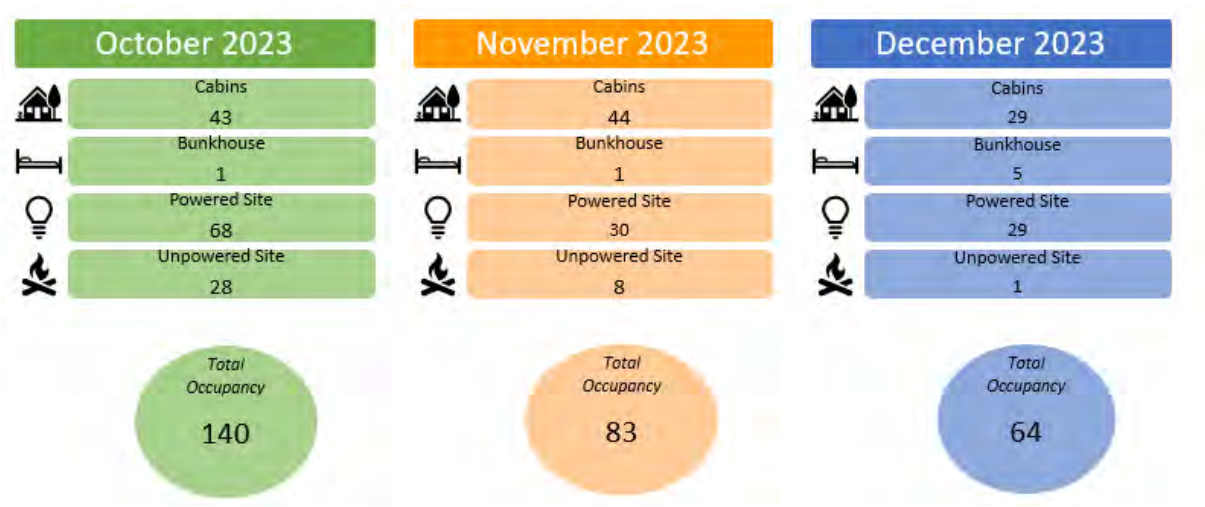
New Page Followers: 62

Highest post reach: One of the three Merry Christmas posts from Local Businesses.

- **Instagram Statistics**

Followers: 1,368

EXPLORERS CARAVAN PARK



LIFESTYLE AND RECREATION

Library, Health and Wellbeing Organisational Activity

Healthy Ageing

- Activities continue at Teelow Court on Monday and Wednesday.
- Annual Seniors **Xmas Party** was held on the 13 Dec at The Bulloo River Hotel. Again, this event was very popular with 30 of our 55yrs and older residents attending.

Workshops

- A Mandala Painting Workshop has been scheduled for the new year.

Theatre Productions

- 4 performances have been booked for the 2024 season.

Library

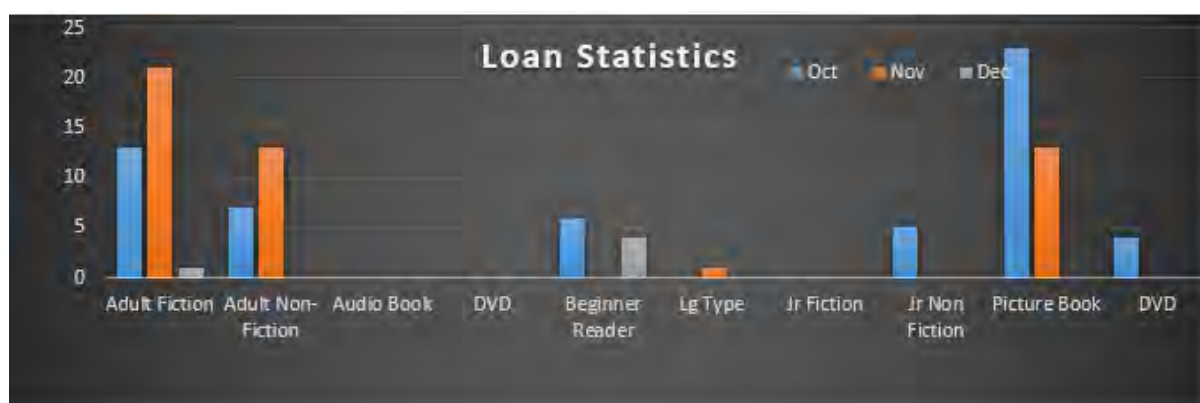
- Playgroup continues Thursday mornings at the Library, but will break for the Christmas Holidays and recommence in the new year.

Christmas Markets

- Despite having to be moved last minute due to weather the annual Christmas markets were a great success and the inclusion of Pavilion style competitions were also a success and will be added to this event in future.

Activity	Users
Total Library Visits	
Tourists	0
Local Adults	15
Local Children	20
First 5 Forever (Parents and Children)	15
WQPHN Activities - Seniors Program	
Healthy Body-Happy Mind	3
Massage/Beauty Treatments (55yrs & Over) Thargo	NA
Fit Bit Program	8
Luncheon (1)	30
InBody Scans	0
Workshops/Community Events/School Holiday	
Lolly Hunt in the park	15

Monthly LoansTotal - Loans for Dec- 13



Healthy Ageing Liaison Officer Report

- Five clients are receiving CHSP cleaning.
- Assisted with telehealth, general enquiries and concerns.
- Assisted with technology issues – phones and filling out of online forms.
- Continued assisting with information about My Aged Care packages for residents/family that were unsure of the process of accepting the offer or how to direct services.
- Found information on Home Care Packages Program Manual for Care Recipients, Questions to Ask a Service Provider and Home Care – a guide to your consumer rights and printed these off for people to read
- Thanks to council for allocating funding for purchase and installation of a backup generator for those residents of Teelow Court that are not currently connected

14.16 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT**File Number:** 146383**Author:** Donna Hobbs, Rural & Town Services Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Rural Services Department Report for December 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, December aerial baiting, water agreements, feral pig management, weeds, fire preparedness, fire breaks, road signs, grids on roads, NLIS tags, Outpatients 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, Woomanooka, Nockatunga, National Parks.

Wild Dog Management

The Coordinated Aerial Baiting program was delivered 5 – 8 December 2023 for properties inside the Wild Dog Barrier Fence. A total of 5 properties (21%) participated in this round of funding covering an area of 322,480 Ha, with a total of 3,600kg of baits laid.

Weed Management

Rural Services staff travelled to Bundeena to locate and treat Coral Cactus during December.



TOWN SERVICES**Airport**

- Operation of the Thargomindah Airport during December was without incident. Apart from standard visits to the Thargomindah Clinic, the RFDS had 1 evacuation during the month.

Facilities and Housing

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

Parks and Gardens

- Council areas were maintained including Council Administration Building, Teelow Court, Senior Units, Flood ramps, drains, Historic House and Airport Gardens.

Consultative Meetings attended by Manager:

4 Dec	Economic Development Strategy Meeting
5 Dec	Kullilli & Bulloo Shire Consultative Meeting
6 Dec	Transport & Main Roads Long Distance Passenger Air Services stakeholder forum

14.17 WILD DOG BARRIER FENCE CALCULATION METHODOLOGY REVIEW**File Number:** 146537**Author:** Donna Hobbs, Rural & Town Services Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:**

1. Response letter to WDBF funding review
2. WDBF Panel letter regarding ongoing operational deficit of WDBF

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider further correspondence from the Department of Agriculture in relation to the ongoing operation of the Wild Dog Barrier Fence.

Background

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries commissioned the LGAQ to assist the Department in reviewing the Wild Dog Barrier Fence calculation methodology as a result of advocacy activities by the LGAQ. Consultation rounds were held with local governments during 2022 and 2023. Council met on Wednesday 3 May to workshop a response to the Review of the Wild Dog Barrier Fence - Final Issues Paper.

Previous Resolutions**RESOLUTION 2022/315**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That the information be noted.

RESOLUTION 2023/78

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That due to the potential budgetary impact Council appoint a sub-committee to formulate responses to the Final Issues Paper and return to LGAQ by 16 June 2023. Sub-committee to be made up of CEO, selected Councillors, Rural Services staff and Accountant.

RESOLUTION 2023/89

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council endorse the Wild Dog Barrier Fence Review Response as formulated at the Council Workshop held on 3 May 2023

Discussion

A response was submitted to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on 25 May 2023 (letter attached). The Department of Agriculture has now asked for further feedback on the future operations of the Wild Dog Barrier Fence given the financial constraints.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

31 January 2023

CONSULTATION

LGAQ

Bulloo Shire Council

14.18 ROADS MANAGER REPORT**File Number:** 146046**Author:** Kim Norris, Roads Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Roads Manager Report for the month of December 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 completed for Warri Gate Road in December

- 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
- Resided in a Council Donga at Noccundra Hotel for half of November
- Resided in Hired Mobile Camp for second half of month.
- Sealing completed for Warri Gate Road in December

- 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

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 33,519km	Backed into a tree at the Wongetta Gravel Pit	Pushed the tray into the back of the cab, dented the cab, broke the tray mounts & smashed the back window	Claim No. MO0067454553CW3 Quote required from Higgins Bros	N/A	Waiting on insurance quote	6029 Hilux	20/09/2023 to present	Parked against fence at depot	Unknown
5550- Skid steer	Batteries	Waiting on new batteries	N/A	N/A		N/A		Workshop	Unknown

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 December 2023:

- December water supply usage 27,094KL
- Average daily water usage 874.0KL
- Water supply usage for 2023/2024 (July to December) 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 December 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 December 2023.

Pumping from the Paroo River continued which has filled both of storage ponds.

Noccundra (Raw Water Supply)

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

Thargomindah Town Water Supply

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

All water quality sampling on the Town Water Supply has continued to return with a negative detection of any pathogens.

Following the below listed rectification works to improve water quality:

- 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.

Water quality results returned indicating a colony of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* had developed in tanks 1 & 2. This may have been caused by a biofilm being opened up during the cleaning process. The advice from two separate micro-biologists was to treat all three tanks with Calcium Hypochlorite – this is considered one of the fastest methods to treat a *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* outbreak.

All three tanks were treated on 11 December, with follow-up samples sent to the Lab on 13 December.

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. It was identified that the MANGO had again failed. NRG removed the failed MANGO to ascertain why it had failed again.

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 December 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 December) 10,226.0KL

Other Works

- Heavy rainfall on 1 December caused the Flovac system to struggle over the following weekend, however once the system caught up, and minor adjustments were performed, the system returned to normal operations during the following week.

WASTE

Waste Oil Clean Up

Two 4,000L self-bunded waste oil tanks have been ordered for the waste oil collection and storage at the Thargomindah Transfer Station.

14.19 ENGINEERS REPORT**File Number:** 146686**Author:** George Inocentes, Engineer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Engineers Report for December 2023.

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

- Bitumen sealing on the first section which is 3.9 km from the start of the job to Wippo floodway has been completed using a double/double seal with C170 bitumen binder with rate application for first seal of 1.6 litres per sq. m. with 14mm aggregates with spread rate of 105 sq.m per cu.m. and second seal bitumen rate of 1.3 litres per sq.m. with 10mm aggregates on spread rate of 155 sq.m. per cum.
- It was a big challenging week before the sealing due to flooding and storm that damage some section of the prepared section of the project. When been thankful to our Council Construction crew who was very dedicated to rectify the damage section to make this bitumen sealing complete for the 3.9km section.
- Council construction crew will commence back to work on this project upon completion with their required training by the Council to start of the year.

COUNCIL RESEAL PROGRAM

- 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 program was over to the allocated reseal program this year, Council will utilise the Road Maintenance budget for the difference.
- 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 attended the virtual RRTG meeting held December 8, 2023 while overseas.
- It was requested by the SWRRTG at the December 2023 meeting for individual Council TIDS allocation to be approved by January 2024 before the caretaker period (Separate Report)

FLOOD DAMAGE RESTORATION 2023-2024

MONITORING CURRENT WORKS IN PROGRESS

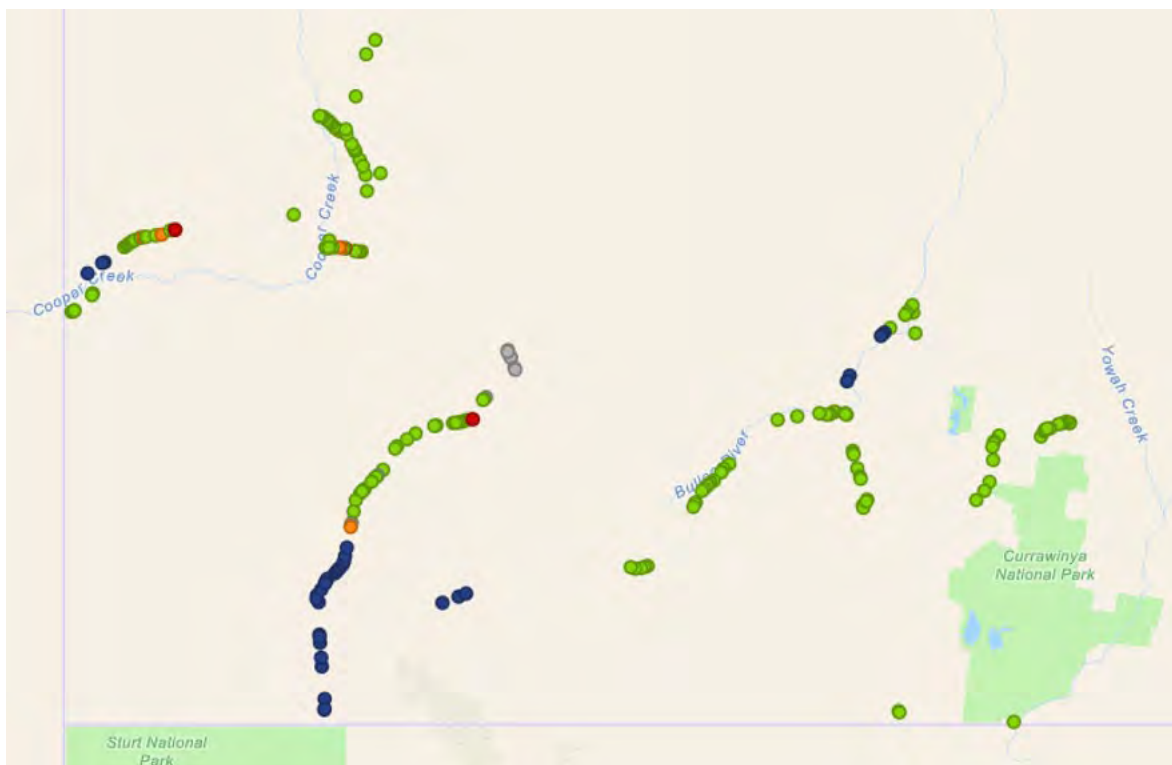
- Tolbra Earthmoving commenced work on Tickalara Road and Warri Gate Road on Saturday 9th December.
- Council crew working on Soonah Crossing Road has closed down for the Christmas break. Crew will complete Soonah Crossing Road and Autumnvale Rd early in the new year. The remaining roads in the eastern area is currently out to tender.

TOTAL INSPECTED FOR COMPLETION AND CLOSE OUT PROCESS

- Three more sites on Soonah Crossing Road have been closed out as complete.
- Twenty-four sites on Warri Gate Road have been closed out as complete and three sites on Tickalara Road have been completed.

CURRENT & FUTURE ACTIVITY

- Tolbra Earthmoving will break for Christmas on 20 December 2023 returning to site on the 8th January, 2024.
- Council Crew will recommence work on Soonah Crossing Rd on the 15th January, 2024.
- Bowen Earthmoving starting on the Northern Package of works in early January.
- Some 20 sites on Cameron Corner Road, Omicron Road and Epsilon Road approved for reconstruction works in the SUB.35 event approvals have been identified as having had a treatment during the SUB.21&28.
- These sites have been inspected, and (subject to review) will not require any further work to be undertaken.

**Current Status**

- Red - QRA approved restoration site
- Green- Site set out completed.

- Orange – Work in progress
- Blue – Site close out completed for acquittal

RMPC WORKS 2023-2024

- Clearing works along Quilpie-Thargomindah Road has been completed.
- Commence clearing works along Cunnamulla 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 DRAINAGE

- 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.
- Waiting for the design done by Brandon and Associates

PROPOSED GRAVELLING OF EASTON DRIVE

- Council has reallocated \$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.

- Brandon and Associates has been finalising the design as per recommendation from DAF, once design has been finalised then we can start implanting the works.

14.20 SWRRTG TIDS PROJECTS SCOPE**File Number:** 146685**Author:** George Inocentes, Engineer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to review the TIDs 4-year works program for 2024 – 2028.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

INF1.3 Provide and maintain road infrastructure in accordance with sustainable asset management practices.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the TIDS 4-year program from 2024-2028

- (a) Endorse Quilpie Rd final seals for 2024/2025 (707,00)
- (b) Endorse Seal Widening on Bundeena Rd (for 2024/2025, being \$340,500
- (c) Endorse Seal Widening on Bundeena Rd for 2025/2026, being \$1,047,500
- (d) Endorse Seal Widening on Bundeena Rd for 2026/2027, being \$1,047,500
- (e) Endorse Seal Widening on Bundeena Rd for 2027/2028, being \$1,047,500

BACKGROUND

Council received correspondence from SWRRTG requesting information to finalise the South West Regional Roads and Transport Group (SWRRTG) TIDs draft 4-year works program for 2024 – 2028 in January 2024 prior to the Caretaker Period commencing.

Council passed a resolution in January 2021 to Endorse the seal on Bundeena Rd in future years.

TIDS

Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) provides funding to local government for transport related initiatives which support state government objectives.

TIDS may be used for:

- The construction or upgrade of transport infrastructure including, but not limited to –
 - road infrastructure (such as Local Roads of Regional Significance (LRRS))
 - marine infrastructure

- airport infrastructure
- active transport infrastructure
- safe school travel infrastructure.
- Initiatives that support RRTGs to build capacity and improve road and transport stewardship capabilities.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Resolution 2023/1

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council endorse the TIDS 4-year program from 2023-2027

- (a) Endorse Quilpie Rd final seals for 2023/2024 (\$1,047,500) & 2024/2025 (707,00)
- (b) Endorse Seal Widening on Bundeena Rd (for 2024/2025, being \$340,500
- (c) Endorse Seal Widening on Bundeena Rd for 2025/2026, being \$1,047,500
- (d) Endorse Seal Widening on Bundeena Rd for 2026/2027, being \$1,047,500

DISCUSSION

TIDS funding can be used on TMR Roads or LRRS Roads, however Council is required to contribute 50% if the funding is used on Local Roads of Regional Significance (LRRS).

Which roads would Council like to use the Funding on:

Main Roads (no contribution)

- Bulloo Development Rd (94a) (Cunnamulla)
- Bundeena Rd (94b)
- Quilpie/Thargomindah Rd (7003)
- Hungerford Rd (7001)

LRRS Road (50% contribution)

- Hungerford Rd (Thargomindah)
- Innamincka Rd
- Warri Gate Rd
- Arraburry Rd
- Black Gate Rd

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$1,047,500 Each Year

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

23rd January 2024.

CONSULTATION

Engineer

14.21 UPDATING COUNCIL'S ROAD REGISTER REPORT**File Number:** 146687**Author:** George Inocentes, Engineer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Acting Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Road Network adopted May 2022**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to update Council Road Register including the list of Access Roads maintained by the Shire. The report also provides a set of recommendations on the inspection's regime and the proposed grading frequency for Council roads.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Transport Infrastructure Act 1994 "...for roads—to establish a regime under which—influence can be exercised over the total road network in a way that contributes to overall transport efficiency; and account is taken of the need to provide adequate levels of safety, and community access to the road.."

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**3.01.1 Asset Management Policy**

"Ensuring that Bulloo Shire Council's services and infrastructure are provided in a sustainable manner, with the appropriate levels of service to residents and visitors.."

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

INF1.3 Provide and maintain road infrastructure in accordance with sustainable asset management practices

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a. hold a roads network workshop following the Ordinary meeting today;
- b. issuing the draft road register presented for public consultation and comments review;
- c. report back to Council in April 2024 for final adoption.

BACKGROUND

Council updated the Council Road Network in May 2022 following proposed amendments by the CEO at the time.

An additional length of 463.60km was added to the Council Road Network as part of this review which increased maintenance costs.

Councils Engineer has since made recommended to delete some added road network and maintain what was the previous Council Road Network and has the current road valuation.

It is crucial for Council to include this new road network on Council Asset register and to properly maintain the assets if they remain on the network register.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

RESOLUTION 2022/1

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council approves:

1. Adopting the proposed road register included as attachment 01;
2. Adopting the following inspection, maintenance grading frequency, and cross-section width

Road Category	Inspection	Maintenance Grading	Width _ m
Rural Roads – Primary	6 months	12 months	6 m (2 Lanes x 3 m wide)
Rural Roads – Secondary	12 months	24 months	
Rural Roads – Minor	12 months	36 months	5 m (1 Lane x 5 m wide)
Rural Roads – Access Roads	12 months	36 months	

DISCUSSION

Road Network:

The road network within the Shire boundaries falls into three main categories, these are TMR State Highways, Rural Roads, and Urban Streets. Council's rural highways is divided into four sub-categories being Primary, Secondary, Minor, and Access Roads. A summary of these categories is listed in the table below.

Main – Category	Sub-Category	Length _ km
TMR State Highways	1_TMR	391
Rural Roads	2_Primary	619
	3 – Secondary	998
	4 – Minor	641
	3_Rural Access	248
Urban Streets	4_Thargomindah	9
	5_Hungerford	8
	6_Noccundra	1
Grand Total		2,915

Below is the recommended Road Assets to be discussed at the Road Network Workshop:

1. Kilcowera Access Road Rural Access Road (25km)
2. Dynevor Downs Access Road Rural Access Road (0.3km)
3. Wathopa Access Road Rural Access Road (9km)
4. Epsilon Access Road Rural Access Road (0.4km)
5. Orientos Access Road Rural Access Road (5km)
6. Naryilco Access Road Rural Access Road (1.2km)
7. Nockatunga Access Road Rural Access Road (2.1km)
8. Durham Downs Access Road Rural Access Road (0.50km)
9. Tickalara Access Road Rural Access Road (1.7km)
10. Pinidary Access Road Rural Access Road (10km)
11. Nooyeah Access Road Rural Access Road (1.7km)
12. Koolkurry Access Road- Rural Access Road (1.1km)
13. Thargo Station Access Road- Rural Access Road (1km)
14. Besm Access Road- Rural Access Road (0.4km)
15. Bingara Access Road- Rural Access Road (3.1km)
16. Moombidary Access Road - Rural Access Road (4km)
17. Karto Access Road- Rural Access Road (10km)
18. Picarilli Access Road- Rural Access Road (5km)
19. Wiralla Access Road- Rural Access Road (1.2km)
20. Kihee Access Road- Rural Access Road (3km)
21. Nappa Merrie Access Road- Rural Access Road (2.9km)
22. Norley Woolshed Access Road Rural- Rural Road – Minor (23km)
23. Lake Pure Road Rural- Rural Road – Minor (69km)
24. Mt Howitt Road Rural- Rural Road – Minor (45km)
25. Fortville Gate Road Rural- Rural Road – Minor (15km)
26. Dribbler Bore Road Rural- Rural Road – Minor (83km)
27. Old Eromanga Road Rural- Rural Road – Minor (50km)
28. Woomanooka - Innamincka Road- Rural Rural Road – Secondary (12km)
29. Durham Downs - Innamincka Road- Rural Rural Road – Secondary (44km)
30. Bulloo Flood Road Rural Rural Road – Secondary (37km)

When access roads are included in the Road Register, Council has an obligation to carry out maintenance annually or as required. The recommendation includes the removal of access roads with the understanding that Council will continue to grade access roads upon request if there is a suitable contractor or maintenance crew in the area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

To achieve the proposed grading frequency, this will require allocating 2 graders full time for routine maintenance, or approximately \$1,000,000 per year. This may not be achievable considering the reduction in Financial Assistance Grant funding.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Providing quality roads will raise the profile for Council as a shire that look after their rural rate payers and ensures acceptable level of service.

CRITICAL DATES

Finalising and adopting the amended road register before the end of the financial years will enable Council to allocate required resources to achieve the agreed level of services.

CONSULTATION

Engineer

15 LATE ITEMS

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

CLOSURE OF MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

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 CCTV Cameras

This matter is considered to be confidential pursuant to Section 254J(3)(1) (e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as it deals with legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

To be discussed:

to consider the legal advice from King & Company regarding CCTV Cameras.

17 NEXT MEETING

18 CLOSURE