



Bulloo
Shire

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

Date: Thursday, 19 June 2025
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Council Chambers, 68 Dowling Street
Thargomindah Queensland 4492

BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

19 June 2025

Tiffany Dare
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 - 15 MAY 2025

File Number: 155497

Author: Zoe Forge, Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Minutes of Council Meeting - 15 May 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 15 May 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

15 May 2025

**MINUTES OF BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 68 DOWLING STREET THARGOMINDAH QUEENSLAND 4492
ON THURSDAY, 15 MAY 2025 AT 9:00 AM**

PRESENT: Cr John Ferguson (Mayor), Cr Glyn Dare (Deputy Mayor), Cr Stewart Morton,
Cr Russell Ferguson, Cr Maurice Parker

IN ATTENDANCE: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer and Zoe Forge (Minute Taker)

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed all Councillors and guests and declared the meeting open at 9:02am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

3 ATTENDANCE INCLUDING APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Mr David Warriner

5 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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Councillors	COI	Meeting Item
Nil		

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**6.1 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - 7 MARCH 2025****RESOLUTION 2025/61**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Friday 7 March 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

6.2 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 20 MARCH 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/62**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 20 March 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

6.3 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - 14 APRIL 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/63**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Monday 14 April 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

6.4 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - 24 APRIL 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/64**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday 24 April 2025 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 2025/65

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council receive and note the Mayors Report for the month of March & April 2025.

CARRIED

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/66

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's report for the month of March & April 2025.

CARRIED

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS**14.1 MARCH 2025 FLOOD RECOVERY****RESOLUTION 2025/67**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council

- a) receives and notes the contents of this report; and
- b) endorses the allocation of up to \$2,000,000 from Council Reserves to support the restoration and/or rebuilding of council buildings and public assets,
 - i. acknowledging that Queensland Reconstruction Authority Category C and D funding is not retrospective, and that Council must cover these costs while waiting for QRA funding to be approved; and
 - ii. recognising that external grants may not fully cover the restoration or rebuild costs.

CARRIED

Adjournment

Council adjourned for morning tea at 9:59am.

Council recommenced the meeting at 10:14am.

14.2 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024-2025 PROGRESS REPORT - 31 MARCH 2025 (Q3)**RESOLUTION 2025/68**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the January – March 2025 quarterly report for the Operational Plan 2024-2025 in accordance with s174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED

14.3 INFRASTRUCTURE INSTALLATION BY LOCAL CLUBS AT COUNCIL OWNED VENUES**RESOLUTION 2025/69**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council adopt the 'Infrastructure Installation by Local Clubs at Council-Owned Venues' policy, as presented

CARRIED

14.4 STUDENT BURSARY POLICY REVIEW**RESOLUTION 2025/70**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council adopt the amended Student Bursary Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

14.5 FEES AND CHARGES 2024/25 AMENDMENT - ANIMAL OFFENCE**RESOLUTION 2025/71**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council amend the Fees and Charges 2024/2025, as presented, in accordance with Chapter 4 Part 2 Sec 97 of the Local Government Act 2009.

Animal Offence Fees

Short Common Description of Offence	
Keeping of an animal without a current permit	322.60
Contravening the conditions of a permit	322.60
Failure to register an animal for which registration is required	322.60
Failure to wear registration tags	161.30
Use of land for pet shop, cattery, kennel without permit	806.50
Failure to comply with minimum standards for keeping of animals	806.50
Animals within a public place not under effective control	322.60
Bringing a dog on heat into a public place	322.60
Allowing a dog to defecate in a public place without removing the faeces in a sanitary way	322.60
Failure to keep a proper enclosure so as to prevent an animal's escape from land and wandering	322.60
Animal found wandering at large	322.60
Failure to comply with a notice regarding specific action required to prevent further breaches of Local Laws or to dispose of the animal	322.60
Encouraging, permitting or causing a dog to attack or worry another animal or person	1613.00
Failure to exercise effective control of the regulated dog in a public place —for a penalty of 10 penalty units	1613.00
Failure to comply with the conditions for regulated dogs imposed under Animal Management Act, schedule 1, sections 2, 2A, 3 and 5, and Animal Management Regulation sections 9, 9A, 11 and 12—for a penalty of 15 penalty units	2419.50
Non-compliance with conditions for sale of animals	322.60
Possession, manufacture or sale of identifying tags designed to be confused with the identifying tags required for animals within Bulloo Shire	322.60

Abandonment of animals	483.90
Penalty Units cost per unit	161.30
A penalty unit is the basis for determining the penalty value associated with offences under most state laws, local government laws and Penalty Infringement Notices (PINs) issued under these laws.	

CARRIED

Attendance

Tasha O'Shannessy, Acting Admin & Finance Manager and Leanne Smith, Accountant, entered the meeting at 10:30am.

14.6 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/72

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Administration & Finance Services Report for April 2025.

CARRIED

14.7 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/73

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council adopt the Financial Performance Report for period ending 30th April 2025 in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

CARRIED

14.8 RESIDENTIAL ACTIVATION FUND ROUND 1 APPLICATION

RESOLUTION 2025/74

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council endorse the submission of two applications under the Residential Activation Fund – Round 1 for

- i. replacement of Thargomindah Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP); and
- ii. the Thargomindah Trunk Infrastructure Project

*note in the applications that STP is the priority

CARRIED

14.9 T2024-2025-109 ICT MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT SERVICES

RESOLUTION 2025/75

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council

- a) award the ICT tender to Fourier Technologies for the next three years for a total contract value of \$295,018.92 (inc GST); and
- b) delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract.

CARRIED

14.10 T2024-2025-208 FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS RESTORATION - WARRI GATE ROAD

RESOLUTION 2025/76

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council:

- a) Accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Tolbra Earthmovers and Haulage Pty Ltd for the sum of \$3,972,288.58 ex GST to complete T2024-2025-208 Flood Damaged Roads – Warri Gate Road contract; and
- b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the contract in the form proposed.

CARRIED

14.11 T2024-2025-210 FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS RESTORATION - WOMPAH GATE ROAD AND TICKALARA ROAD

RESOLUTION 2025/77

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council:

- a) Accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by SC & KG Bowen for the sum of \$2,164,540.55 ex GST to complete T2024-2025-210 Flood Damaged Roads – Wompah Gate Road & Tickalara Road contract; and
- b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the contract in the form proposed.

CARRIED

Attendance

Tasha O'Shannessy, Acting Admin & Finance Manager and Leanne Smith, Accountant, left the meeting at 11:05am.

Tamie Warner, Manager Community, Culture & Places, entered the meeting at 11:09am.

14.12 COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2025/78**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Community, Culture & Places report for the month of April 2025.

CARRIED

Attendance

Tamie Warner, Manager Community, Culture & Places, left the meeting at 12:08am.

Adjournment

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:09pm.

Council recommenced the meeting at 12:33pm.

Attendance

Donna Hobbs, Manager Rural & Town Services, entered the meeting at 12:33pm.

14.13 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT**RESOLUTION 2025/79**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council receive and note the Rural Services Department Report for March & April 2025.

CARRIED

Attendance

Donna Hobbs, Manager Rural & Town Services, left the meeting at 1:08pm.

14.14 OPERATIONAL SERVICES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2025/80**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Operational Services Report for April 2025.

CARRIED

Attendance

Donna Hobbs, Manager Rural & Town Services, entered the meeting at 1:14pm.

15 LATE ITEMS

Nil

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**RESOLUTION 2025/81**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

CLOSURE OF MEETING**RECOMMENDATION**

That pursuant to Section 275 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the meeting be closed to the public at 12:55pm to discuss the confidential matters listed below:

16.1 Thargomindah Town Common Boundary Fences and Future Operation

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:

Discuss legal advice in regards to Councils management of the Pastural Reserve.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2025/82

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting at 1:08pm.

CARRIED

16.1 THARGOMINDAH TOWN COMMON BOUNDARY FENCES AND FUTURE OPERATION

RESOLUTION 2025/83

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council investigate the cost of reinstating the existing fence and installing new fencing, to allow further consideration of the matter..

CARRIED

Donna Hobbs, Manager Rural & Town Services, left the meeting at 1:34pm.

FUNDRAISER AT KLEINS COFFEE BAR AND GRILL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorise the Mayor & Deputy Mayor to attend the Flood Relief Western Queensland Fundraiser at Kleins Coffee Bar and Grill.

17 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 19 June 2025.

18 CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 1:40pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 June 2025.

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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: 155637
Author: John Ferguson, Mayor
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: 1. Correspondence - Rural Aid

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Mayors Report for the month of May 2025.

MEETINGS

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

Meetings and Consultations

1 st	Charleville Functional Recovery and Resilience Group
2 nd	SWQROC (Virtual)
8 th	Community Recovery Overview and Briefing
8 th	Exclusion Fencing Restitution Program (SWQROC)
15 th	Council Meeting
	Budget Workshop
19 th	Mayor of Barcoo & Quilpie and Stuart MacKenzie – QRA Support to Councils
26 th	QRA, Mayor of Barcoo & Quilpie and Stuart MacKenzie – QRA Support to Councils
28 th	Hon Ann Leahy, Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers – QRA Funding to Councils

Media

2WEB
ABC Longreach

Correspondence

26th John Warlters, Chief Executive Officer, Rural Aid

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Supporting farmers & rural communities

May 26, 2025

John Ferguson
Mayor
Bulloo Shire Council
PO Box 46
Thargomindah Qld 4492

Dear 

A belated letter of thanks for the opportunity to meet with acting chief executive officer Tamie Warner and rural and town services manager Donna Hobbs and yourself back on April 24. On that morning you were scheduled to meet with Senator Susan McDonald and the streets were a hive of activity as the clean-up of Thargomindah continued but you still found time for a coffee and catch up. I am most grateful that all three of you took the time to do so.

It was inspiring to see and hear first-hand how your community/shire responded to the flood challenge and has subsequently rallied together to get back on your feet as quickly as possible.

We hope that the small role that Rural Aid has played in providing financial assistance, fodder for livestock and counselling support has and continues to be beneficial. Our support is ongoing – and will be well into the future. We continue to encourage producers who need a hand up to reach out.

Rural Aid's mental health and wellbeing manager Myf Pitcher will be in Thargomindah between June 11 and 15, including attending the Shearer's Shindig. If she hasn't already, she will reach out to connect – most likely with Donna in the first instance.

The generous support that Rural Aid has received from various corporate partners, including APA, has made it possible to facilitate a return visit from Golden Guitar winner Josh Arnold. This will include Josh visiting the local school to write and rehearse songs that he and students will then performed at the Shindig.

Rural Aid looks forward to working with council to help see your community bounce back even stronger from this flood.

Yours sincerely



John Warlters
Chief Executive Officer

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12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

File Number: 155640
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's report for the month of May 2025.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Action Items

Update of outstanding actions below, those actions arising in the previous Council meetings that are not listed as been completed.

Meeting Date	Subject	Action	Comments
December 2020	Survey of Warri Gate Road	Engage a surveyor to prepare two survey plans, one over Naryilco Land and the other over Nockatunga land to allow for an application be made with DNRME for a simultaneous Road Opening and Closure for the entire length of road from the Bundeena Road to Warry Gate on the Queensland/New South Wales border within the localities of Nockatunga and Cameron Corner.	Draft plans have been completed for the Naryilco and Nockatunga leases. Plans for the Town of Noccundra Reserve and the Nockatunga lease are now finalised and ready to be submitted for consent by the lessees, the Department, and the registered owners. Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalise area calculations for Naryilco and Nockatunga, specifically for the sections involving new road alignments. - Completion of these calculations is expected by 27 June 2025. - Once finalised, submit the draft plans to the lessees, the Department, and the registered owner for formal consent.
September 2024	Amend Subordinate Local Law No.1.16	Amend Subordinate Local Law No.1.16 (Depasturage of Animals On A Town Reserve) 2019	
September 2024	Res 2024/215 Hamilton, James Estate - Voluntary Transfer of Unencumbered Land in Full for Overdue Rate or Charges	That Pursuant to sections 120(1)(c), 121(c) and 122(1)(a) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> (the Regulation), the Council resolves to grant a concession to the stated ratepayer	Ongoing – Council agreed to this on the condition that there would be no additional cost to Council. However, as part of the draft Concession Agreement, the Proponent has requested an amendment requiring Council to cover any applicable duty, levy, or tax. Council has refused this amendment, as we do not wish to incur any such costs—we are simply taking the asset back in lieu of unpaid rates.

February 2025	Res 2025/32 Proposed New Water Bore on Warri Gate Road	That Council endorse the application to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) for the installation of a water bore on Warri Gate Road, with a budget of up to \$800,000.	Application submitted, then withdrawn on the advice of QRA. The Engineer, Shepherds and QRA are working on the best way forward - possibly to submit as part of Warri Gate Rd. *Discussions held last week while QRA was onsite.
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Meetings attended

- 1st Charleville Functional Recovery and Resilience Group
- 2nd SWQROC (Virtual)
- 7th Bulloo Shire Local Recovery meeting
- 8th TMR/Bulloo Monthly Catch Up
Community Recovery Overview and Briefing
QRA/Shepherds Monthly Catch Up
Exclusion Fencing Restitution Program (SWQROC)
- 12th Executive Management Meeting
QLD Government Social Licence Toolkit for LG
- 15th Council Meeting
Budget Workshop
- 19th Mayor of Barcoo & Quilpie and Stuart MacKenzie – QRA Support to Councils
- 20th DPI – Renewal of Sales Permit
- 21st Bulloo Shire Local Recovery Plan Meeting
Bulloo Shire Local Recovery Meeting
- 26th QRA, Mayor of Barcoo & Quilpie and Stuart MacKenzie – QRA Support to Councils
- 28th Hon Ann Leahy, Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers – QRA Funding to Councils

DISCUSSION

March 2025 Rain & Flood Event – Recovery Update

Recovery Coordination

Council continues to conduct fortnightly Recovery Meetings, attended by key stakeholders including the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA), Shepherd Services, GIVIT, Lifeline, Red Cross, Department of Housing, Department of Communities, and the Insurance Council of Australia.

Each organisation provides updates on their recovery activities, planning progress, emerging issues, and any requests for additional support.

QRA Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Program

Council has received official confirmation that Council housing is eligible for restoration under the QRA's REPA program. An official work order has been raised for Forge Solutions to transition from their previous "make safe and clean-up" work under the CDO to full restoration of the Admin Building and residential properties under REPA.

Forge Solutions is currently finalising building assessment reports and costings to support the QRA funding submission for both projects.

Flood Study – Gauge Network and Levee Focus

Council continues to advocate to both State and Federal Governments for funding support to undertake a comprehensive Flood Study, with a focus on improved flood gauge networks and levee infrastructure.

Anticipated benefits of the Flood Study include:

- A clearer understanding of flood risks in and around Thargomindah
- Enhanced flood forecasting and early warning capability through upgraded gauge systems
- Strategic design and investment in levees based on robust hydrological data
- A stronger evidence base to support future funding applications and infrastructure planning
- Increased confidence and resilience among residents, businesses, and emergency services
- Integration of findings into broader disaster resilience initiatives across the Shire

Council remains committed to working in close collaboration with QRA and all recovery partners to ensure Thargomindah and the wider Shire are better prepared for future flood events.

Quarry Management – Renewal of Sales Permit

Council recently met with the Department of Resources (DPI) to discuss the renewal of Sales Permits for Bulloo Shire Council, effective from 1 July 2025.

The current draft permit excludes all Wongkamura quarry pits, as progress on an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with DPI has been delayed. Wongkamura representatives have requested that engagement with both Quilpie and Bulloo Shire Councils take place through the development of a Cultural Heritage Agreement prior to resuming discussions with DPI.

To facilitate this, both Councils have engaged Moray & Agnew to draft the proposed Agreement.

A meeting is scheduled for 20th June 2025 in Dubbo between Wongkamura and DPI. Bulloo and Quilpie Shire Councils have been invited to participate. Bulloo Shire Council will attend via Microsoft Teams to contribute to the discussion.

Council's objective is to establish an interim agreement that allows continued gravel extraction from quarry pits located within the Wongkamura-determined area from 1st July 2025, while negotiations continue on the draft Cultural Heritage Agreement.

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

13.1 BULLOO SHIRE PEST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 15 MAY 2025

File Number: 155669

Author: Donna Hobbs, Rural & Town Services Manager

Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Pest Management Committee Meeting 15 May 2025

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to receive the Bulloo Shire Pest Management Committee Meeting Minutes from the meeting held on 15 May 2025.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Biosecurity Act 2014

Stock Route Management Act 2002

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

4.11.1 Aerial 1080 Baiting Expenses Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

ENV 1.4 Ongoing commitment to biosecurity and pest management

ENV 1.4.1 Support the management of invasive plants and animals (in particular wild dogs/feral pigs) and disease in the shire in accordance with the Biosecurity Plan

ENV 1.4.2 Support Bulloo Shire Pest Management Committee

ENV 2.4.1 Assist landholders with invasive animal management techniques including emerging technology, disease and education sessions

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the minutes from the Bulloo Shire Pest Management Committee meeting held on 15 May 2025.

BACKGROUND

Council continues to support the Bulloo Shire Pest Management Committee to ensure a collaborative approach to pest management within the Bulloo Shire. This committee is instrumental in coordinating Council's biannual 1080 aerial baiting programs, which are crucial for effective pest management. Members include the Chair, Cr Morton, local landholders, Rural Services Staff, and National Parks.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The Bulloo Shire Pest Management Committee discussed the following agenda items:

- Upcoming June 2025 Coordinated aerial baiting program
- Proposed baiting for outside the WDBF
- Wild Dog Barrier Fence Damaged by flood
- Bulloo Biosecurity Plan

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

A decrease in support for the Pest Management Committee could lead to an increased pest population, harming the environment, agriculture, and local economy.

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Bulloo Shire Pest Management Committee



BULLOO SHIRE PEST MANAGEMENT GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

WHEN: Thursday 15 May 2025

WHERE: TELECONFERENCE

1.0 Apologies

Adam Klein

2.0 Attendance

Cr Stewart Morton, Donna Hobbs, Alison Petty, Sam Luckraft, Stuart Dodds, Anthony Glasson

3.0 Committee Membership

3.1 Chair – Cr Stewart Morton

3.2 Committee Members

All landholders that attend meetings will be considered committee members unless otherwise advised.

4.0 Minutes from Previous Meeting

Members received and noted the minutes from the previous Pest Management Meeting held on 17 October 2024

5.0 Bulloo Shire Biosecurity Plan 2022 Onwards

The Biosecurity (Pest Management) Plan link has been emailed to landholders for review. No changes have been received from landholders or staff.

6.0 Wild Dog Control

6.1 1080 Baiting

Inside WDBF

Due to the flooding in March, the May baiting program is now scheduled for the 6 & 7 June 2025. SQ Landscape has provided some funding, so meat is being made available at \$2.50/kg. $330\text{kg} \times \$2.50 = \825 plane load. 4 tonne meat has been ordered.

6 June Lakehouse – Wiralla & maybe Besm (tbc) Dog Fence

7 June Yakara – Thargo Station, Picarilli, Yakara, Kilcowera, Dog Fence

The baiting schedule will be forwarded to participating landholders when times have been confirmed with Cracker.

National Parks are not baiting this round as they completed a chopper shoot just before the March flood.



BULLOO SHIRE PEST MANAGEMENT GROUP

Outside the WDBF

Damon McNair (Quilpie Shire) travelled to Epsilon to complete ground baiting.

Ground baiting is being organised for outside the fence – Omicron, Nockatunga & Orientos will be baiting – Col from Paroo Shire will be providing the 1080 service.

Naryilco are unable to bait due to their Organic Status.

7.0 General Business

WDBF

Large sections of the Wild Dog Barrier Fence are down, this is the boundary between Nooyeah and Picarilli. Donna to forward Paul Gray's number to Anthony so he can discuss their rebuild plans, and if necessary, he may need to put up a temporary boundary.

8.0 Next Meeting

The date of the next Pest Management teleconference is to be advised.

9.0 Closure of Meeting

Meeting was closed at 7:25pm

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS

14.1 CHANGE OF AUGUST 2025 ORDINARY MEETING DATES

File Number: 155647
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to change the August 2025 Ordinary meeting dates.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Regulations 2012 – Section 277

(1) A Local Government must, at least once in each year, publish a notice of the days and times when (a) its ordinary meetings will be held; and (b) the ordinary meetings of its standing committees will be held.

(4) The local government must immediately notify any change to the days and times mentioned in subsection (1) or (3) in the same way as the days and times were previously notified.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council change the date of the August 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council from Thursday, 21st August 2025 to Thursday, 28th August 2025.

BACKGROUND

The Ordinary Council Meeting for August 2025 is currently scheduled for Thursday, 21 August 2025. However, the Mayor and CEO will be attending the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) Assembly in St George from 19–20 August 2025. Due to travel requirements, they will be returning on Thursday, 21 August, and will be unable to attend the scheduled meeting.

Given these circumstances, it is recommended that Council reschedule the August Ordinary Meeting to the following Thursday, 28 August 2025, to ensure the attendance of both the Mayor and CEO.

The Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) is a collaboration of the three regional organisations of councils in Western Queensland—NWQROC (North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils), RAPAD (Remote Area Planning and Development Board), and SWQROC

(South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils). Established in 2020, WQAC represents 24 local governments and covers approximately 64 per cent of Queensland.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The WQAC Assembly 2025, the sixth event of its kind, will:

- Identify the advocacy opportunities for Western Queensland at both a Federal and State Government level
- Continue to focus on addressing the regional priority issues of Housing, Roads, Connectivity and Sustainability
- Provide an opportunity to engage with State and Federal Members/Senators (in government or opposition) and key Director Generals
- Grow **networks and relationships** to promote and represent Western Queensland

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CRITICAL DATES

August 2025

CONSULTATION

Councillors

14.2 LOCAL RESILIENCE ACTION PLANS (LRAPS)**File Number:** 155667**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Local Resilience Action Plan - QRA (under separate cover)**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to endorse the Bulloo Shire Local Resilience Action Plans (LRAPs).

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Nil

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

ENV1.3 Continue to build and promote disaster resilience and self-reliance within the community.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the Bulloo Shire Local Resilience Action Plans (LRAPs), as presented.

BACKGROUND

Local Resilience Action Plans (LRAPs) were developed through the Resilient Queensland Program from 2018-2021 as part of Australia's commitment to the Sendai Framework. LRAPs, created in consultation with Councils and through Regional Resilience Strategies, serve as strategic tools for Councils to track resilience-building projects within their communities at both local and regional levels. The Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) uses LRAPs to inform future funding strategies by identifying resilience gaps across the State.

Council reviewed its LRAP in November 2024 and again in May 2025, following the March 2025 flood event, to ensure it reflected lessons learned and the community's evolving needs and priorities.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Local Resilience Action Plans (LRAPS)

Resolution 2024/1

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council endorse the Bulloo Shire Local Resilience Action Plans (LRAPs), as presented.

DISCUSSION

Local Resilience Action Plans (LRAPs) help councils and communities proactively identify and prioritise actions that build resilience to natural hazards such as floods, bushfires, cyclones, and droughts. They provide a structured and forward-looking approach to disaster risk reduction.

Looking ahead, it is important that councils ensure any projects for which they seek resilience funding are clearly identified in their LRAP or a similar strategic document. This strengthens the case for funding and increases the likelihood of approval.

Following the recent flood event, QRA recommended Council update its LRAP to reflect current resilience priorities. These plans are designed to be flexible and adaptable, enabling councils to review and update them as community needs and risks evolve.

Action ID: BSC.EN07

Original Action: *Undertake a holistic flood study for the Bulloo Shire area to improve understanding of flood risk and provide additional information to support mitigation solutions such as road betterment projects.*

Following the March 2025 flood event and advice from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA), this action has been refined to focus more specifically on Thargomindah.

Revised Action: *Undertake a holistic flood study for Thargomindah to enhance understanding of flood risk and to inform improvements to the flood gauge network and levee infrastructure.*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

LRAPs proactively identify and prioritise actions that build resilience to natural hazards.

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Queensland Reconstruction Authority

14.3 POLICY REVIEW - JUNE 2025**File Number:** 155576**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. 1.05.1 Acceptable Request Guidelines Policy (under separate cover)
2. 1.06.1 Entertainment and Hospitality Expenses Policy (under separate cover)
3. 1.10.1 Dealing with a complaint involving the public official Policy (under separate cover)
4. 1.11.2 Code of Conduct for Councillors Policy (under separate cover)
5. 2.01.2 Advertising Expenditure Policy (under separate cover)
6. 2.13.2 Related Parties Disclosure Policy (under separate cover)
7. 2.74.1 Procurement Policy (under separate cover)
8. 2.77.2 Debt Recovery Policy (under separate cover)
9. 2.93.1 Asset Materiality Policy (under separate cover)
10. 2.98.1 Ex-Gratia Payments Policy (under separate cover)
11. 3.01.1 Asset Management Policy (under separate cover)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse various Council policies that are due for review.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulations 2012

Crime and Corruption Act 2001

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

1.05.1 Acceptable Request Guidelines Policy

1.06.1 Entertainment and Hospitality Expenses Policy

1.10.1 Dealing with a Complaint Involving the Public Official (*Crime and Corruption Act 2001, s48A*)

1.11.2 Code of Conduct for Councillors Policy

2.01.2 Advertising Expenditure Policy

2.13.2 Related Parties Disclosure Policy

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

2.77.2 Debt Recovery Policy

2.93.1 Asset Materiality Policy

2.98.1 Ex-Gratis Payments Policy (New)

3.01.1 Asset Management Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

GOV2.2.1 Ensure adequate administrative systems are in place to enable appropriate and efficient governance, processes and procedures in line with Council policies.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. adopt the reviewed policies, as presented:
 - 1.05.1 Acceptable Request Guidelines Policy
 - 1.06.1 Entertainment and Hospitality Expenses Policy
 - 1.10.1 Dealing with a Complaint Involving the Public Official (*Crime and Corruption Act 2001, s48A*)
 - 1.11.2 Code of Conduct for Councillors Policy
 - 2.01.2 Advertising Expenditure Policy
 - 2.13.2 Related Parties Disclosure Policy
 - 2.74.1 Procurement Policy
 - 2.77.2 Debt Recovery Policy
 - 2.93.1 Asset Materiality Policy
 - 3.01.1 Asset Management Policy
2. adopt the 2. 98.1 Ex-Gratis Payments Policy, as presented.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act establishes principles which the Council must adhere to, amongst other things good governance and effective decision making. The establishment of Council policies which specify how the administration should handle various matters is a critical for good governance.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The following Council Policies are due for review:

- 1.05.1 Acceptable Request Guidelines Policy
Minor update – new definition added
- 1.05.1 Entertainment and Hospitality Expenses Policy
Moderate update to update the policy statement and include additional examples of reasonable and appropriate expenditure.
- 1.10.1 Dealing with a Complaint Involving the Public Official (Crime and Corruption Act 2001, s48A)
No changes

- 1.11.2 Code of Conduct for Councillors Policy
No changes
- 2.01.2 Advertising Expenditure Policy
Major update to the Advertising Expenditure Policy to ensure compliance with statutory requirements and alignment with current practices across other Queensland councils.
- 2.13.2 Related Parties Disclosure Policy
No changes
- 2.74.1 Procurement Policy
Minor update to dollar value in Reference Table
- 2.77.2 Debt Recovery Policy
Minor update – 2025/26 maximum interest rate
- 2.93.1 Asset Materiality Policy
Moderate update as AASB 1031 has been replaced by AASB 108. AASB 1031, which dealt with materiality, has been withdrawn and its content is now incorporated into AASB 108, which focuses on accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates, and errors.
- 3.01.1 Asset Management Policy
Minor change to incorporate Asset Management Plans.
- 2.98.1 Ex-Gratis Payments Policy (New)
Queensland Audit Officer – Local Government 2024 – Report 13
The Queensland Audit Office (QAO) Report 13 (2024) – "Local Government 2024" – identified gaps in how councils across Queensland manage ex gratia payments. Specifically, Recommendation 1 of the report advised councils to:
"Implement policies and procedures to ensure ex gratia payments are appropriate and defensible, and the decisions made to make such payments are transparent."
This recommendation was supported by the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers, and is considered best practice for strengthening governance and financial accountability within local government.
The purpose of Policy 2.98.1 – Ex-Gratis Payments Policy is to establish protocols for facilitating ex-gratia payment, or special payments.
An ex gratia payment is a discretionary payment made by Council "out of goodwill" without admitting legal liability or fault. These payments may be considered in exceptional circumstances where there is no legal obligation to provide compensation, but it is deemed appropriate as a goodwill gesture and meets the reasonable person test.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Policies required in accordance with various Acts.

CRITICAL DATES

All policies have passed their review dates.

CONSULTATION

CEO

Accountant

Claire Alexander – External Accountant

14.4 PRIORITY PROJECTS LIST

File Number: 155648
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to endorse a list of projects as a priority for future grant opportunities and Council investment.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Nil

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Operational Plan 2024/2025 – Governance and Financial Management – Council maximises external grants which are in line with corporate aims.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the Proposed Project List *as of 19th June 2025*, for future grant submissions.

High Priority

- Seal Warri Gate Road
- Thargomindah Flood Study Including Analysis of Gauge Network and Levee Bank Infrastructure
- Thargomindah Precinct including new Town Hall, Meeting Room and Office Space
- Replacement of the Thargomindah Sewerage Treatment Plant
- Housing Development
- New Residential Subdivision - Essential Infrastructure
- New Industrial Subdivision - Essential Infrastructure
- Thargomindah Footpath Construction
- Kerb and Channel - Thargomindah Streets
- Redevelopment of Memorial Park Cenotaph
- Memorial Park Playground Upgrade

Medium Priority

- Thargomindah Swimming Pool Upgrade
- New Cabins & additional Powered Sites at Council Owned Caravan Parks
- Independent Living Units Stage 2
- Spa Gazing
- Skate Park Upgrade

- Memorial Walk
- Thargomindah Streetscaping
- Leahy House and Old Hospital Preservation Plan

Low Priority

- Redesign of Fish Farm

BACKGROUND

Council is continuously looking for grant opportunity to partly or fully fund projects that are beneficial to the Bulloo Shire.

DISCUSSION

Council is requested to prioritise the list of projects for grant submissions so that plans for the projects can be prepared to make projects shovel ready for future funding opportunities.

The current Project list below was endorsed as part of the 2023/2024 Budget.

Proposed Project List	
Projects 2024/2025	
<p>High Priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warri Gate Road • Thargomindah Precinct including new Town Hall, Meeting Room and Office Space • Replacement of the Thargomindah Sewerage Treatment Plant • Housing Development • Thargomindah Footpath Construction • Kerb and Channel - Thargomindah Streets • Redevelopment of Memorial Park Cenotaph • Memorial Park Playground Upgrade • New Residential Subdivision - Essential Infrastructure • New Industrial Subdivision - Essential Infrastructure 	<p>High Priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seal Warri Gate Road • Thargomindah Flood Study Including Analysis of Gauge Network and Levee Bank Infrastructure • Thargomindah Precinct including new Town Hall, Meeting Room and Office Space • Replacement of the Thargomindah Sewerage Treatment Plant • Housing Development • New Residential Subdivision - Essential Infrastructure • New Industrial Subdivision - Essential Infrastructure • Thargomindah Footpath Construction • Kerb and Channel - Thargomindah Streets • Redevelopment of Memorial Park Cenotaph • Memorial Park Playground Upgrade
<p>Medium Priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thargomindah Swimming Pool Upgrade • New Cabins & additional Powered Sites at Council Owned Caravan Parks • Noccundra Airport Seal & Fence* • Independent Living Units Stage 2 • Spa Gazing 	<p>Medium Priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thargomindah Swimming Pool Upgrade • New Cabins & additional Powered Sites at Council Owned Caravan Parks • Independent Living Units Stage 2 • Spa Gazing • Skate Park Upgrade

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skate Park Upgrade• Memorial Walk• Thargomindah Streetscaping• Leahy House and Old Hospital Preservation Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Memorial Walk• Thargomindah Streetscaping• Leahy House and Old Hospital Preservation Plan |
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Low Priority

- Redesign of Fish Farm

Low Priority

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Projects to be partially or fully funded by State or Federal Government grants. There will also be a cost to prepare some of this work e.g. concept drawings. However, we can use that from the operational budget from the consultant costs.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Councillors

Executive Management Team

14.5 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT**File Number:** 155716**Author:** Tasha O'Shannessy, Acting Admin & Finance Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Administration & Finance Services Report for May 2025.

ADMINISTRATION**Customer Service Requests**

Listed below is a summary of the 2 External Service Requests received for the month of May 2025.

Department - Type	Number
Council Housing Maintenance	1
Road Conditions	1

TENDERS

Item	Department	Status
T2024-2025-112 Cleaning of Bulloo Shire Council Facilities	Admin & Finance	Closes: 27th June 2025

PROCUREMENT

Bulloo Shire Council's 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's 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 **\$10,822,524.26** to local contractors & businesses for all goods and services procured from 1st July 2024 to 31st May 2025.

GRANTS

Council continues to seek new funding as grant opportunities arise, with the below list providing a summary of all existing and applied for grant programs:

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure – Phase 4 (Completion by 30th June 2025)

Projects Completed:

- Thargomindah Rodeo Grounds - Road Extension and Parking Access
- Thargomindah Town Common Fence – Stage 2
- Thargomindah Memorial Park & Noccundra Park Softfall Replacement

Council is in discussion with Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sports and the Arts regarding an extension on LRCI Phase 4 to complete projects which have been held up due to the March 2025 Rain & Flood Event and would not be completed by 30 June.

- Thargomindah Swimming Pool Upgrade
- Thargomindah Town Common Fence – Stage 2

While this project was finished, several sections of the new fence were pushing over during the flood, and Council intends to spend the remaining money to Stand the fallen fence.

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

- Everest Civil has now completed all works, including post-flood repairs outside of scope of works
- Project came in under budget

Building Our Regions Round 4

- FSG has gone into administration, awaiting further information from Department on project position

Works for Queensland Round 5

- **1 x Three-bedroom house, 3 x Single cabins at Yapunyah Caravan Park**

Hoek Modular has advised on a new schedule for delivery of housing, expecting footings to begin installation on 16th June with transport booked for June 23rd

- **Explorers Caravan Park - Solar Light Upgrade**

Ago Vires replaced 14 lights and supplied 2x precast concrete footings

- **Thargo River Walk - Solar Light Upgrade**

Work Completed

- **Thargomindah Golf Club - Stage 2**

Ago Vires advised work will be complete early June 2025.

- **Innamincka & Hungerford Roads Reseal**

Reseal will be carried out in conjunction with other Seal in the area at end of May, beginning of June.

Active Women and Girls Round 1

- Additional rubber flooring was ordered prior to floods, assessing where these items were located
- Awaiting report on gym to determine what items have been damaged from the floodwaters and what possible funding avenues could be utilised for replacements

QRA Crucial Access Links

- Council was successful in their application, Grants Officer working with Engineer on tender documentation for provisioning works

Country Roads Connect Program

- Grant Application Submitted for Warri Gate Road, awaiting response

Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program

- Awaiting response back on Tranche 2 for Warri Gate Road seal works
- Separate Council Report for Tranche 3 opportunity

Remote Roads Upgrade Program

- Works continuing on Warri Gate Road for sealing, project completion extended to December 2025

14.6 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**File Number:** 155721**Author:** Tasha O'Shannessy, Acting Admin & Finance Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, 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 May 2025 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 Council's Operating Statement, Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) and Cash Flow Statement as at 31st May 2025 are included for the information of Council.

Financial Sustainability Indicators

Two of the three key performance indicators are showing better than our target guidelines this month. Council's current ratio of 2.28% is sitting just lower than the industry target due to QRA prepayments for flood damage work.

Key Local Government Performance Indicators

Indicator		Target	30th April 2025	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%	2.28%	Lower than target due to QRA prepayments
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%	11%	Higher than target due to flooding disaster
Unrestricted Cash Expense Ratio Has Council properly planned for when payments associated with Council activities are due?	Unrestricted Cash / Expected cash operating costs for one month	Greater than 4 months	5.85mths	Better than Target

Bulloo Shire Council Operating Statement (Income Statement) For the period ended 31st May 2025				
	May-25	Actual - YTD	Amended Budget 2024/2025	Variance %
Operating Revenue				
Rates and Charges	-4	6,244,687	6,236,385	100%
Less: Discount, Rebate & Remissions	-5	-178,501	-180,171	99%
	-9	6,066,186	6,056,214	
Fees and Charges	16,942	194,679	181,986	107%
Interest	134,901	1,410,522	1,013,646	139%
Rental Income	36,377	416,042	446,520	93%
	188,220	2,021,243	1,642,152	
Recoverable Works	405,580	5,057,963	3,619,869	140%
Other Income	0	57,924	33,897	171%
Contributions	0	0	0	
Subsidies and Grants	2,327,512	19,276,398	45,819,427	42%
	2,733,092	24,392,285	49,473,193	
Total Operating Revenues	2,921,303	32,479,714	57,171,559	
Operating Expenditure				
Administration and Governance Cost	1,081,703	5,619,008	6,195,862	91%
Corporate Services Costs	115,629	1,319,399	1,885,310	70%
Town Service Costs	211,724	2,558,994	3,545,681	72%
Net Plant Operating Costs	-90,248	-2,258,028	-1,732,676	130%
Rural Service	24,647	398,857	782,160	51%
Finance Services	19,546	53,401	43,657	122%
Depreciation	546,822	5,914,127	6,252,257	95%
Road Services	2,501,042	15,328,327	41,208,507	37%
Total Operating Expenditure	4,410,865	28,934,085	58,180,758	
OPERATING CAPABILITY BEFORE CAPITAL	-1,489,562	3,545,629	-1,009,199	
Capital Items				
Sale of non-current assets	0	33,455	265,100	
Contributions	0	0	7,487,376	
Subsidies and Grants	1,054,500	2,934,678	8,292,686	
Capital Expenditure	0	0	-16,045,162	
INCR / (DECR) IN OPERATING CAPABILITY INCL CAPITAL	-435,062	6,513,762	-1,009,199	

Bulloo Shire Council Financial Position as at 31st May 2025			
	Notes	Balance	Amended Budget 2024/2025
Current Assets			
Cash and Equivalents	11	34,712,668	20,301,368
Trade and Other Receivables	12	587,560	1,636,557
PrePayments		0	0
Inventories	13	2,273,782	1,312,000
Contract Assets	12	4,748,908	3,242,000
		42,322,918	26,491,925
Land Held for Development /Sale	15	0	0
Total Current Assets	2	42,322,918	26,491,925
Non-Current Assets			
Trade & Other Receivables		0	42,000
Property, Plant and Equipment	18	308,186,555	300,895,000
Total Non-Current Assets	2	308,186,555	300,937,000
TOTAL ASSETS		350,509,473	327,428,925
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payments	20	1,441,953	930,000
Contract Liabilities		15,956,434	3,047,000
Borrowings	21	0	0
Provisions	23	1,194,535	1,534,000
Total Current Liabilities		18,592,922	5,511,000
Non-Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	20	0	0
Contract Liabilities		0	0
Borrowings	21	0	0
Provisions	23	63,035	72,925
Total Non-Current Liabilities		63,035	72,925
TOTAL LIABILITIES		18,655,957	5,583,925
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS		331,853,516	321,845,000
Community Equity			
Asset Revaluation Reserve	25	191,255,203	177,345,000
Accumulated Surplus	26	140,598,313	144,500,000
Shire Capital		0	0
Other Reserves	28	0	0
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		331,853,516	321,845,000

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 May 2025

Account	Balance	Interest Rate	Restricted Cash	Unrestricted Cash
NAB	1,666,483	3.45%		1,666,483
Explorers Caravan Park	17,814	0.00%		17,814
QTC - 22039	6,715,583	5.11%		6,715,583
QTC - 22040	22,718,484	5.12%	21,041,829	1,676,655
QTC - 23766	3,385,712	5.11%		3,385,712
Float Money	1,823	0.00%		1,823
TOTAL	34,505,900		21,041,829	13,464,070

Bulloo Shire Council Statement of Cash Flows as at 31st May 2025			
	Notes	YTD - May 25	Amended Budget 2024/2025
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Receipts from Customers		11,965,635	9,777,000
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		-23,262,223	-24,212,000
		-11,296,588	-14,435,000
Interest Received		1,410,522	1,013,646
Rental Income		412,522	446,521
Non-Capital Grants and Contributions		29,027,086	18,501,522
Borrowing Costs		0	0
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	35	19,553,542	5,526,689
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment		-8,646,881	-15,424,000
Payments for Intangible Assets			
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	5	245,394	265,000
Capital Grants and Contributions		3,259,245	8,193,591
Other Cash Flows from Investing activities			
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		-5,142,242	-6,965,409
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		14,411,300	-1,438,720
Cash at Beginning of Reporting Period 30 June 2024		20,301,368	20,301,368
Cash at End of Reporting Period	11	34,712,668	18,862,648

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PROFITABILITY

The table below shows actual vs budget BSC Plant Profitability as at 31st May 2025.

Job Cost	Description	May-25 Income/Exp	YTD Income/Exp	%	Budget	NOTES
Revenue						
7100-1905	Plant Hire	209,655	3,892,666	89%	4,379,309	
7100-1100	Fuel Rebate Subsidy	1,946	48,638	70%	69,695	
7100-1900	Flood Truck Revenue					
7100-1917	Other Income - Plant	0	603			
7100-1918	Profit/Loss on Disposal of Assets		33,455			
Total Revenue		211,601	3,975,362	89%	4,449,004	
Expenditure						
7100-2005	Plant Maintenance - Parts & Labour	44,641	688,215	62%	1,105,657	
7100-2010	Plant Maintenance - Tyres & Batteries	2,704	150,268	78%	192,689	
7100-2015	Plant Maintenance - Fuel & Oils	58,418	478,721	57%	837,904	
7100-2020	Plant Rego. & Insurance	1,586	187,700	88%	214,326	
7100-2025	Workshop Consumables	1,071	22,310	70%	31,738	
7100-2030	Workshop Operating Costs	10,632	104,259	40%	260,319	
7100-2035	Radio & T.V. Maintenance	152	3,164	79%	4,000	
7100-2600	Depreciation-Plant & Depot	103,835	1,140,351	100%	1,144,370	
Total Expenditure		223,039	2,774,989	73%	3,791,003	
Profit (Loss)		-11,437	1,200,373	182%	658,001	

CONSULTANT REPORT – MAY 2025

Consultant	May 2025 Expenditure	YTD Expenditure 2024/2025	Comments
AMB Geotech SQS Pty Ltd	12,694	33,990	Soil Sample Testing
Ashurst Australia	886	9,906	Legal Expense
Bligh Tanner Pty Ltd	0	6,820	Water Engineering Services
Brandon & Associates Pty. Ltd.	0	75,273	Engineering Services
C Alexander and Associates Consulting Pty Ltd	0	84,920	Accounting Services
Field Solutions Group	452	452	
GBA Consulting	37,042	37,042	
Ian A Rosenberger Surveyor	0	42,185	Surveyor
King & Company Solicitors	8,450	23,105	HSE
Ochre Community Consulting	0	13,412	Cultural Clearance – Warri Gate
Peak Services	3,203	46,125	Grant Support
QIT Plus Pty Ltd	0	1,100	Disaster Hosting
Queensland Audit Office	0	71,027	Audit
RMS Australia Pty Ltd	0	2,838	ECP - Booking System & Support
Safe As Gold Consulting	0	77,489	WHS
Shepherd Services Pty Ltd	118,772	1,923,359	Road Consultancy Service (Claimable)
State-wide Building Design Solutions Pty Ltd	0	7,609	Building Design
Total	181,500	2,456,653	

DEBTORS SUMMARY – MAY 2025

Debtors Category	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	Balance
Sundry Debtors	-590	22,974	-200	19,982	42166
Housing	-4,566	-1,600	-2,623	2,348	-6,441
Common	-80	844	-210	-1,147	-594
Qld Government	712,810	0	0	0	712,810
Federal Government	0	0	0	0	0
Total	707,574	22,218	-3,033	21,182	747,942

RATES SUMMARY - MAY 2025

Rates	
Brought forward arrears including Interest	55,735
Interest current year	5,031
Rates Levied in 2024-25	6,491,213
Total	6,551,979
Less Rates Collected during 2024-25	6,180,744
Govt & Council pensioner subsidy 2024-25	5,785
Discount on rates collection during 2024-25	174,740
Write-Offs	20
Credit supplementary notices	93,998
Total Outstanding Balance *	74,528
Unallocated Receipts	23,508
Current Outstanding Balance	45,950

14.7 SUBMISSION OF FUNDING APPLICATION – SAFER LOCAL ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (SLRIP) TRANCHE 3

File Number: 155720
Author: Daniel Roy, Grants Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: 1. Proposed areas for concrete footpathing

PURPOSE

To seek Council endorsement to submit a funding application for the Connecting Thargomindah: Active Footpath Network Project under the Queensland Government's Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) Tranche 3.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Nil

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

Operational Plan 2024/2025 – Governance and Financial Management – Council maximises external grants which are in line with corporate aims.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) endorse the submission of the Active Footpath Network Project under the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program - Tranche 3;
- b) agree to commit \$160,000 as the required co-contribution (20%), and
- c) amend the budget accordingly, should the application be successful.

BACKGROUND

Bulloo Shire Council previously applied for funding for the Connecting Thargomindah: Active Footpath Network Project under the Active Transport Fund in 2024. While the application was unsuccessful, it was assessed as highly meritorious and narrowly missed funding allocation.

The project aligns with both State and local objectives in improving regional accessibility, pedestrian safety, and promoting healthier, more liveable communities. The SLRIP Tranche 3 presents a renewed opportunity to secure external funding support to deliver this important infrastructure initiative.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The Connecting Thargomindah project seeks to deliver an interconnected network of accessible, all-weather pedestrian footpaths through the township of Thargomindah. The project includes construction of new footpath segments, upgrades to existing segments to meet disability access standards, installation of wayfinding signage, and improved connections to key community services, schools, and recreational facilities.

Key outcomes include:

- Enhanced pedestrian safety and access, especially for schoolchildren, the elderly, and mobility-impaired residents.
- Linking the town's sport oval with the State School for safe access and easy access.
- Support for active lifestyles through safe walking routes.
- Improved visual amenity and connectivity within the township.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Total Project Budget: \$800,000 (excl. GST)
- SLRIP Contribution (80%): \$640,000
- Council Contribution (20%): \$160,000 (included in 2025–26 draft capital works budget)

Council's co-contribution can be accommodated within the existing capital works program, noting the strategic priority of footpath connectivity and pedestrian infrastructure.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Low risk, expectation is if not successful other grants/Council funding can be sought.

CRITICAL DATES

Applications close 30th June 2025

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer

Grants Officer

Engineer

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



14.8 COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACES REPORT**File Number:** 155656**Author:** Tamie Warner, Community, Culture & Places**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Community, Culture & Places report for the month of May 2025.

CORPORATE / HUMAN RESOURCES ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY

- Resignations – 1 x Roads Manager

HEADCOUNT

Class	Opening Balance	New Starters	Terminated
Full Time	51	-	1
Part Time	2	-	-
Casual	5	-	-
Fixed Term			
Apprentice			
Totals	58		

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

DIVERSITY DEMOGRAPHICS

Department	Total	Full Time		Part Time		Casual		Trainee/Apprentice	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Executive Services	8	1	5			2			
Admin & Finance Services	8	3	4				1		
Rural & Town Services	4	3	1						
Road Services	27	21	5	1					
Community, Culture & Places	11		7		1	1	1	1	
Total	58	28	22	1	1	3	2	1	

Department	Total	Age Group								
		<20	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55+
Executive Services	8				1	1	2	2		2
Admin & Finance	8			1	1	1	2	1		2
Rural & Town Services	4	1			1				1	1
Road Services	27	1	2	3	4		1	2	5	9
Community, Culture & Places	11	2			1		1	2	2	3
Total	58	4	2	4	8	2	6	7	8	17

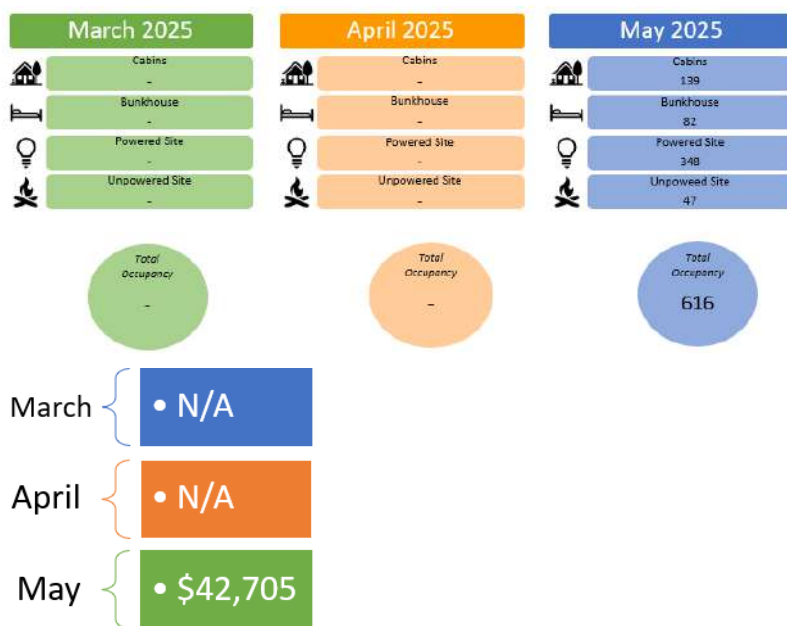
VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

- The Council has relocated the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) to the Old Coffee Shop. The original VIC building now serves as the Administration Office. This change has significantly reduced noise and disruption in the admin area, especially during periods of high tourist activity.
- We've experienced a high volume of visitors recently. While we weren't initially prepared to accommodate this influx, we've since adapted and are now operating as normal.
- At present, the Hydro Power attraction is the only fully operational site. The Jail and Hospital are open to the public but not yet functioning electronically.
- Through Ago, we've arranged the hire of essential resources for these events. They provided a highly competitive quote of \$1,870 for the following equipment:
 - 3 generators
 - 5 port-a-loos
 - 6 power bollards (with matching cords)
 - 6 lighting towers
- To accommodate expected visitor numbers, all council-owned toilet and shower facilities across town will be utilized, including:
 - Two sets of plumbed toilets
 - Recently acquired port-a-loos
 - Both caravan parks
 - Swimming pool facilities
 - All public toilets
- Total Facilities Available:
 - Toilets: 55
 - Showers: 30
- Significant behind-the-scenes work is underway to prepare for our upcoming events. We're excited to welcome visitors and bring new energy into the region.

STATISTICS

VIC		Facebook – Explore Bulloo	
Visitors	248	Followers	8455
Phone calls	233	New Page Likes	6000
Email enquirers	122	Likes	25605
		New Page Followers	205

EXPLORERS CARAVAN PARK



THARGOMINDAH SWIMMING POOL

Closed due to Flood

LITTLE ECHIDNAS' FAMILY DAYCARE

Closed due to Flood

LIFESTYLE AND RECREATION

LIFESTYLE AND RECREATION - Library, Health, and Wellbeing Organisational Activity

Healthy Ageing

- Activities have recommenced at Teelow Court on Monday and Wednesday.
- A Seniors Book Club has recommenced and is being held at Teelow Court.
- Luncheons recommenced on the 26th May at the Bulloo River Hotel and this event was attended by 16 over 55's. The next luncheon is scheduled for the 30th June at the Oasis Motel.
- 26 of our 55 and Over group took advantage of The Retreat services offered this month at Teelow Court.
- Our local hairdresser will be engaged next month to offer her services to the Healthy Ageing Group.

Workshops

- Men's day has been rescheduled for the 2nd August mail drops, social media posts and posters have been displayed so that the local men are aware of this change. The event will be held at the Golf Course Clubhouse.
- Local Fishing Competition is planned for the 4th, 5th and 6th July to coincide with the June/July School Holidays.

Theatre Productions

- “Funny Mummies” has now been rescheduled to later in the year. Our next theatre performance “The Meat Tray Murder Mystery” is due to arrive in Thargomindah on the 3rd July

Library

- All Library activities are still suspended, the required inspection for mould has been performed in the library and we are waiting on the official report to be supplied to pass onto State Library.
- First 5 Forever on The Road Program will be present at the Shearers Shindig

Activity –		Users
Total Library Visits	March	April
Tourists	-	-
Local Adults	-	-
Local Children	-	-
First 5 Forever (Parents and Children)	-	-
F5F On the Road (Seasonal)	-	-
Book loans	-	-
WQPHN Activities - Seniors Program		
Water Aerobics	-	-
Massage/Beauty Treatments (55yrs & Over) Thargo	-	26
Luncheon (1)	-	16
InBody Scans	-	-
Teelow court visits	-	56
Workshops/Community Events/School Holiday		
Book Club	-	6
Holiday Activities/ Fun Day	-	-
Fishing Comp Entries	-	-

Monthly Loans: Library website closed by Sate Library, no stats available

Healthy Ageing Liaison Officer Report

- Phone calls and home visits to check on clients, provide support and help with concerns
- Helped with filling out forms for Rotary assistance
- Liaised with Jenny from Frontier Services about residents
- OT visited, assessed and organized for Great to Go alarms for two clients
- Assisted with telehealth, general enquiries and concerns, filling out online forms for medical appointments and phone queries.
- Follow up on CHSP use for support while client is receiving treatment – not currently in their system but is now linked with other services to provide support
- Followed up with residents turning 65 if they require My Aged Care services such as home and yard maintenance

- Meetings with Nurse navigator to update on clients and organize appointments
- Meeting with Vital Health physiotherapist. Encouraged use of service with healthy ageing clients and helped with contacting clients including NDIS clients
- Met with RFDS Clinical Care Coordinators for Thargomindah and provided client updates
- Attended Thargomindah Local Governance Group Meeting for South West Primary Care Pilot project and provided updates
- Assisted with technology issues – iPads, apps, phones, printing and scanning of documents, scam awareness
- Meeting to discuss calendar and future planning for healthy ageing
- Reported internet issues – no Wifi for residents of Teelow Court – now resolved
- Forge inspected centre – some evidence of water entry on skirting boards and walls in office area, therapist area and near toilets

Upcoming

- Continuing Fragility Assessments and checking for client concerns
- Meet with RFDS Clinical Care Coordinator for Thargomindah and nurse navigator and provide client updates
- Help with contacting and encouraging use of Vital Health services
- Follow up and educate over 65 residents about My Aged Care
- Assist with telehealth and sourcing travel
- Follow up how to provide lawnmowing services for clients
- Last Aid workshop postponed until suitable time after flood recovery
- AED in centre
- Follow up on first aid training dates now venues are back online

Teelow Court Monthly Centre Totals

55 and over	Healthy Ageing	Visiting Pro. Or Therapists	Massage Chair	Play Pool	Other
37	5	26	0	0	12

14.9 2WEB PROMOTIONAL PACKAGE

File Number: 155463
Author: Tamie Warner, Community, Culture & Places
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: 1. 2WEB Request for Support

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider the tourism radio promotion package with 2WEB for the 2025/26 financial year.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Nil

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the 2025/26 tourism radio package for \$6,500.00 (excluding GST) with 2WEB Outback Radio.

BACKGROUND

Council received correspondence from 2WEB Outback Radio advising of the Tourism Package for the 2025/2026 financial year.

Council's tourism activities will be well promoted.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Council resolved to pay \$6,500.00 (excluding GST) with 2WEB Outback Radio for the 2024/25 tourism radio package. Radio broadcasting with 2WEB has proven to be beneficial during the tourist season and it is recommended to continue with the package in 2025/26.

The package will run from 1 July to 30 October 2025, and resume from March to 30 June 2026 – 8 months and deliver approximately 100x 30-second ads per month.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- \$6,500+GST

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Tourism Coordinator



Cr John Ferguson
Bulloo Shire Mayor

Dear John

Last year Council agreed to a tourism package, and I believe councillors had an opportunity to hear these ads, which were produced with the help of your Tourism Officer.

We temporarily suspended these ads during the unfortunate flood but have placed them back on the air, with additional promotion of Music in the Mulga and the Shearer's Shindig.

As a non-profit community radio station, we need your support to continue providing the service, many listeners in your shire rely upon. We are asking Council to sponsor a tourism package the 2025-26 financial year, for \$7,150 inclusive. **This is the same amount as agreed by Council last FY.**

This can be invoiced as one lump sum, monthly, or whatever arrangement best suits your needs.

I would want to update all tourism ads we have on hand to refresh their sound and appeal to listeners, should Council adopt a new tourism package. This package will commence 1 July 2025 and run through until the end of October, then resume in March of 2026 (in the lead-up to Easter) and continue through until 30 June 2026. This package will deliver approximately 100x 30-second ads per month, for eight months and give you the minimum equivalent of \$32,000 in promotion, if you paid our full rate of \$40+GST per ad.

If you have any questions, please give me a call on (02) 6872 2333. Otherwise, I would appreciate a reply to dsharp@outbackradio.com.au.

Sincerely,

David Sharp
2WEB Operations Manager

14.10 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT**File Number:** 155646**Author:** Donna Hobbs, Rural & Town Services Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Rural Services Department Report for May 2025.

BIOSECURITY**Landholders**

Phone, email and face to face consultations with landholders during the month on topics including flood recovery assistance, baiting, Rural Land Officer position, wild dog management, pig numbers, and weed management, boundary fences. Properties consulted during the month include Nappa Merrie, Omicron, Epsilon, Orientos, Tickalara, Bulloo Downs, Dynevor Downs, Thargomindah Station, Wiralla, Autumnvale, Yakara, Boodgherree, Kilcowera, Moombidary, Nockatunga, Naryilco, Durham Downs, Picarilli, Bingara, Besm, Nooyeah and Wombula. Face to face consultations with Dynevor, Wiralla, Picarilli, Boodgherree, Autumnvale.

Flood Response and Recovery

Flood Recovery Activities are still ongoing with coordinating visiting services, donations and financial assistance applications to community members. Charleville District Recovery Meetings attended weekly and Bulloo Shire Recovery meetings facilitated fortnightly. QRA are still working on the Recovery Plan for Council. One referral was completed to the Insurance Council of Australia. The town hall will be empty and returned to business as usual by 30 June, as there are community events booked in July.

1080 Baiting Programs

The coordinated 1080 baiting program has been re-scheduled for 6 & 7 June. Four tonnes of meat have been received and will be distributed from Dynevor Lakes and Yakara Airstrips. SQ Landscapes provided some funding to support landholders in this program. Invasive Plant & Animal Services has been contracted to deliver the Licenced 1080 services.

Paroo Shire is providing Rural Lands Officer services to complete ground baiting outside the Wild Dog Barrier Fence in June.

Town Common

During the July 2024 Ordinary Meeting Council approved to increase the stock levels to 20 head (Max 200 head stock) (Res 2024/157). 10 Approvals have now been granted, reaching the maximum limit approved by Council. The Town Common cattle muster is now scheduled for 28 & 29 June.

Council considered their level of contribution to repair town common boundary fences, and held this over until June Meeting or until further information was received.

Town Boundary Fence

Town Boundary Fence (Exclusion fencing) is being repaired to a make safe state under the Community Resilient Funding arrangements.

**Meetings attended**

- 1st Charleville FRRG Meeting
- 7th Bulloo Shire Local Recovery meeting
- 12th Executive Management Meeting
- 15th Charleville FRRG Meeting
- Council Meeting
- Budget Workshop
- Meeting with Thread Together, RACQ and Farm Angels
- Bulloo Shire Pest Management Committee Meeting
- 19th QRA Event Specific Recovery Plan Meeting
- 21st Bulloo Shire Local Recovery Plan Meeting
- Bulloo Shire Local Recovery Meeting

Wild Dog Barrier Fence Update

The Flooding event in March impacted approximately 1,300kms on the Wild Dog Barrier Fence. It has taken considerable time for WDBF staff to inspect the impacted area covering four shires.

Bulloo Shire

- An inspection has been carried out across the entire fence within this shire.
- There is 1.4km of fence washed away on the Bulloo River overflow. This will require full replacement.
- There is a further 1.7km on the Bulloo River overflow that is impaired and will require replacement of some components of the fence, such as steel pickets and strainer posts.
- Patrol Officers have maintained the WDBF to a dog proof standard from the:
 - NSW Border to the impaired area on the southern side of the Bulloo River.
 - Northern anna branch channel of the Bulloo River on Thyangra, north to the Thargomindah Bundeena Rd.
 - Thargomindah Bundeena Rd north to the Grey Range on Norley.
 - North of the Grey Range the Gi Gi channels are all still intact, requiring general flood maintenance.

WDBF staff will complete work through this shire as soon as practical, this still may be many weeks away.

TOWN SERVICES**Airport**

- Airport operations were businesses as usual during May and the Thargomindah Outpatients returning to normal operations from the Dowling Street facility from 31 May.

Facilities and Housing

- Due to the flooding event in March/April, housing and facilities maintenance has ceased, Forge are managing all housing and facilities CDO and Recovery assessments and activities.

Parks and Gardens

- Parks and Gardens staff have been utilising most of their time on rubbish collection and emptying skip bins from homes being cleaned/stripped out and setting up for Music in the Mulga event.
- Parks & Gardens contractors have commenced removing dead plants from median strips and tidying irrigation pipes so the gardens can be watered again.

14.11 THARGOMINDAH TOWN COMMON BOUNDARY FENCES

File Number: 155689
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

For Council to provide a resolution on the way forward to future operations of the Thargomindah Town Common including repairs of the boundary fences from the March 2025 Flooding Event.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Land Act 1994
Stock Route Management Act 2002
Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management)
Local Law No. 4 (Controlled Areas, Roads)

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

ENV 1.5.1 Manage the use of town commons and reserves in accordance with Local Laws and Subordinate Local Laws

RECOMMENDATION

That Council agree to support affected landholders through one of the following assistance options, to be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on individual preference:

- Option 1 - Contribute 50% of the total cost under a cost-sharing arrangement with the landholder (contractor supply and install), or
- Option 2 - Supply fencing materials only, with the landholder responsible for installation (including restanding of existing fencing where applicable).

BACKGROUND

In March 2025, a significant rain and flooding event caused extensive damage to fencing on the pastoral reserve surrounding Thargomindah. The affected fences, which serve as dividing boundaries for the reserve and adjoining landholders, were either partially or completely destroyed.

Council is the trustee on the pastoral reserve. This reserve is used as the town common, providing grazing land for local landholders. In the aftermath of the flooding, Council is now reviewing its responsibilities in relation to the repair and replacement of this fencing. A key consideration is whether these costs should be borne by Council as the trustee of the reserve, or whether adjoining landholders should be responsible under relevant legislation.

Council discussed this matter at the May 2025 Ordinary Meeting and resolved to investigate the cost of reinstating the existing fence and installing new fencing, to allow further consideration of the matter.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Resolution 2025/1

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council investigate the cost of reinstating the existing fence and installing new fencing, to allow further consideration of the matter.

DISCUSSION

Council considered the following two options to support landholders with fence replacement:

- Option 1: 50/50 Cost Share – Council and landholder share the cost of contractor-supplied and installed fencing.
- Option 2: Material Supply Only – Council supplies fencing materials; landholder arranges installation (including standing existing fencing).

Council received one quote for the 50/50 Cost Share option, with the following details:

- Cost: \$6.00 per metre (plus GST)
- End Assemblies: \$2.50 each (plus GST)
- Additional: Cost of strainers to be added
- Note: Landholder responsible for site clearing

No quotes were received for the Material Supply Only option. However, Council requested pricing based on the following fencing specification:

- 4-barb, heavy-duty fence
- Steel posts at 8m intervals
- One dropper between each post
- Includes end assemblies

At this stage, it is difficult to determine which of the two approaches provides the most viable support for affected landholders. It is anticipated that the majority of properties will require materials only, as landholders intend to restand existing fencing rather than pursue full contractor installation. Currently, only one property has engaged a contractor.

It is therefore recommended that Council support affected landholders through one of the following assistance options, to be assessed on a case-by-case basis according to individual preference

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 50% contribution under a cost-sharing arrangement (contractor supply and install), or
- Supply of necessary fencing materials only, with installation to be arranged by the landholder.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Strategic:

- Legal challenge by landholders - Landholders may argue that fencing is Council's responsibility as trustee, not theirs under the Stock Route Act.
- Damage to stakeholder relationships - Pushing fencing obligations onto landholders may lead to community backlash, especially if fencing was historically maintained by Council.
- Perception of cost-shifting - Appears that Council is trying to avoid costs by shifting responsibility to private landholders.

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

King & Company Solicitors

Rural Lands Manager

14.12 OPERATIONAL SERVICES REPORT

File Number: 155616
Author: George Inocentes, Engineer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Operational Services Report for May 2025.

Roadworks and Maintenance Progress Update:**R.R.U.P. Stage 1 – Warri Gate**

- Council has successfully completed the sealing of a 2.8 km section, including the floodway.
- The Council Construction Crew has also prepared an additional 4.5 km for works, and commenced gravel carting for a 3.2 km section, which is now being laid and mixed.
- Due to limited manpower and slow progress, Council has scaled back operations on Warri Gate Road to a single work crew for the final months. Council will use a Contractor to assist if required.
- With the new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EB) coming into effect from 1 June, the work crew has been reassigned, with Clancy now leading the team on this project.

TMR RMPC (Routine Maintenance Performance Contract)

- Heavy shoulder grading has continued on Bundeena Road (94B), with two Council Construction Crews actively working to ensure completion by the end of the financial year.
- By the end of this financial year, the full RMPC allocation of \$1,569,000.00 will be utilised.
- An additional \$1,451,678.92 in funding was allocated for works beyond the standard RMPC budget during this financial year.
- The upcoming RMPC budget allocation for the 2025–2026 financial year is \$1,879,728.00.

TMR FLOOD DAMAGE RESTORATION

- Immediate Reconstruction Works have been completed along Eromanga Road (79A).
- Scheduled Immediate Reconstruction Works are set to begin on Eulo-Hungerford Road (7001) and Bundeena Road (94B).
- Council staff continue to work closely with TMR to plan and implement Emergent Works for road sections damaged during recent flooding.

TMR TIDS (Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme)

- Bundeena Road: Sealing of the remaining 1.1 km section has been completed.

- A Payment Certificate has been issued for the outstanding amount of \$207,520.00, and TMR has requested submission of a Tax Invoice for final payment.

Roads to Recovery (RTR)

- Works have been suspended on Warri Gate Road following the March 2025 rain and flood event. Council plans to recommence construction in the 2025–2026 financial year.
- PVC corrugated black pipes have been delivered to site for use in levelling the floodway crossings.

EULO-HUNGERFORD- PAROO CROSSING (TMR)

- A variation has been approved for this project to allow Council to extend restoration works beyond the original scope.
- Original contract value: \$200,941.50 (excluding GST)
- Approved variation: \$88,639.75
- A Payment Certificate has been issued by TMR for final payment on this project.

SPEEDY STREET DRAINAGE WORKS

- Everest Civil has successfully completed the Speedy Street Drainage Works within budget, inclusive of an approved variation.
- The variation covered the following additional works:
 - Installation of extra rock protection
 - Management and removal of non-rippable rock
 - Reinstatement of concrete on kerb and channel
 - Additional hydromulch applied to open channel drains and temporary bunds
 - Flood recovery works following the March/April 2025 flood event

RESEAL PROGRAM

- Reseal works along Innamincka Road have been completed for a total of 15 km.
- Reseal works along Hungerford Road have also been completed, covering a total distance of 6.82 km

BRIDGE AT BALLERA COPPER CREEK CROSSING

- Council has engaged the National Transport Research Organisation (NTRO) to conduct a Level 3 Bridge Inspection.
- Due to recent flooding at Cooper Creek, the inspection is currently on hold until water levels recede and safe access beneath the bridge is possible.

BURKE AND WILLS BRIDGE (NAPPA MERRIE BRIDGE)

- The March 2025 rain and flood event has caused severe damage to the Nappa Merrie Bridge and its approaches:

- On the eastern side, the approaches and adjacent floodways (approx. 800 metres from the bridge) have been significantly impacted.
 - On the western side, areas not reinforced during the 2011 flood reconstruction have sustained heavy erosion and slope failure.
- The bridge was submerged under more than 3 metres of water above the deck slab during the flood, raising concerns about possible structural damage that cannot be fully assessed until safe access is available.
- Council plans to engage a qualified Level 3 Bridge Inspector to evaluate the bridge's structural integrity.
- Visible damage includes deterioration of the bitumen surface and significant washout of both bridge approaches. A properly engineered long-term solution will be necessary to improve flood resilience.

NAPPA MERRIE CAMP

- During the March 2025 rain and flood event, the Nappa Merrie Camp was washed away.
- Council is actively coordinating with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) for the restoration and replacement of camp amenities under the REPA (Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets) program.

SHEPHERD SERVICE UPDATE

SUBJECT:	SUBMISSIONS 40-44 (QUEENSLAND LOW PRESSURE TROUGH 20 NOVEMBER – 1 DECEMBER 2023; TROPICAL CYCLONE KIRRILY, ASSOCIATED RAINFALL AND FLOODING, 25 JANUARY - 26 FEBRUARY 2024; WESTERN QUEENSLAND RAINFALL AND FLOODING, 22 MARCH - 20 APRIL 2024) MONTHLY REPORT
DATE:	14/06/2025
PREPARED BY:	Aaron Markham SHEPHERD Services – Project Management Services
ISSUED TO:	Bulloo Shire Council
FILE REF:	24088

Financial Dashboard

Data as at 07/06/2025

Event / Submission	Project Funding Amount	Expenditure to Date	Variance	Funding vs Expenditure %
East Zone Nov 2023 Flood Damage BSC.0040.2324R.REC	\$6,469,243.61	\$3,636,578.76	\$2,832,664.85	56.21%
North Zone Nov 2023 Flood Damage BSC.0041.2324R.REC	\$1,051,278.46	\$77,082.12	\$974,196.34	7.33%
North Zone 2024 Flood Damage BSC.0042.2324U.REC	\$3,334,522.28	\$523,461.57	\$2,811,060.71	15.70%
South Zone 2024 Flood Damage BSC.0043.2324U.REC	\$3,068,774.33	\$149,491.01	\$2,919,283.32	4.87%
Warri Gate Road 2024 March Event Flood Damage BSC.0044.2324C.REC	\$9,802,103.49	\$758,886.47	\$9,043,217.02	7.74%
Wompah Gate Road 2024 Flood Event BSC.0046.2324C.REC	\$724,332.48	\$6,280.69	\$718,051.79	0.87%
Toona Gate Road 2024 March Event BSC.0047.2324C.REC	\$833,434.96	\$1,328.55	\$832,106.41	0.16%
Tickalara Road 2024 March Event BSC.0048.2324C.REC	\$2,606,537.02	\$2,049.47	\$2,604,487.55	0.08%
Orientos Road 2024 March Event BSC.0049.2324C.REC	\$7,921,366.68	\$10,704.37	\$7,910,662.31	0.14%
Omicron Road 2024 March Event BSC.0050.2324C.REC	\$3,431,124.63	\$2,989.01	\$3,428,135.62	0.09%

- **Submission 42 (Unsealed Roads):**

Initially awarded to Purcell for works on Arrabury Road, Ballera Gas Centre Road, Durham Downs Road, and Woomanooka Road.

However, this submission has since been withdrawn due to further damage sustained during the March 2025 rain event.

- **Submissions 43 and 44:**

Currently under contract with Tolbra for works on Warri Gate Road.

- **Submissions 46 and 48:**

Awarded to Bowens for flood restoration works on Tickalara Road and Wompah Gate Road.

- **Submissions to Be Released for Tender:**

- Submission 47 – Toonah Gate Road
- Submission 49 – Orientos Road
- Submission 50 – Omicron Road
- Submission 51 – Epsilon Road
- Submission 52
- Submission 53 – Bramsby Santos Road
- Submission 55 – Camerons Corner Road

These packages are currently being prepared for tender release.

- **Submission 54 (New Hamilton Gate Road):**

Completed by Tolbra.

QRA – MARS Portal Update

Progress reporting on track monthly.

Project Scope Management

Scope Definition

Scope is in accordance with eligible QRA approved sites and reconstructed in accordance with QRA guidelines.

Scope Changes

Project	Scope Change	Status
East Zone Nov 2023 Flood Damage BSC.0040.2324R.REC	Some minor changes to original scope by QRA. Submission split in 2 work packages with Bowens contracting in Thargomindah West and Tolbra in Thargomindah East. There has been a change in scope due to the subsequent damage to roads due to the March 2025 event and rollover of works (see variation section under Project Quality Management).	QRA – Approved
North Zone Nov 2023 Flood Damage BSC.0041.2324R.REC	Some minor changes to original scope by QRA. There has been a change in scope due to the subsequent damage to roads due to the March 2025 event and rollover of works (see variation section under Project Quality Management).	QRA – Approved
North Zone 2024 Flood Damage BSC.0042.2324U.REC	Some minor treatment adjustments by QRA. Submission split into 2 work packages with Purcell Civil doing the unsealed works and Sealed works out to Tender at end of February. There has been a change in scope due to the subsequent damage to roads due to the March 2025 event and rollover of works (see variation section under Project Quality Management).	QRA – Approved
South Zone 2024 Flood Damage BSC.0043.2324U.REC	No change to scope of works.	QRA – Approved
Warri Gate Road 2024 March Event Flood Damage BSC.0044.2324C.REC	Some minor changes to original scope by QRA.	QRA – Approved

WATER:**Thargomindah Town Water Supply**

- The visit by representatives from the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers – Water Supply Regulation Unit has been rescheduled to occur on 3 July 2025 to give an overview of regulatory requirements for drinking water service providers. All relevant stakeholders are encouraged to meet with the Regulators while they are in Thargomindah. Feedback from neighbouring Councils is that these visits are extremely beneficial to all who have interacted with them.
- An external audit of the DWQMP was conducted during May. Please see attached for a copy of the preliminary audit report has been received.
- There has been one main break during May, location being under the pavement at the Burke and Watts Streets intersection which was repaired by an external contractor. There has also been a break identified in Cooling Pond 1. The pond is currently being drained to allow for repairs.
- The Water, Sewerage and Waste Supervisor attended the quarterly SWQWSA meeting in Roma on 7 May.

Usage

The following readings were recorded for May 2025:

May water supply usage	7,051KL
Average daily water usage	227.5KL
Water supply usage for 2024/2025 (July - May)	233,863KL
Council's annual allocation (Licence No. 618478)	345,000KL
% of allocation used	67.8%
Maximum Air Temperature	28.4°C
Minimum Air temperature	5.6°C
Average Maximum Air Temperature	23.9°C
Average Minimum Air Temperature	12.0°C
Recorded rainfall for May 2024	4.8mm

Hungerford (Non-potable & Raw Water Supplies)

- There were no incidents reported for the raw water supply during May 2025.
- The electrical control box for the bore pump has been installed.

Usage

The following readings were recorded for May 2025 for water usage in Hungerford:

Bore Water – Town Usage	
May water supply usage	121.0KL
Average daily water usage	3.9KL
Water supply usage for 2024/2025 (July - May)	1,849.0KL

Extracted from Bore	
Water extracted in May	31.0KL
Water extracted for 2024/2025 (July - May)	2,041.8KL

Raw Water – Town Usage	
May water supply usage (meter repaired on 8 December)	872.0KL
Average daily water usage	28.1KL
Water supply usage for 2024/2025 (July - May)	9,859.0KL

Extracted from Paroo River	
Total water extracted in May	0.0KL
Total water extracted for 2024/2025 (July - May)	9,332.0KL

Noccundra (Raw Water Supply)

- There were no incidents reported for the raw water supply during May 2025.

SEWERAGE**Sewerage Pump Station:**

- There were no incidents reported for the sewerage pump station during the month of May.

Sewerage Treatment Plant:

- There were no incidents reported for the sewerage treatment plant during the month of May.

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 May 2025 was:

Total discharge pumped to wastewater treatment plant	2,705.24KL
Total volume of effluent discharge from the Wastewater Plant	1,594.0KL
Average daily discharge to wastewater plant	87.27KL
Total discharge from Wastewater Plant 2024/2025 (July - May)	17,252.0KL

WASTE:

- Residents of Thargomindah have been requested to use the temporary landfill pit for all waste disposal until further notice.
- The Water, Sewerage & Waste Supervisor has been nominated to represent Bulloo Shire Council on the South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC) Waste and Resource Recovery Steering Group. The first meeting is scheduled for 16 June 2025.
- Rubbish collection services for both wheelie bins and skip bins were carried out without incident throughout May.

WORKSHOP REPORT**Previous Plant Damaged /Sitting Down****New:**

- **All Generators** - monthly checks all around town - on order
- **7044 International Prime Mover**- on order, waiting on parts to come
- **760 Side tipper** – Currently in welders bay having some cracks repaired
- **768 Side Tipper**- Wheel Bearings & axle on order
- **Various machines** – replacement of new batteries due to cold weather – as needed

Ongoing:

- **702 Truck Hino FG 1527 Crew Cab** – on order for repairs
- **7043 International Prime Mover**- on order COI wait on parts to come
- **124 Knuckle boom** – Parts on order for repairs
- **559 Skid Steer** - overhead console needs replacing- parts in store On Order for Repairs

Defects recorded from January 2025:

Plant Defects Register						
STATUS						
	DEFECTS		PARTS		REPAIRS/SERVICES	
DATE	TOTAL DEFECT	OUT STANDING WORKS	PARTS ORDER	PARTS RECEIVED	REPAIRS ORDER	REPAIRS COMPLETED
24-Dec	52	23	2	2	22	29
January	21	8	2	0	8	13
February	25	16	2	1	15	9
March	43	26	3	3	33	17
April	10	4	0	0	10	6
May	34	21	0	0	25	13
June	5	5	0	0	0	0
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
	190	103	9	6	113	87

Plant Defects.

- The above table/summary outlines the defects that have been formally reported for repair.
- It is important to note that not all maintenance activities are captured in defect reports. Routine checks of vehicles, generators, and unplanned emergency breakdowns on job sites are often addressed without being recorded as formal defects.

- Some outstanding items include scheduled services and minor repairs, which will be completed as time and resources allow within the maintenance schedule.

Insurance Report:

Plant Insurance Claims Register											
Reported Defect						Repaired Defect					
Date	Plant No:	Plant Description	Defect Type	Claim No	Rego	Date	Work carried out	Book in Place	Date completed	Claim Value	Excess
20/09/2024	6024	Toyota Landcruiser Ute	Damage to LH side front panels and	MO0076524	285ZFU	9/12/2024	Repair front LH side and Bullbar	Higgins Cunnamulla	Completed	\$ 2,667.11	\$ 500.00
22/01/2025	6031	Toyota Hilux	Damage to Bullbar and front panels	MO0079735	553CW3	21/01/2025	12/05/2025	Higgins Cunnamulla			\$ 500.00
19/05/2025	5553	Komatsu Loader	Damage to rear RH side mud Guard and rear of Loader	MO0082646				BSC			\$ 500.00

Purchase of Council New Plant Machine

The following new Council Plant is schedule to be deliver by the winning tenderer:

Budget Purchases Still to come:

- Kitchen / Amenities Mobile Camp – NOT ORDERED, NOT INCLUDED IN 2025/26 BUDGET
- 11ton Truck Crane/Tip – on order

Plant Arrivals

- Nil

15 LATE ITEMS

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

17 NEXT MEETING

18 CLOSURE