



Bulloo
Shire

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

Date: Tuesday, 20 April 2021
Time: 9:00 am
**Location: Council Chambers, 68 Dowling Street
Thargomindah Queensland 4492**

BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

20 April 2021

**Lew Rojahn
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 - 23 MARCH 2021

File Number: 123055

Author: Chloe Tuite, Admin

Authoriser: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Minutes of Council Meeting - 23 March 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23 March 2021 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

HEADING

Council held the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday, 23 March 2021 at the Bulloo Shire Council Chambers, Thargomindah.



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

23 March 2021

**MINUTES OF BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 68 DOWLING STREET THARGOMINDAH QUEENSLAND 4492
ON TUESDAY, 23 MARCH 2021 AT 9:00 AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Lew Rojahn (Chief Executive Officer), Tiffany Dare (Minute Taker), Daniel Gray (Kullilli Elder)

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed all Councillors and guests and declared the meeting open at 9.00am

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.

Attendance:

Daniel Gray left the meeting at 9.03am

3 ATTENDANCE INCLUDING APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Council acknowledges the recent passing of Mr Alden Winterbottom. The meeting observed one minute's silence in remembrance.

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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Councillor	COI	Meeting Items
Mayor Cr John Ferguson	COI	16.1 T2020-2021-113 Register of Prequalified Suppliers 2020-2021
Cr Shirley Girdler	COI	16.1 T2020-2021-113 Register of Prequalified Suppliers 2020-2021
Cr Glyn Dare	COI	16.1 T2020-2021-113 Register of Prequalified Suppliers 2020-2021
Mayor Cr John Ferguson	COI	16.2 Purchase of Land – Byrne and Pokarier
Cr Glyn Dare	COI	16.2 Purchase of Land – Byrne and Pokarier
Cr Glyn Dare	COI	16.4 Land Acquisition - Lot 15 on T1912 - 26 Sams Street

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 16 FEBRUARY 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/48

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16 February 2021 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 2021/49**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council receive and note the Mayors Report for the month of February 2021.

CARRIED

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**12.1 CHANGE OF MARCH 2021 AND MAY 2021 ORDINARY MEETING DATES****RESOLUTION 2021/50**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council confirm the Mayor and CEOs actions to change the date of the March 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council from Tuesday, 16th March 2021 to Tuesday, 23rd March 2021 and the May 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council from Tuesday, 18th May 2021 to Tuesday, 25th May 2021, due to business matters and Western Queensland Alliance of Councils Assembly.

CARRIED

12.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/51**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council

- a) receive and note the Chief Executive Officers report for the month of February 2021.
- b) relocate the house from 58 Sams Street to 37 Eccles Street, undertake works required, and include in Councils rental property stock.
- c) rent the house at 3 Frew Street once electrical, water and sewerage services have been reconnected.
- d) offer \$130,000 for the house located at 44 Sams Street and the Fish Farm at 20 Speedy Street as a package, subject to an inspection of the house.
- e) amend the budget accordingly.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Council adjourned the meeting at 10:26am for Morning Tea.

Resumption:

Council resumed the meeting at 10:51am.

12.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS RESIDENCE

RESOLUTION 2021/52

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That the CEO investigate cost and funding options for a CEOs house to be included in the 2021/22 budget.

CARRIED

12.4 PREPARATION OF PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS

RESOLUTION 2021/53

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council request Mr Pete Murray to prepare an advertisement promoting the area and the Bulloo community, for Councils approval.

CARRIED

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

13.1 MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING - 4 MARCH 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/54

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on Thursday 4 March 2021 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS**14.1 LETTER FROM FIONA SIMPSON MP - MEMBER FOR MAROOCHYDORE****RESOLUTION 2021/55**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That the information be noted and Council send a letter regarding issues of importance for the Bulloo Shire Council.

CARRIED

14.2 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/56**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council receive and note the Administrative Services Report for February 2021.

CARRIED

14.3 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/57**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council adopt the Financial Performance Report for period ending 28th February 2021 in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

CARRIED

14.4 COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS**RESOLUTION 2021/58**

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That receive and note the report.

CARRIED

14.5 2021 RURAL LAND REVALUATIONS & RATES

RESOLUTION 2021/59

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

14.6 PRIORITY PROJECTS LIST FOR GRANT SUBMISSIONS

RESOLUTION 2021/60

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council endorse the priority of the list of projects below for future grant submissions:

1. Warri Gate Road
2. Spa Gazing Facility
3. Independent Living Units Stage 2
4. Native Nursery
5. Housing Development
6. Explorers Centre
7. Stormwater Drainage Town Plan
8. Leahy House and Old Hospital Preservation Plan
9. Memorial Park Cenotaph
10. Thargomindah Streetscape Plan
11. Kerb and Channel - Thargomindah Streets
12. Thargomindah Footpath Construction
13. Noccundra Sports Ground Upgrade - Stage 2
14. Thargomindah Pool - Shade Structures
15. Canteen/Storage Facility Thargo Sports Ground/Football Oval
16. Walkway and Tourism Display Boards
17. Undercover Stage, Sound Booth, Elec/Water
18. Memorial Wall

CARRIED

14.7 2021-24 WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND**RESOLUTION 2021/61**

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council

1. Endorse the nomination of the below projects to be funded by the 2021-24 Works for Queensland program
 - a) Noccundra Sports Ground Upgrade – Stage 2
 - b) Thargomindah Sports Ground Canteen and Storage Facility
 - c) Town Common Fence Renewal
 - d) Hungerford Hall Upgrade
 - e) Town Footpaths
2. Include projects in the 21/22 budget if funding application is successful

CARRIED

14.8 RESILIENCE AND RISK REDUCTION FUNDING 2020-21**RESOLUTION 2021/62**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council

1. Endorse the below projects for funding under the 2021/22 Resilience and Risk Reduction Funding:
 - (a) Electronic Signage
 - (i) Estimated project cost \$35,000
 - (ii) Council contribution \$5,000
 - (b) Stormwater Drainage Town Plan
 - (i) Estimated project cost \$10,000
 - (ii) Council contribution \$2,000
 - (c) Frew Street Stormwater Drainage Extension
 - (i) Estimated project cost \$700,000
 - (ii) Council contribution \$140,000
 - (d) Thargomindah By-Pass Road Culvert Repair
 - (i) Estimated project cost \$190,000
 - (ii) Council contribution \$38,000
 - (e) Leahy House and Old Hospital Preservation Plan

- (i) Estimated project cost \$25,000
- (ii) Council contribution \$5,000
- 2. Include \$190,000 in the 2021/22 budget as Council's contribution
- 3. Endorse the services of a grant writer to complete the funding submissions

CARRIED

14.9 2021/22 REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND

RESOLUTION 2021/63

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council make application for funding under the 2021/22 RADF program for the delivery of arts and culture workshops as identified by the local community.

CARRIED

14.10 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM-EXTENSION

RESOLUTION 2021/64

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council

- 1. Endorse the nomination of the construction of the Spa Gazing Facility under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program - Extension
 - (i) LRCI funding of \$574,491 has been released January 2021
 - (ii) Spa Gazing Facility total construction estimate \$780,000
- 2. Endorse a Council Financial contribution of \$205,509
- 3. Amend the budget accordingly to include the Spa Gazing Facility if funding application successful.

CARRIED

Adjournment:

Council adjourned the meeting at 12.32pm for Lunch.

Resumption:

Council resumed the meeting at 1.00pm

14.11 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/65**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council receive and note the Corporate Services report for the month of February 2021.

CARRIED

14.12 BIDJARA MEDIA & BROADCASTING**RESOLUTION 2021/66**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council agree to

1. take up and hold the broadcast license for the service on behalf of Bidjara Media,
2. allow the rebroadcasting equipment to be set up in the communications hut located on Stafford Street Thargomindah.

CARRIED

14.13 NAIDOC WEEK 2021 - KULLILLI BULLOO RIVER ABORIGINAL CORPORATION**RESOLUTION 2021/67**

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council

- a) Approve the request from the Kullilli Bulloo River Aboriginal Corporation's proposal to hold a 3 day program to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2021 from Saturday 03 July to Monday 05 July 2021.
- b) Approve the request to provide in-kind support for the hire of
 - a. Free camping site on the Bulloo River
 - b. Provide portaloos
 - c. Access to the Kullilli Room for audio-visual presentations
 - d. Staging, lighting and power for campfire storytelling.
 - e. Support with liaising with land holders.
- c) Provide a letter of support for funding applications.

CARRIED

14.14 RURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/68**

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council receive and note the Rural Services Department Report for February 2021.

CARRIED

14.15 TOWN SERVICES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/69**

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Town Services Report for the month of February 2021.

CARRIED

14.16 PROPOSAL TO CLEAN RIVERWALK PATHS**RESOLUTION 2021/70**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council agree to extend Mr Andrew Selmes contract to clean the Riverwalk pathways and other pathways within the town area of Thargomindah as well as be available for remote works as required subject to:-

1. The machinery to be inspected quarterly to ensure that machinery is safe to operate and maintained;
2. Mr Selmes to meet Council's contractor requirements;
3. That the area of pathway subject to the proposal be confirmed as all pathways associated with the walking tracks, a total distance of approximately 5.5km. (not footpaths)
4. That the revised quoted prices of \$1,840 per month for the tourist season (April to September) and \$720 per month for the off tourist season (October to March) remain in place for one year commencing January 2021, at a total cost of \$15,360.00;
5. That the machine be available for Remote Site Works at an agreed hourly contract rate (circa \$60.00 exc GST per hour) as and when required.

CARRIED

14.17 PLANT REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/71**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council receive and note the Plant Report for the month of February 2021.

CARRIED

14.18 COUNCIL HOUSE RELOCATED TO 3 FREW STREET**RESOLUTION 2021/72**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council retain the house relocated to 3 Frew Street as part of Council's rental property stock and rent it out for staff housing.

CARRIED

14.19 ROAD SERVICES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/73**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Road Services report for the month of February 2021.

CARRIED

14.20 ANGLE PARKING**RESOLUTION 2021/74**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council adopt angle parking on:

- a) Dowling Street
 - i. Administration Centre to the Island in front of the Bulloo River Hotel Motel;
 - ii. Thargomindah Clinic;
 - iii. Community Centre Island to the Fitzwalter & Dowling St intersection.
- b) Fitzwalter Street
 - i. Thargomindah State School,

- c) Stafford Street
 - i. Thargomindah Hall;
 - ii. Swimming Pool.

CARRIED

14.21 ENGINEER'S REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/75

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Engineer's Report for February 2021.

CARRIED

14.22 FINAL DETAILED DESIGN OF INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS STAGE ONE FOR APPROVAL

RESOLUTION 2021/76

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council approves the detailed design of Stage 1 of the independent living units for construction.

CARRIED

14.23 THE CONCEPT DESIGN OF INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS STAGE TWO FOR APPROVAL

RESOLUTION 2021/77

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council approves the attached concept design of Independent Living Units Stage Two.

CARRIED

15 LATE ITEMS

Nil

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

CLOSURE OF MEETING

RESOLUTION 2021/78

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

THAT pursuant to Section 275 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the meeting be closed to the public at 2.40pm to discuss the confidential matters listed below:

16.1 T2020-2021-113 Register of Prequalified Suppliers 2020-2021

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:

Local businesses and their trading information will be disclosed in this confidential report.

16.2 Byrnes and Pokarier - Purchase of Land

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

To be discussed:

To discuss legal advice obtained for this matter.

16.3 Application for Review of Local Decision

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

To be discussed:

To discuss the review of Local Government Decision made to issue a Proposed Regulated Dog Declaration Notice.

16.4 Land Acquisition - Lot 15 on T1912 - 26 Sams Street

This matter is considered to be confidential pursuant to Section 275(1) Obsolete (h) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as it deals with business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

CARRIED

16.1 T2020-2021-113 Register of Prequalified Suppliers 2020-2021

I, Mayor John Ferguson, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest as a result of Item number 16.1 T2020-2021-113 Register of Prequalified Suppliers 2020-2021.

My relationship with Ago Vires, Turnouts Mechanical Services & Explorers Rest is: businesses owned by daughter & son in-law. Their interest in this matter is: daughter & son in-law made application for business to be included on Pre-Qualified Suppliers List.

I, Councillor Glyn Dare, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest as a result of Item number 16.1 T2020-2021-113 Register of Prequalified Suppliers 2020-2021.

My relationship with Thargomindah General Store & Oasis motel is: businesses owned by sister and brother in-law. Their interest in this matter is: sister and brother in-law made application for business to be included on Pre-Qualified Suppliers List.

I, Councillor Shirley Girdler, inform the meeting that I have a conflict of interest as a result of Item number 16.1 T2020-2021-113 Register of Prequalified Suppliers 2020-2021.

My relationship with Bulloo River Hotel Motel is: Owner. Their interest in this matter is: Application for business 'Bulloo River Hotel Motel' to be included on the Pre-Qualified Suppliers List

As a result of the above conflict of interests leading to a lack of quorum, Councillors remained in the meeting and moved on to Item 16.2.

16.2 Purchase of Land – Byrne and Pokarier

I, Mayor John Ferguson, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest as a result of Item number 16.2 Purchase of Land – Byrne and Pokarier.

My relationship with Daryl Byrne is: nephew. Their interest in this matter is: the sale of land to Council.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will now leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

I, Councillor Glyn Dare, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest as a result of Item number 16.2 Purchase of Land – Byrne and Pokarier.

My relationship with Daryl Byrne is: cousin. Their interest in this matter is: the sale of land to Council.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will now leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

At 2:50 pm, Cr John Ferguson left the meeting.

At 2:50 pm, Cr Glyn Dare left the meeting.

At 2:59 pm, Cr John Ferguson returned to the meeting.

At 2:59 pm, Cr Glyn Dare returned to the meeting.

16.4 Land Acquisition - Lot 15 on T1912 - 26 Sams Street

I, Councillor Glyn Dare, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest as a result of Item number 16.4 Land Acquisition - Lot 15 on T1912 - 26 Sams Street.

My relationship with Trevor and Jody Dare is: brother and sister in-law. Their interest in this matter is: the sale of land to Council.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will now leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

At 3:08 pm, Cr Glyn Dare left the meeting.

At 3:19 pm, Cr Glyn Dare returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2021/79

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That Council moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting at 3:20pm.

CARRIED

16.1 T2020-2021-113 REGISTER OF PREQUALIFIED SUPPLIERS 2020-2021**RESOLUTION 2021/80**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council delegate the decision to the CEO due to conflict of interests leading to a lack of quorum.

CARRIED

16.2 BYRNES AND POKARIER - PURCHASE OF LAND**RESOLUTION 2021/81**

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council

- a) offer Mr Byrne and Ms Pokarier, \$5,000 for the purchase of land described as Lot 12 on CP T19119.
- b) proceed with court proceedings if this offer is not accepted.

c) **CARRIED**

16.3 APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF LOCAL DECISION**RESOLUTION 2021/82**

Moved: Cr Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Cr Vaughan Collins

That following a review of the original Council decision as enabled by legislation *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* to issue a Proposed Regulated Dog Declaration Notice on "John Wayne (Duke)" Council now confirms that the original Proposed Regulated Dog Declaration Notice as issued on the Doberman Pinscher dog known as "John Wayne (Duke)" registered (20038) to Alexandra Czislowksi, remain.

CARRIED

16.4 LAND ACQUISITION - LOT 15 ON T1912 - 26 SAMS STREET**RESOLUTION 2021/83**

Moved: Cr Vaughan Collins

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That Council accept the offer of \$110,000 from Trevor and Jody Dare for Council to purchase Lot 15 on T1912, 26 Sams Street (original Thargomindah Hall), subject to a building and pest inspection of the property and that Council's budget be amended accordingly.

CARRIED

17 NEXT MEETING

20th April 2021

18 CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 3:33pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 April 2021.

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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: 123054
Author: John Ferguson, Mayor
Authoriser: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Mayors Report for the month of March 2021.

MEETINGS

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

Consultation and Engagement for the month of March 2021.

Meetings and Consultations

23 March 2021	Council Meeting – Mayor Ferguson, Cr. Shirley Girdler, Cr. Vaughan Collins, Cr. Glyn Dare, Cr. Stewart Morton
24 March 2021	Revaluation Meeting – Mayor Ferguson, Cr. Shirley Girdler, Cr. Vaughan Collins, Cr. Glyn Dare, Cr. Stewart Morton
26 March 2021	SWQROC Meeting – Mayor Ferguson
27 March 2021	Darling Downs and South West Council of Mayors Meeting via Zoom – Mayor Ferguson & CEO

Media

2WEB

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

12.1 REVIEW OF CEO CONTRACT

File Number: 122948
Author: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

To confirm the status of the CEO's contract

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

N/a

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

There is no specific item in the Corporate Plan

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council not extend the current contract of the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Lew Rojahn, and that such contract end on 13th February 2022 and,
2. That Mr Rojahn be thanked for his work and achievements with council for the three years of his contract.
3. That officers commence the process to recruit a new CEO to the position.

BACKGROUND

The current CEO's contract is due to expire on 13th February 2022. Under the terms of that contract, Council has an obligation to advise the CEO if they intend to or not intend to extend the existing contract for a period of time or another term.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

N/a

DISCUSSION

Council needs to decide to whether the current CEO's contract should be extended or not based on his personal circumstances and the Council's position, where another election will be held in 2 years' time after the end of the current contract.

When all facts have been considered and discussions undertaken with the current CEO, Mr Lew Rojahn, it has been decided that not extending the contract would meet the needs of both parties.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Cost of recruitment for a new CEO

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Medium – New CEO to undertake current work programme

CRITICAL DATES

13th February 2022

CONSULTATION

Council

Mr L. Rojahn

12.2 MAYOR AND CEO ATTENDANCE AT ALGA ASSEMBLY

File Number: 123005
Author: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY. (ALGA)

The ALGA National General Assembly will be held in Canberra on 20th to 23rd June 2021.

This is to advise Council that the Mayor and the CEO will be attending the Assembly as it is possible whilst we are in Canberra to meet with Politicians concerning the funding of the Warri gate road and other matters such as health and housing etc.

It was fortunate that when planning the trip to advocate for funding, it was going to be at the same time as the Assembly. We attended last year and found it to be most beneficial to see what the issues were for other councils as well as generate ideas for Council from what was being achieved in other areas.

COST:

Anticipate 4 nights in Canberra at \$250 per night and airfares of \$1100. Total cost approximately \$3100 for two people plus \$2000 for registration.

Whilst this seems expensive the trip is twofold to meet with 14 Politicians and attend the ALGA assembly as part of that trip.

12.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

File Number: 123006
Author: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officers report for the month of March 2021

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**1.1 CEO Leave**

To inform Council, I took two days leave prior to Easter and returned on the Easter Sunday and prior to this report I will have taken another two days 15th /16th to attend medical appointments.

1.2 Spa Gazing Centre

Council has now received a second estimate of the cost to develop the Spa Gazing Centre. This quote was \$748 872 and should be considered as indicative as with the first quote council obtained. The original quote was for an amount of \$780 000. Council has received funding from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Programme amounting to \$574 841, resulting in a Council contribution of \$205 159. The quotations were based on the concept drawings without any significant detail so it would be in council's interest to have properly engineered drawings prepared to allow more accurate quoting when and should council go to tender on this development. This could add another \$50 000 to \$70 000 to the existing cost.

It is suggested that Council consider this project in the upcoming budget.

1.3 DIG Tree

The Mayor and I attended a zoom meeting on Saturday 27/3/2021 with the RHSQ committee after the event in Thargomindah was cancelled and the ceremony was held in the Council Chambers at Murweh Shire. This was all done in consultation with Mr Denver Beanland, the president of the RHSQ. It proceeded in this manner as many people had made arrangements to travel and couldn't cancel when we advised Mr Beanland that the event should not proceed due to flooding. As most people attending were flying into Charleville, it was decided that the best option was to zoom the meeting from Charleville and another ceremony would be planned to be staged at a later time.

1.4 Executive Assistant Position.

Mr Dan Dare resigned from the position of Executive Assistant to the CEO and Council and finished up on Thursday 1/4/2021. I enjoyed working with Dan and especially admired his skills in the area of social media and event planning and I take this opportunity to wish him well in his future endeavours.

We have since been lucky to find a local person, namely Ms Chloe Tuite to take up this position. Chloe has worked with Council before as a trainee and then as an assistant to Mr Wayne Mills prior to going on Maternity Leave. She was trialling this position before she left council and I do not anticipate her requiring any considerable amount of training to get into the role. Chloe will have commenced duties on Monday 12th April, 2021.

1.5 Fish Farm Purchase

I recently advised Mr Selmes of Council's decision and he has declined to progress the sale. I have advised him that Council's offer will remain on the table for future consideration if necessary.

1.6 Operating System Upgrade

Staff have recently begun investigating the options for upgrading the PRACTICAL operating software for council. This is very old software that has been around for nearly 40 years and was originally set up as a Local Government specific software. It has worked well over the years whilst it was under the control of the original developer. However, it was sold to CIVICA who have competing products and it is their intent to phase it out. At this stage they provide support but do not upgrade it with any modern innovations. Basic business software will provide greater efficiency than what this system currently does. A lot of western shires have changed eg Diamantina, Longreach, Barcoo is considering it, Winton, Boulia etc.

Consequently, we have commenced the project of collating the problems we have and also the innovations and upgrades in the processes that we would like to see. We have the opportunity to install this over two years ie spread the cost and we will be providing a submission for budget consideration.

1.7 Purchase of Vermeer Mulcher

Council has the opportunity to purchase a second-hand Vermeer mulcher for \$53000. This is an item that was on the plant list to purchase so whilst it was an operational matter, I would like to hear Council's opinion in purchasing a second-hand machine. It is a 2018 model and has 618 hours on it and to purchase brand new, it is in the vicinity of \$84 000. Council has allowed \$73 000 in the budget originally. This will not be used continuously but we have the opportunity to start mulching our gardens. If we have surplus mulch, we could sell it to the community. It was part of my hope to start greening Thargomindah by developing a nursery and establishing a tree planting scheme. This mulching would be a part of that process.

Council has purchased a second-hand street sweeper which appears to be working well and with the work not being continuous, I don't believe the purchase of this second-hand mulcher would be a significant risk.

1.8 Upgrade of Rest Areas

The Department of Transport and Main Roads will be starting work to upgrade rest areas in south western Queensland from 19 April 2021 including:

- Upgrade the rest area on the Bulloo Developmental Road (Cunnamulla - Thargomindah) approximately 144km west of Cunnamulla to install a toilet block, sheltered picnic table, water tank and bins.

- Upgrade the rest area on the Bulloo Developmental Road (Thargomindah - Bundeena) approximately 130km west of Thargomindah to replace the existing toilet block.
- Upgrade the rest area on the Cooper Developmental Road (Quilpie - Bundeena) approximately 141km west of Quilpie to install a toilet block, sheltered picnic table and water tank.

While these works are underway, these rest areas will be closed to the public.

Works at these locations will be undertaken during daylight hours up to seven days a week and are expected to be completed by mid-June 2021.

Engagement

March Engagement 2021		
Date	Attendee/s	Purpose
01/03/21	Kalair McArthur /Dan	Canberra Visit
05/03/21	NRG/Peak	ZOOM mtg to develop info board
	Peak/Council /DLG	Teleconference re water cooling project
17/03/21	Scott Mead.	Catch-up – Practical System review.
18/03/21	LDMG	
22/03/2021	Peak/Council/ DLG	Teleconference – Water Cooling Project
25-26/03/21	SWQROC – Zoom	Regional meeting
27/03/21	RHSQ.	DIG tree opening via zoom
30/03/21	Dept of Education – School of Distance ed.	Update of Agreement
31/03/2021	Peak/Council/ DLG	Teleconference – Water Cooling Project

12.4 LGAQ BUSH COUNCILS CONVENTION.

File Number: 123110
Author: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

To advise council of the LGAQ Bush Councils Convention to be held in Barcaldine on 3-5 August 2021

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

N/A

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Continue to provide strong advocacy by developing relationships with key stakeholder groups to achieve strategic outcomes for the local government area and region

RECOMMENDATION

That Council nominate representatives to attend.

BACKGROUND

Each Year the LGAQ hold a Bush Council specifically for the Councils that are by nature remote and non urban.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

N/A

DISCUSSION

At this stage the Agenda is preliminary but it is intended to have topics presented around the four subjects

- Advocacy
- COVID 19 Recovery
- Tourism and the west
- Mental Health.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Accommodation and Meals and use of council vehicle. Say \$800 per person for the whole period.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Low

CRITICAL DATES

3-5/8/2021

CONSULTATION

N/A

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING**13.1 MINUTES OF LDMG COMMITTEE MEETING - 12 MARCH 2021****File Number:** 122996**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Administrative Services Manager**Authoriser:** Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Minutes of LDMG Committee Meeting - 12 March 2021**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the LDMG Committee Meeting held on Friday 12 March 2021 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

BACKGROUND

The Local Disaster Management Group held its biannual LDMG Meeting on Thursday, 18th March 2021.

The Group discussed the following items:

- Actions & Business Arising from Minutes
- Agency Reports
- General Business



MINUTES

LDMG Committee Meeting

12 March 2021

**MINUTES OF BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL
LDMG COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 68 DOWLING STREET THARGOMINDAH QUEENSLAND 4492
ON FRIDAY, 12 MARCH 2021 AT 8.30AM**

PRESENT: Cr Vaughan Collins (Deputy Chairperson), Lew Rojahn (LDC), Tamie Warner (Deputy LDC), Scott Walsh (QFES / EM Coordinator), Sgt Dan Nunn (QPS Disaster Management Support Officer), Michael Welsh (QRES), David Bennett (QFES Area Controller), Brenden Blackford (QPS Acting Senior Constable Thargomindah), Andrew Allan (Roma Area, A/ Inspector Rural Fire Service), Allan Girdler (Local SES Controller), Donna Hobbs (Rural Services Manager), Danielle Tuite (Local RFS), Julie Stewart (Road Services), David Hickey (DAFF), Annabelle Johnstone (DCDSS Senior Community Recovery Officer), Robert da Fonseca (QRA), Leo Jensen, Alexander Marsh (QRA)

IN ATTENDANCE: Tiffany Dare (Support Officer)

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Deputy Chairperson welcomed all Councillors and guests and declared the meeting open at 8.30am

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

Cr John Ferguson (Chairperson), Alan Thompson DON (QH), Chris Dodd DON (QH), Alison Petty (QH), Senior Constable Lea Macken (QPS Constable, Officer in Charge Hungerford) Felicity Mayman (Telstra)

4 MEMEBRS REGISTER UPDATE

The LDMG Member Register and Contact Details attachment was passed around and members made updates.

5 CONFIRMATION OF LDMG MEETING MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF LDMG COMMITTEE MEETING - 19 NOVEMBER 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the LDMG Committee Meeting held on Thursday 19 November 2020 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

6 BUSINESS ARISING

- Paroo returned the Flood Truck to Bulloo Shire.
- The depth markers at Hungerford have been situated to suit the BOM readings (not to TMR standards). Julie advised Ben Ferguson would be attending the meeting to provide a detailed update later in the day.
- The NOTAM on the Thargomindah airport was amended yesterday to advise that the Thargomindah airport has no AVGAS fuel. The committee discussed the COVID-19 NOTAM for the airport.

THARGOMINDAH AIRPORT**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/10**

Moved: Mr Lew Rojahn

Seconded: Mr David Bennet

That the Committee endorse the decision to remove the COVID-19 Notam and open the Thargomindah Airport.

CARRIED

Electronic Signage

Julie Stewart has been liasing with Felicity Mayman from Telstra to provide quotes.

Council has picked 7 locations, 4 of which can be completed using existing signage (Bundeena Rd, Hungerford Rd (Thargo end), Hungerford Rd (Hungerford end) & Quilpie Rd Thargo End), Council will need to consider satellite for the remaining sites (various sites on the Warri Gate & Innamincka Rd)

The quote was \$43,000 for 4 signs, \$10,750 each

Robert (QRA) will check to see if the installation of a sign would be funded if placed over the boarder in Innamincka, SA.

Roads – Open to Local Traffic Only

Donna Hobbs requested an update on the investigation into insurance to traffic utilizing our local roads, if they are closed and open to local traffic only.

Lew advised that Council would take responsibility as it would be normal operations if they are open to local traffic with.

7 REPORTS

Nil

8 AGENCY REPORTS

- **Bulloo Shire – Lew Rojahn**

- We are starting to see tourism movement and will keep an eye on potential issues this may bring.
- The Bulloo Area is predicted to have a wet event on Monday/Tuesday.
- There is an event planned for the opening of the Dig Tree Project and Council is working on the assumption if there is rain, the event will be cancelled.
- There is significant flow in the river now and more rain may cause the water to go over the bridge. The flood truck is being serviced to ensure its available if needed.
- The flood height monitors, completed through SWRED, have come on line, they provide height readings (no cameras).
 - The Deputy Chairperson requested that the Committee report back to the next meeting on the bridge/crossing heights are correct in BOM
- The Deputy LDC advised the committee that Council is rolling out the Guardian dashboard for disaster management. The system will provide Road Conditions, Emergency News, Power Outages, Links, etc.

- **QFES Update (EM, SES, RFS, FR)**

Dan Nunn (QFES)

- We are currently on alert due to COVID and the requirement to be able to sand up within 24hrs.
- The vaccine rollout has commenced for the area.
 - Cunnamulla commenced yesterday.
 - 1A Aged care, B1 - Health workers, front line QPS workers
 - Information available on the Health Website
- It's expected that when they eventually get the Bulloo Shire there will be cluster vaccinations rather than using the rank system. No timing on this yet.
- DDMG are completing an ongoing review on hotel quarantine and tightening up restrictions.
- IGM assessments will be coming out soon and Scott and the team will be making a round to complete these.
- The next DDMG meeting is in Charleville on June 24th

David Bennet

- Swift water level 1 training is scheduled for May (the training will leave the gear here once training is complete)
- New radios have just arrived that offer ability of all services.
 - Training scheduled for 27th March, once completed they will be delivered to SES
- 21 join airbase operators was completed recently.

Andy Allan (rural fire)

- Name change of Roma RFS Area Office to Warrego.
- Bulloo Shire/LDMG Bushfire Risk Assessment 2021 to Identify risk and develop bushfire mitigation plan
- Overview of the Warrego Area Fire Management Group outcomes.

Michael Welsh

- Bushfire Risk is low – low to medium in this area.
- Bush fire risk assessment for the bush fire mitigation plan
 - What works have been done in and around town to protect around bushfires?
 - Mitigation might be
 - Maintenance of fire breaks
 - Levee banks
 - Grading, slashing
 - New fences on the common, which will be wide enough to be considered a fire break.
- The Deputy Chair asked if Council could host an information day with Michael and rural land owners for bush fire mitigation through Donna Hobbs, Rural Services Manager, to create awareness.
- Michael advised that he would support Council if we required assistance when apply for funding for Bushfire mitigation. There are grants for indigenous burning, an educational program for indigenous people. There may also be Resilience funding for fire trails (managing vegetation in the area)

Scott Walsh

- Emergency Alerts process has been updated to allows us to get the process moving quickly.
- The disaster management master classes will be on Monday 19th April in Roma. Applications close 26th March.
- As we moving into post season we starting to look at training.
 - Training Transcript for members passed around.
- QRA Community Recovery Workshops and Subplan Development
- Exercise Development for the next LDMG Meeting - 07 October 2021.

- **Local SES & RFR**

Allan Girdler

- Members of the general public approached Allan to sign up as members, waiting on paperwork to be returned.
- Liaise with David Bennett about Swift Water training, currently obtaining numbers for training.

Danielle

- Nil

- **QPS**

Brandon Blackford

- Business as usual.
- Monitoring rain and road users and the increase in tourism.

- **QRA**

Robert da Fonseca

- Robert thanked everyone for last week when he was on site.
- There is Bushfire QRRS funding through QRA - fuel reduction and new upgrades are eligible.

Alexander Marsh, Manager Recovery Operations & Capability Development

- Working on the recovery project with Leo Jensen which will provide a more detailed recovery plan that is tailored for individual Councils.

Leo Jensen

- Will be on site the week commencing 2nd August for a series of Workshops to Assist councils in developing a recovery sub plan.

- **Communities – Annabelle Johnstone**
 - Attachment
 - Wellbeing calls have been transferred from red cross to smart service QLD.
- **DAFF – David Hickey**
 - DAFF is in 'unite and recover' mode.
- **Leo Jensen**
 - Regional Resilience Strategy sessions scheduled for 21st April 2021. This will create a local knowledge map which will be a great reference point in the future.
 - The map is the size of the boardroom
 - Advised that he is taking over from Jonelle with the Resilience Recovery project and will be working with Council to ensure that Disaster Management plans are as up to date as possible for Council.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Michael Welsh provided the Catalyse mapping program link to members

Scott Walsh

- Tracy Burn, QFES Regional Community Engagement Support Officer, is back on deck and willing to offer support for community engagement and support.
- Proposed training plan with meetings (attached)
 - Disaster management planning
 - DCC (M1) refresher
 - Exercise - Critical infrastructure failure
- Advises that Doug Beady is the new contact for Ergon Energy in Cunnamulla

The Deputy Chair raised the Ergon power fluctuations.

- It was requested that we ask the community to consider providing feedback to Ergon when they notice dips in power for them to get an accurate reading on events in the Bulloo Shire.

Attendance

Ben Ferguson (Works Coordinator) attended the meeting at 10:00am

Hungerford Depth Markers

- There was a request for the markers to be set in accordance with BOM heights which is 100ml lower than the road.
- TMR standard is the level of the road.
- The LDMG requested that the depth markers be reset to TMR standard and all complaints are to be directed to the CEO.

HUNGERFORD CROSSING DEPTH MARKERS**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/11**

Moved: Mr Lew Rojahn

Seconded: Ms Donna Hobbs

That the Hungerford Crossing depth markers be placed at road height as per TMR standards; and
That Council approach BOM to reclassify the river markers at the crossing.

CARRIED

10 NEXT MEETING

7th October 2021.

11 CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 10.20am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the LDMG Committee Meeting held on 7th October 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS**14.1 SWQROC - DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2024**

File Number: 122894

Author: Tiffany Dare, Administrative Services Manager

Authoriser: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. SWQROC - Strategic Plan - 2021-2024 - Draft

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is for Council to endorse the SWQROC draft Strategic Plan 2021-2024.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Nil.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Collaborate with SWRED & RDA around business opportunities

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the SWQROC draft Strategic Plan 2021-2024, as presented.

BACKGROUND

SWQROC is a not for profit local government-based organisation that works for its member councils and with other levels of government, communities and relevant stakeholders of South West Queensland to positively create and shape the future of the region.

Strategic Approach

Good strategy is essentially about choice – about where an organisation will operate and with what focus. The SWQROC has adopted exactly this approach. As a local government-based organisation, SWQROC could pursue and be captured by many competing priorities. Instead, the ROC leaders have purposely focussed on a concise set of priorities that will have the greatest impact, the furthest reach and the longest lasting effect to help advance the development of South West Queensland.

This does not mean however, that the SWQROC will not engage in other agendas – whether shared or emergent. Rather, our approach is based on assessing issues through a framework of where and when we need to ‘Lead’; when we need to ‘Support’; and when we need to ‘Monitor’ –

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

That Council endorse the SWQROC draft Strategic Plan 2021-2024, as presented.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

SWQROC



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South West Queensland and our Regional Organisation of Councils

Bordering New South Wales, South Australia and the Northern Territory - South West Queensland truly is the cornerstone of Queensland. Comprising approximately 320,000km² across the local government areas of Balonne, Bulloo, Maranoa, Murweh, Paroo and Quilpie, 24,000 people call South West Queensland home.

South West Queensland has well established industries in oil, gas and agriculture. It also has massive untapped potential in emerging industries such as apiculture, goats and macropods, renewable energy, agtech and education, carbon farming and tourism.

These industries have the potential to create meaningful and long-term employment. The potential to help sustain our diverse towns and regional centres. The potential to foster innovation and entrepreneurship, and the potential to re-shape where and how Queenslanders and Australians (both old and new) choose to live, work and play.

To realise this potential, local government leaders in South West Queensland recognise the need to take a regional view, to combine resources and to engage in joint advocacy and representation in order to best serve the communities of South West Queensland.

The South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC) is designed to do just that. SWQROC is a not for profit local government based organisation that works for its member councils and with other levels of government, communities and relevant stakeholders of South West Queensland to positively create and shape the future of the region.



SWQROC Strategic Plan 2021-2024

1

Our Region

The Cornerstone
of Opportunities



Federal Government Electorate:
Maranoa



State Government Electorate –
Warrego



Home to the Cooper and Eromanga resource basins – **the largest onshore petroleum province in Australia.**



Diverse economic opportunities exist in oil, gas, gemstone (opal), beef, sheep, cropping and game meat processing.



SWQ generates **\$5.2 billion in royalties** which is shared across all Queenslanders.



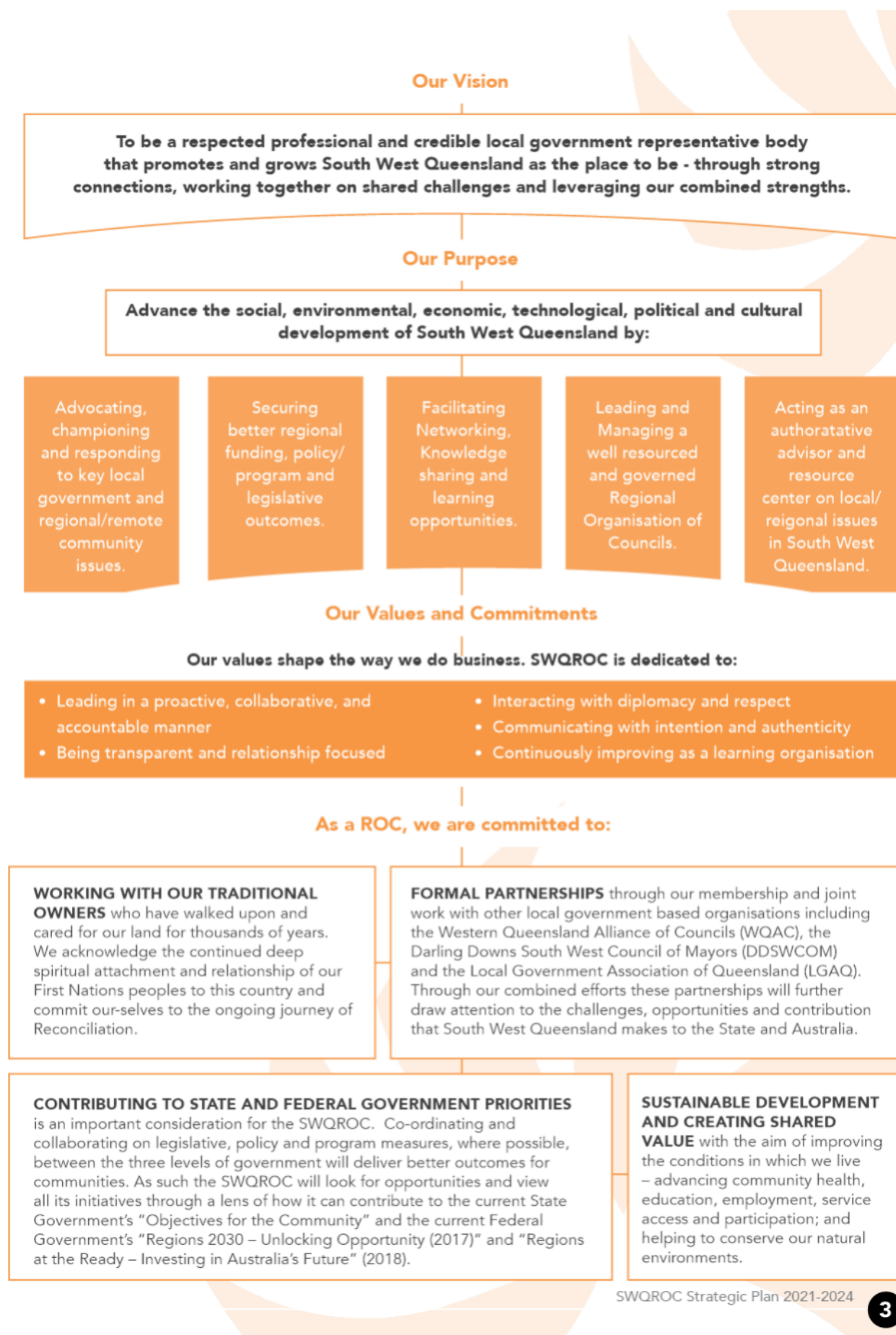
SWQ generates **\$2.92 billion in Gross Regional Product** each year.



The region includes the Mulga Lands and Channel Country bioregions and its river systems form **part of the important Murray-Darling Basin and Lake Eyre Basin water resource.**



The region's CSG industry is **critical to supplying gas markets** both inter-state and internationally.



SWQROC Strategy

Our strategic approach

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Our Strategic Priorities

- 1  **S**ecure and Simplified Funding and Governance Frameworks
- 2  **W**ater Security and Waste Minimisation Incentives
- 3  **Q**uality Community Services, Infrastructure and Program Outcomes
- 4  **R**oads, Air Services and Region Wide Economic Development
- 5  **O**pportunities for Improved Workforce Attraction and Retention
- 6  **C**onnected Communities

1 Secure and Simplified Funding and Governance Frameworks

Why is this important?

Due to a limited rates base, high capital and operating costs (compared to urban based councils) and other external pressures, member councils of SWQROC are heavily reliant on external funding sources from the State Government and Commonwealth Government to finance their operations. In some cases this reliance can be as high as 50 percent of operating revenue.

Additionally, whilst the principles of the Local Government Act 2009 are important to guide the operations of SWQROC member councils, in some cases the 'one size fits all' measures under the Act do not reflect the reality of operating conditions in regional and remote councils.

Outcomes SWQROC will lead and advocate for:

- 1.1 New strategic funding models from both the State and Commonwealth Government based on long term and steady state funding allocations, simple administration and eligibility criteria that supports planning and maintenance activities over 'shovel ready' capital projects.
- 1.2 Continuation of funding programs that directly support remote area councils and encourage regional collaboration, capability improvement and innovation in project delivery.
- 1.3 A contemporary Local Government Act that better supports the operations and outcomes for regional and remote councils through changes to key legislative and regulatory measures i.e., financial sustainability ratios and council meeting and decision making arrangements.

2 Water Security and Waste Minimisation Incentives

Why is this important?

Successive Global Risk Reports (World Economic Forum) have identified the 'water crisis' (safety and security of supply) in the top five risks that the global community is confronting. The criticality of this problem is also reflected at the local level, with peak bodies and industry groups pointing out that the sustainability of many water and waste water infrastructure networks in regional and remote Queensland are fast approaching the end of their serviceable life or unable to cope with new regulatory and compliance standards. This problem is acutely relevant to SWQROC members, who require immediate Government support to avoid a public health and economic development crisis.

Our communities' attitude towards waste is changing and as concepts such as 'circular economy' become better understood, there is now an opportunity to view waste as a valuable resource - where local solutions can divert waste away from landfill and result in initiatives which create jobs and economic growth.

Outcomes SWQROC will lead and advocate for:

- 2.1 A dedicated Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Renewal Program for South West Queensland which supports and incentivises how SWQROC members can best address immediate infrastructure risks, build workforce capability and improve asset management practices into the future.
- 2.2 The establishment of regionally based waste re-cycling services to address the immediate priorities of stockpiles of scrap metal and tyres; and to potentially service other waste streams across South West Queensland.

3 Quality Community Services, Infrastructure and Program Outcomes

Why is this important?

Sustaining local populations and attracting new residents is a key priority for many local governments. This issue is especially important to the members of the SWQROC, who have experienced, in some cases, dramatic population decline and high levels of social disadvantage over recent decades. In a post COVID-19 world, many studies are pointing to trends of inter and intra state regional migration where individuals, families and businesses are looking to re-locate out of city centres. To capitalise on these opportunities and promote South West Queensland as 'the place to be' quality community services and infrastructure needs to be in place and easily accessible to all community members.

Further, Commonwealth and State Government Programs need to be regularly reviewed to ensure they are delivering positive community outcomes and responding to any unintended consequences. One such example is the Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) under the Commonwealth Government's Emissions Reduction Fund which is adversely impacting rates revenue, reducing employment opportunities and resulting in poor land management practices in some communities in South West Queensland.

Outcomes SWQROC will lead and advocate for:

- 3.1 A tri-partite government and business sector response to address the critical housing shortage in South West Queensland communities which is acting as a major barrier to both economic and social development.
- 3.2 Re-instatement and improved National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) resources (such as Local Area Coordinators) for the South West Queensland region.
- 3.3 A revised Carbon Farming Initiative (Program) that is able to adapt to local community circumstances to maximise its intended benefits and minimise any cumulative and unintended negative consequences.

4 Roads, Air Services and Region Wide Economic Development

Why is this important?

State and Commonwealth Governments rely on the productivity of regions to generate wealth for re-distribution across all communities – a point most notably highlighted through the COVID-19 crisis. South West Queensland contributes approximately \$X to Gross State Product through its key industries of agriculture and resources. These industries rely significantly on the region's road network and air transport services (as 'economic enablers') to transport their products to market and workforces to/from and within the region. Whilst SWQROC firmly believe the region's economic contribution could be increased, the region currently suffers one of the lowest levels of road funding in the State. Further, the reliability and affordability of air route services to/from and within the region have been diminishing, acknowledging that COVID-19 triggered even further loss of these services. Coupled with greatly restricted services, some carriers have introduced changes to their resident fare structure, making it more costly for individuals and businesses to travel.

Outcomes SWQROC will lead and advocate for:

- 4.1 Increased and stable funding allocations to the South West Transport and Main Roads District under the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP).
- 4.2 Increased Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) funding state-wide and proportionally for the South West Regional Roads and Transport Group.
- 4.3 A targeted program to fund immediate upgrades and progressive sealing of critical road links and strategic road corridors.
- 4.4 Improved reliability and affordability of State Government regulated air services as part of the review of new operator contracts, including assessing the economics of applying a maximum (capped) fare.

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Opportunities for Improved Workforce Attraction and Retention

Why is this important?

Attracting and retaining a skilled labour force is a critical yet complex issue for communities in South West Queensland. This issue not only impacts on SWQROC member councils' ability to deliver services and meet statutory requirements, it impacts on the availability of social services (such as doctors), industry growth and the region's economic competitiveness and long term survival.

Outcomes SWQROC will lead and advocate for:

- 5.1 A South West Queensland Local Government Workforce Strategy to address current skill shortages and prepare SWQROC member councils for future workforce skill requirements.
- 5.2 Continued 'skills' based and 'seasonal workers' Migration Programs, including more flexible visa pathways to facilitate the import of relevant labour skills when and where required in South West Queensland.
- 5.3 Increased and sustained investment in initiatives and programs (such as the Celebrating Multicultural Queensland program) as a support mechanism to attract and settle new residents in South West Queensland communities.



Connected Communities

Why is this important?

The 2020 Australian Digital Inclusion Index reveals substantial differences between Australians living in rural and urban areas, with the gap between those that have access to digital services and those that have minimal access increasing in Queensland. This is likely to be further exacerbated when the 3G network is shut down in mid-2024. Connection to fast and reliable broadband internet and mobile phone service is essential to supporting access to services (such as telehealth and education), social connections, entrepreneurial opportunities through remote working and economic development in South West Queensland. Whilst individual SWQROC members councils have been proactive in seeking solutions to provide high-speed, reliable digital connectivity outcomes for their communities, this approach is not sustainable in the long term given the scope of connectivity gaps and the level of capital investment required to fix it.

Outcomes SWQROC will lead and advocate for:

- 6.1 A fully funded, actionable, long term Regional and Remote Communities Digital Connectivity Program (or similar) which provides a strategic framework to (among other things):
- Upgrade the core backhaul network to improve reliability and speed commensurate with service levels in urban centres, or at a minimum the NBN Statutory Infrastructure Provider (SIP) obligations of 25/5Mbps.
 - Ensure no community is left behind or disadvantaged when the 3G network is retired.
 - Provide access to satellite and wireless services to non-urban residents that have equivalent speed, reliability and price of fixed broadband and mobile internet services.
 - Continue the maintenance and upgrading of existing residential telecommunications infrastructure.
 - Identify and provide transparency over the availability of any existing fibre optic networks in regional and remote communities.
 - Provide support for digital literacy initiatives at the local level

Governance

The SWQROC is an incorporated association which complies with the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981*.

It is governed by a Management Committee which consists of the following members:



CR SAMANTHA O'TOOLE
Mayor, Balonne Shire Council
and President / Chair



CR SHAUN RADNEDGE
Mayor, Murweh Shire Council
and Treasurer / Deputy Chair



CR JOHN (TRACTOR)
FERGUSON
Mayor, Bulloo Shire Council



CR TYSON GOLDER
Mayor, Maranoa Regional
Council



CR SUZETTE BERESFORD
Mayor, Paroo Shire Council



CR STUART MACKENZIE
Mayor, Quilpie Shire Council

The role of the Management Committee is to provide strategic leadership, engage in advocacy and oversight the effective governance, financial management and administration of the SWQROC.

The ROC also consists of a number of sub-committees to progress specific portfolio priorities or projects as required. Additionally, the SWQROC works alongside and / or supports other groups and organisations given the dual representation of Management Committee members. These relationships are represented in figure 2 on the following page.

Structure



Strategic Plan

Review & Reporting

The review schedule for this Plan will be the midpoint in the local government election term in March 2022 and then again following the local government elections in March 2024. In between, consistent monitoring of the external environment will prompt whether this review schedule will need to change.

This Plan is supported by an Annual Action Plan and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy with each containing a series of key performance indicators. Tracking progress and reporting against these key performance indicators will occur every six months to the SWQROC Management Committee.

Our Members

The SWQROC consists of six member councils.

An individual profile on each is presented at the end of this Plan.



How to reach SWQROC

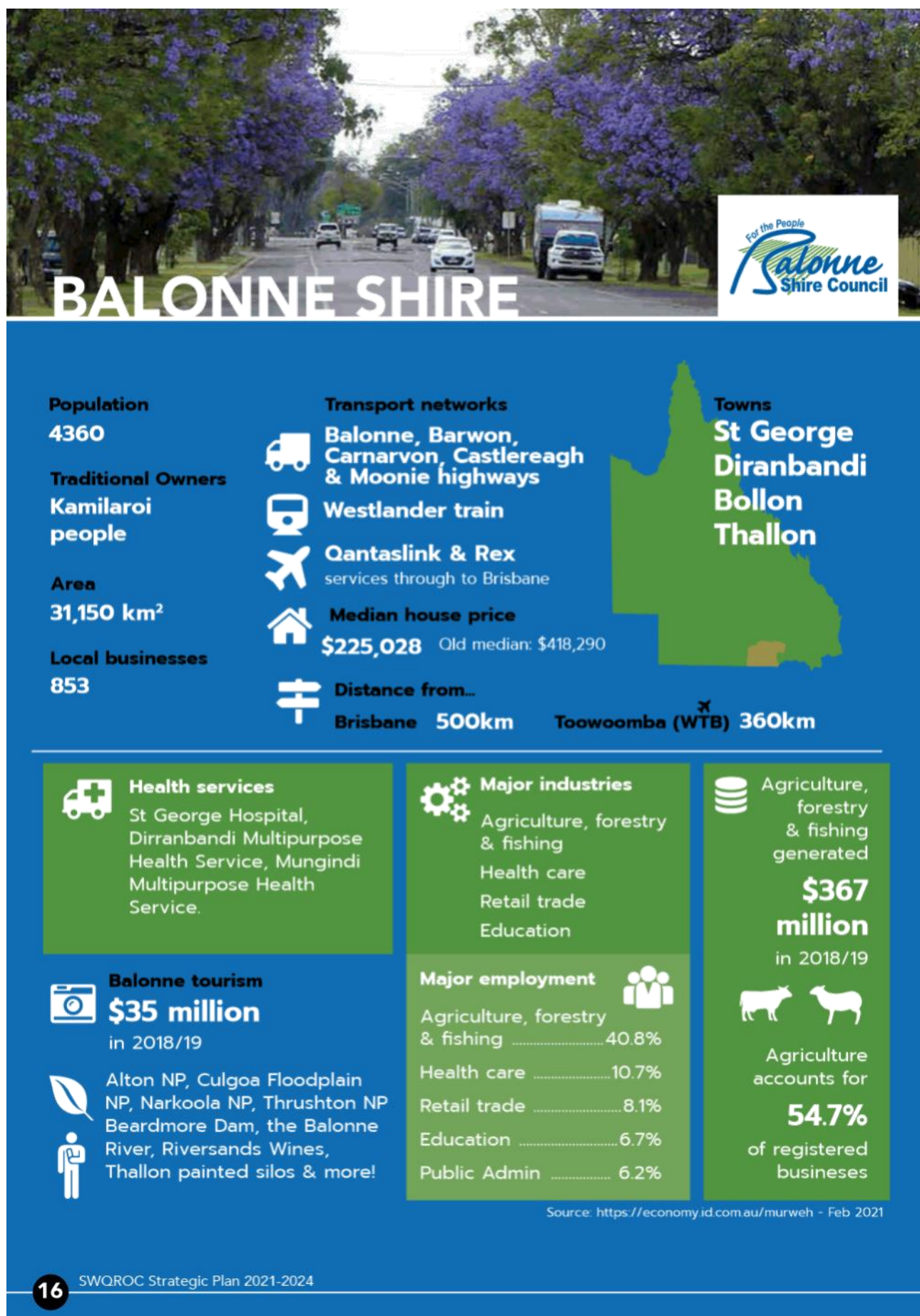
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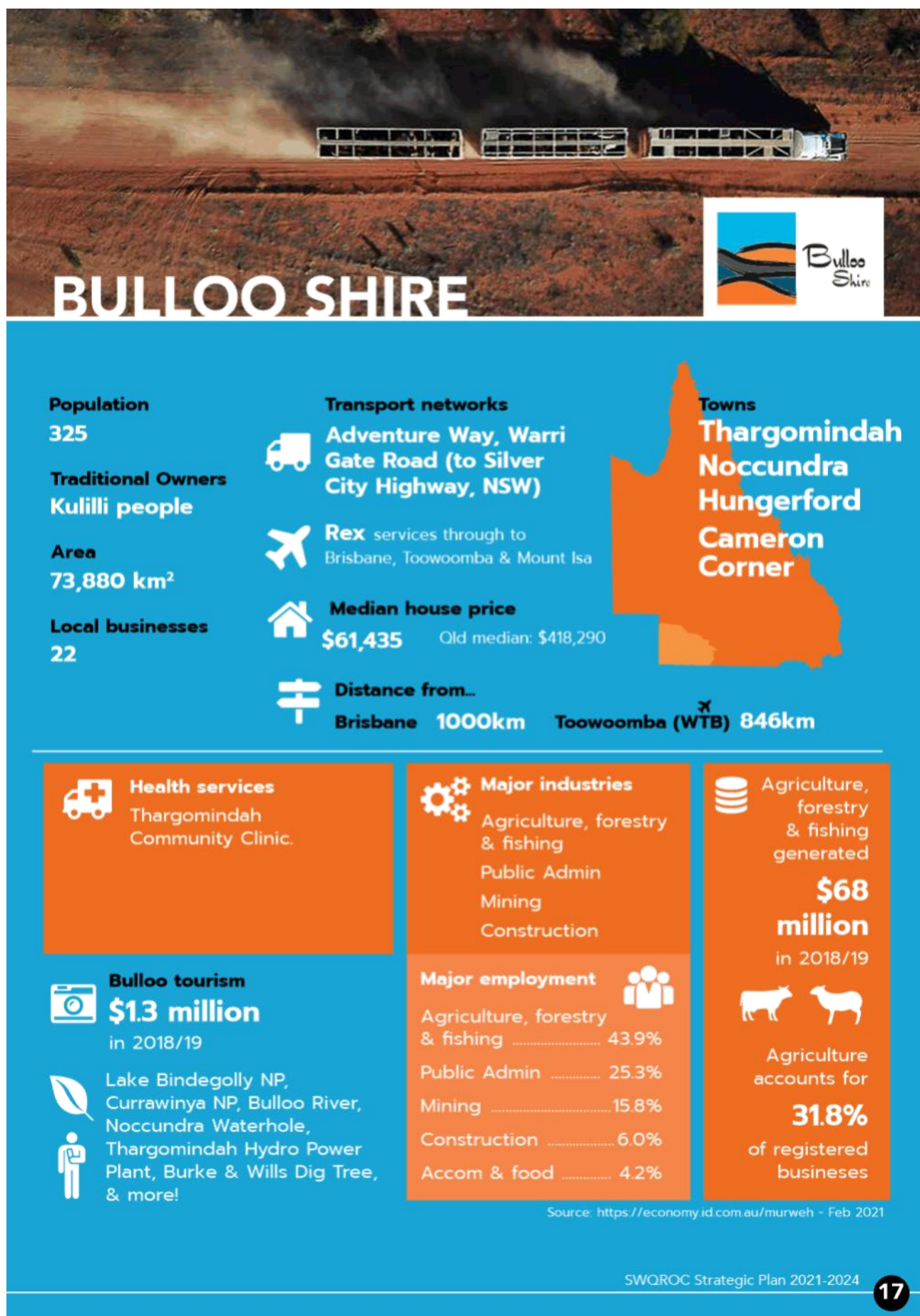
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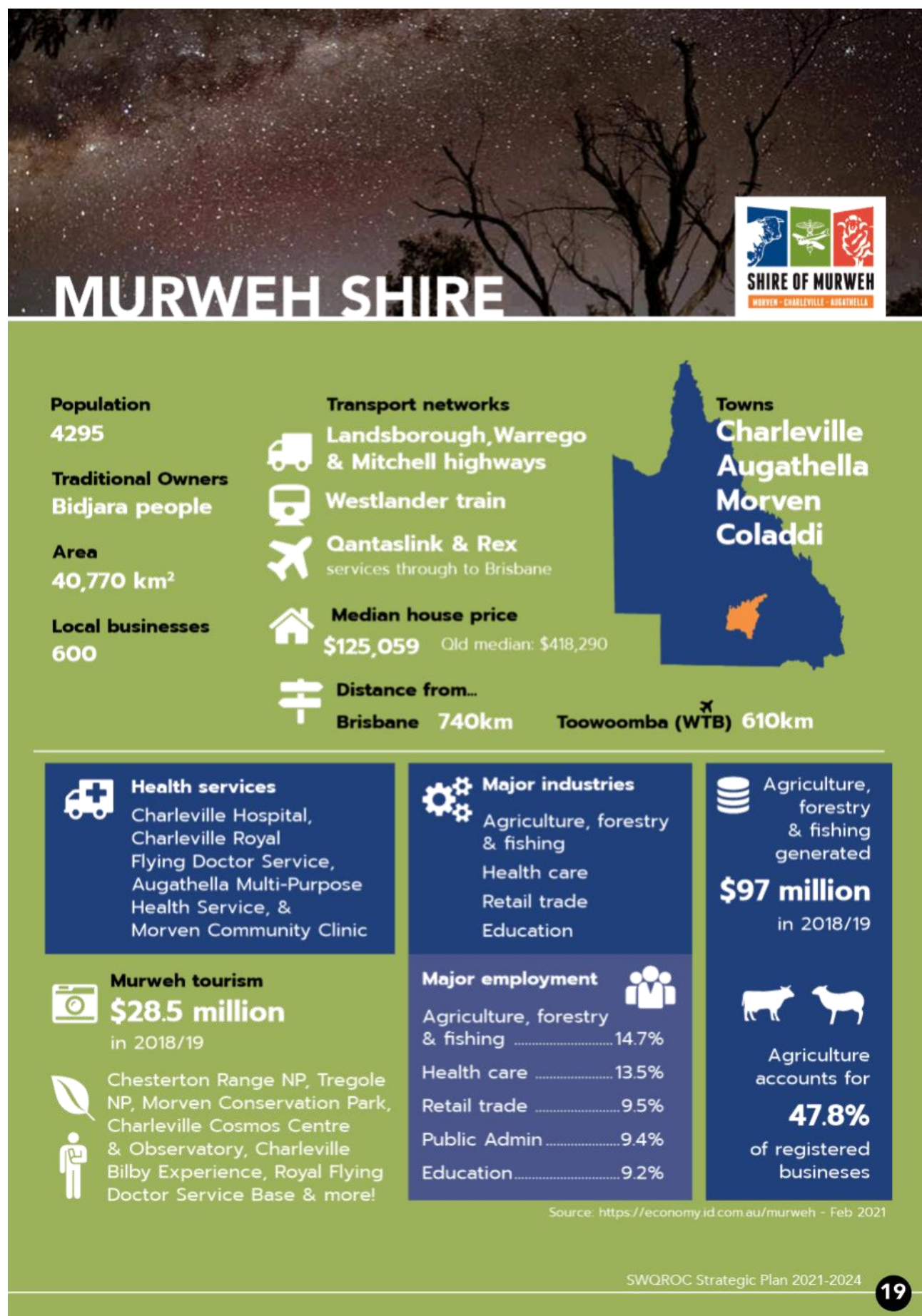
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PAROO SHIRE

Population

1562

Traditional Owners

Baakandji and Budjiti people

Area

47,700 km²

Local businesses

22

Transport networks



Balonne & Mitchell highways



Rex services through to Brisbane



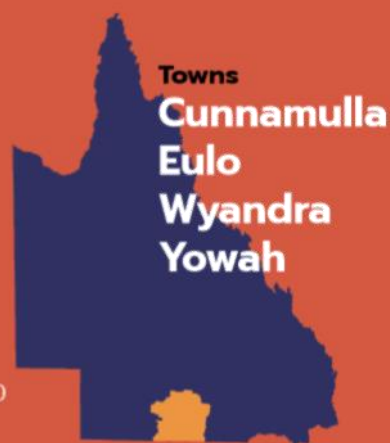
Median house price

\$58,422 Old median: \$418,290



Distance from...

Brisbane 600km Toowoomba (WTB) 450km



Health services

Cunnamulla Hospital, Cunnamulla Medical Clinic, Eulo RFDS Clinic, Yowah RFDS Clinic and Royal Flying Doctor Service.



Major industries

Agriculture, forestry & fishing
Public Admin
Healthcare
Education



Agriculture, forestry & fishing generated

\$44 million

in 2018/19



Agriculture accounts for

53.3%

of registered businesses



Paroo tourism

\$9.4 million

in 2018/19



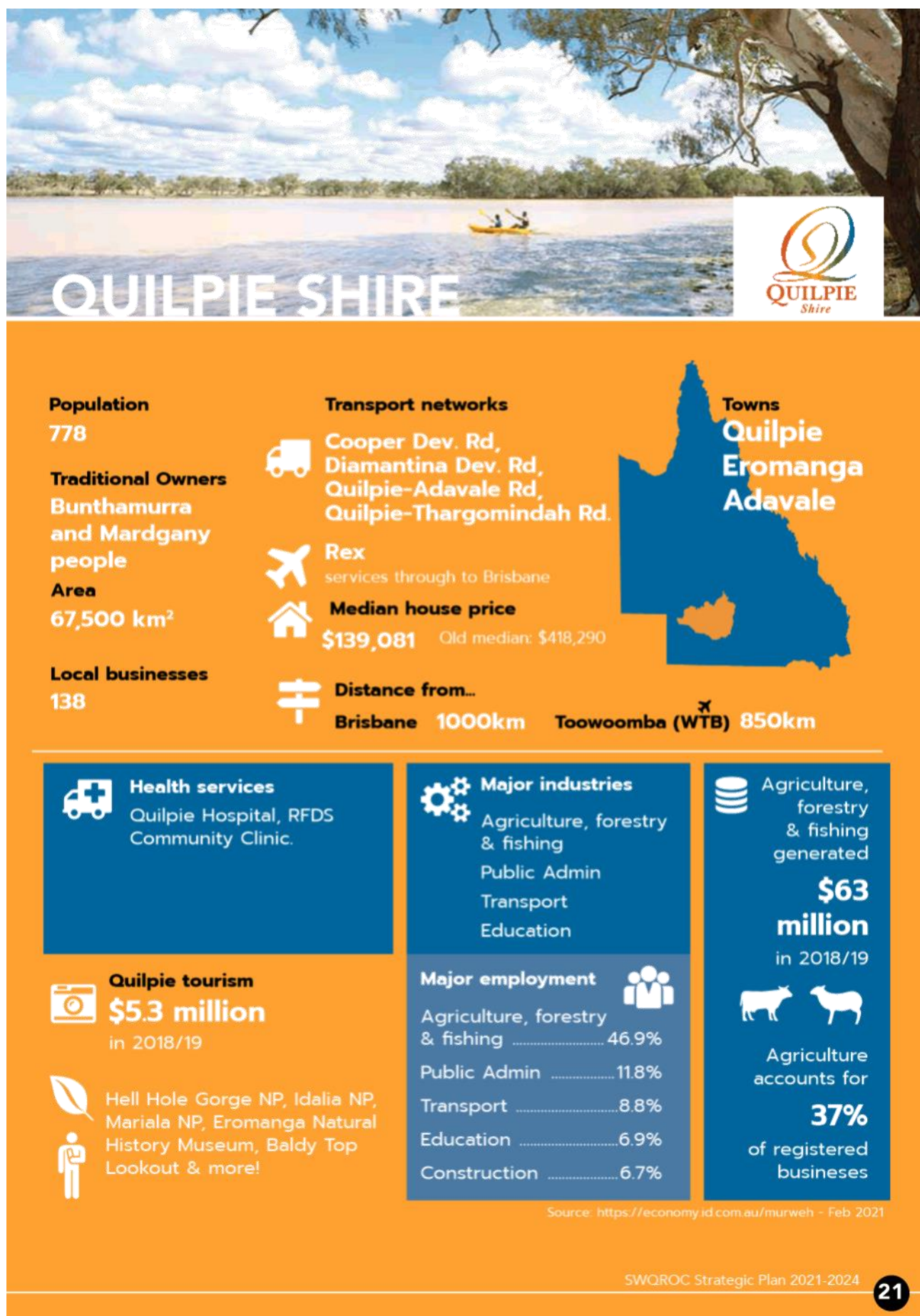
Currawinya NP, Calgoa Floodplain NP, Yowah opal fields, Yowah artesian baths, Artesian mud baths, Powerhouse Museum Wyandra & more!

Major employment



Agriculture, forestry & fishing41.3%
Public Admin12.1%
Healthcare9.4%
Education7.8%
Retail6.8%

Source: <https://economy.id.com.au/murweh> - Feb 2021





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14.2 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REPORT**File Number:** 122895**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Governance Officer**Authoriser:** Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Corporate Plan 2021-2025 Survey (under separate cover)**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Administrative Services Report for March 2021.

ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolution	Action	Status
2019/306	Survey of Warri Gate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negotiations commenced with DNRME regarding the Road Opening and Closure processes.• Commenced negotiations with surveyor• Surveyor engaged, background work commenced, physical survey work anticipated to commence in May 2020.• Ian Rosenberger forwarded a progress report on the Warri Gate Road survey works on 17th September 2020.

ADMINISTRATION**Corporate Plan**Vision: **Growth – Inclusiveness – Local – Innovation**Mission: **To invest in the community, ignite ideas, meet our challenges and increase prosperity.**

Priority Areas:

1. Community

Pursuit of active and healthy lifestyles where cultures, traditions and the arts are celebrated, including the provision of safe and welcoming spaces to connect, engage and learn.

2. Economy

To develop a prosperous and diverse local economy which supports existing industry and encourages new and innovative business and practices.

3. Environment

To recognise, protect, manage and promote our unique natural environment to ensure the economic, environmental, social and cultural values are developed for long term sustainability.

4. Infrastructure

The provision of quality services and infrastructure for our community that is planned, provided and managed on sound asset management principles

5. Governance

To practice inclusive, compliant and ethical governance through proactive engagement with all sectors of the community, council and all levels of government.

The attached Corporate Plan 2021-2025 Survey was advertised on Wednesday 7th April 2021 via survey monkey and a link uploaded to Facebook and Councils Website. The link was emailed to land holders and distributed via Message Media to all staff. A hard copy will be included in the April Council Newsletter. Session will be held in the Kullilli room later in the month.

Customer Service

Listed below is a summary of the 8 External Service Requests received for the month of March 2021.

Department - Type	Number
Wheelie Bin Replacement	1
Drainage	1
Housing Maintenance	6
Total	8

INSURANCE

Description	Decision	Comment
Class: ISR Property Loss Date: 04/11/2020 Excess: \$5,000 Description: Electrical Fire has damaged Electrical Infrastructure at caravan park.	Sedgwick Loss adjusting have been allocated the claim to review cause and scope of works.	Council lodged a progress claim on 11 February which is currently under review by JLT. Assessor carried out an onsite inspection on Monday 25 th January 2021. Claim 1 under review by JLT. Claim 2 has been submitted to Sedgwick for assessment.

PLANNING**Development Applications**

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

09-202021 – Field Solutions Group – Telecommunications Facility
Application received on 9th April 2021. Public notification required.

BUILDING, PLUMBING & DRAINAGE APPLICATIONS

Building Application:

Ref	Applicant	Description	Decision
Nil			

LAND DEALINGS**Racecourse Reserve (Lot 7 WN68) & Pasturage Reserve (Lot 30 on WN8)**

Council contact NDRME to

1. Make an application to change the purpose of the lease from Racecourse Reserve to Recreation Reserve. Recreation reserve being the more appropriate given the current use of the site.

The Racecourse reserve was issued under the *Land Act 1962* and there is not the same information available today. But being both are Community purpose, following advice from DNRME, we are proposing to amend the purpose of the reserve to Recreation Reserve. The activities of the new purpose would not have a greater impact on the reserve.

Recreation - to be used for informal active recreation facilities (e.g. bicycle track, cricket net, tennis walls, half-size tennis or basketball courts).

This is relatively easy process including community consultation in relation to the change of purpose and a formal letter from Council requesting the change of purpose.

Council will continue with the change of purpose from Racecourse to Recreation Reserve once the below has been addressed.

2. Include the Rodeo Grounds, currently located on the Pasturage Reserve, into the Racecourse/Recreation Reserve.

In the QLD Globe mapping below, the Rodeo Ground is located on the Pasturage Reserve (Lot 30 on WN8). Council inquired about amending the Racecourse/Recreation Reserve boundary to include the Rodeo Grounds and was advised that the inclusion of the Rodeo Grounds into the Racecourse/Recreation Reserve will require native title to be addressed. A determination that native title exists was handed down on the 5/12/2014 in relation to the Kullili People. NNTT reference QI2014/030.

Council sort legal advice from MacDonnell's Law to determine if the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) provides for the amendment of the reserve by the inclusion of part of the Pasturage Reserve and to also allow the amendment of the pasturage reserve by the exclusion of the area to be included into the adjoining Racecourse/Recreation Reserve.

Following advice from MacDonnell's Law, Council forwarded a letter to DNRME.

The ILUA between Council and the Kullili People contains, among other things, native title compliance and a process for undertaking future acts.

'Council is of the view that the dedication of part of Lot 30 on WN8 (and inclusion in Lot 7 WN68) and the appointment of Council as trustee (proposed dealing), in so far as it affects native title, can be dealt with under the terms of the existing ILUA because it would be considered a "Low Impact Tenure Grant".'

Advised by DNRME on 15th December that this matter has been referred to our native title services unit for confirmation on whether the proposed activity is acceptable under the Kullilli People and Local Government ILUA area agreement.

Council received a response from Department of Recourses on the 8th February 2021 advising "the only foreseeable way forward for this proposed dealing, would be by way of a newly negotiated ILUA in accordance with Module Q of the Native Title work procedures."

Council advised our Solicitor for the matter and they have contacted the Department to arrange a meeting with their Land Administration officers, native title services officers and Crown law to discuss further.

Communication ongoing between the Department of Resources and Council's solicitor.

Bona Vacantia Transfer of Lot 510 on CP T1911 - 17 Sams St & 17B Fitzwalter St, Thargomindah

Correspondence has been forwarded to Crown Law in relation to this matter and Ian Rosenberger will advise Council when they receive a response from the Office of the Crown Law.

This matter was determined 'Bona vacantia' as the property that has no owner. The property was registered in the name of Cobb and Company Limited (Cobb & Co). A search of the Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) records reveal that Cobb & Co was deregistered as a company in 14 June 1907 and all property and rights of a dissolved company vested in Crown bona vacantia.

Crown law are finalising their research into the relevant law and facts of the matter. The solicitor handling the matter hoped to have a preliminary report to her managing partner by Friday 22nd January 2021. Provided this is in order the matter will be elevated to the next tier on the management process. There are two more tiers.

Ian Rosenberger has spoken with crown law and good news is they have finally come to a definitive view and the matter has now been referred to the attorney general through the deputy crown solicitor. It is possible the attorney general could reach a decision in about 2 weeks and if the decision favourable the matter can then be referred to the supreme court for a final decision. There is no timeline for the supreme court for a final decision.

12 April 2021 - Decision reached and Crown Law and Attorney General are not prepared to proceed with the Writ of Inquisition. Crown Law advice is to liaise with Department of Resources to have the matter resolved. Ian Rosenberger believes the Department will not be interested as technically this is Freehold land and proposed preparing a letter of advice to the Principal Surveyor Titles Registry and request they liaise with the Registrar to try and resolve this issue.

Proposed Road Opening Road Closure in Naryilco and Noccundra – Warri Gate Road

Ian Rosenberger advised that they are in the process of corresponding with the registered owner of the Nockatunga Freehold, the owner of the Nockatunga Holding Lease and also the lease of the Noccundra Town Reserve with a view to obtaining the relevant lessee and owners consent to the relevant Plans of Survey and also to enable use to make application to the Shire for a lot

reconfiguration for the Nockatunga Freehold lot by way of the proposed road opening from the Bundeena Road over the Warri Gate construction.

They are also in the process of corresponding with the owners of the Naryilco Holding, again with a view to obtaining the consent of the owners to the proposed road opening over the Warri Gate construction.

Ian has corresponded with the DNRME in relation to the Department's requirements for the proposed opening of road within a Leasehold holding and have been advised that the Departments preference is for us to obtain the landowners consent to the relevant Plans of Survey and accordingly they are following the Departments direction in this regard.

Once they have received the necessary consents and authorities they will continue to process the necessary application to both the Department and the Shire in relation to the lot reconfiguration.

The consent documents have been prepared and the relevant Applications to BSC and also the applications to the DNRME. Rosenberger's have prepared correspondence to send to the relevant registered owners and lease holders. The draft plans are being finalised to a more final level so that the owners can use the plans to make a decision in relation to the consent issues.

The matter is ongoing and Ian Rosenberger hopes to undertake final fieldwork around the end of the month so the plans can be finalised for the application process.

DIG TREE REPORTDig Tree Monthly Financial Reports – 31st March 2021

MONIES HELD IN BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL TRUST ACCOUNT	
BURKE & WILLS DIG TREE	
As of 31st March 2021	
Opening Balance 01-03-21	\$ 13,372.40
Receipts	
30/03/2021 – Deposit	\$ 2,442.70
Total Income	\$ 15815.10
Payments	
Closing Balance 31/03/2021	\$ 15,815.10

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PROFITABILITYThe table below shows actual vs budget BSC Plant Profitability to 31st March 2021.

		REVENUE		
		31-Mar-21	%	Budget
7000-0001	ASSET & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT			
7100-0002	PLANT			
7100-1100	Fuel Rebate Subsidy	\$ 66,852.00	111%	\$ 60,000.00
7100-1900	Flood Truck Revenue	\$ -	0%	\$ -
7100-1905	Plant Hire	\$ 2,801,388.29	82%	\$ 3,400,000.00
7100-1917	Other Income - Plant	\$ 261.64	5%	\$ 5,000.00
7100-1918	Profit/Loss on Disposal of Assets	\$ 16,948.64	0%	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 2,885,450.57	83%	\$ 3,465,000.00

		EXPENDITURE		
		31-Mar-21	%	Budget
7100-2005	Plant Maint. - Parts & Labour	\$ 520,793.60	78%	\$ 670,000.00
7100-2010	Plant Maint. - Tyres & Batteries	\$ 111,818.10	86%	\$ 130,000.00
7100-2015	Plant Maintenance - Fuel & Oils	\$ 335,607.21	65%	\$ 520,000.00
7100-2020	Plant Rego. & Insurance	\$ 135,587.18	90%	\$ 150,000.00
7100-2025	Workshop Consumables	\$ 23,991.44	60%	\$ 40,000.00
7100-2026	Private Plant Hire	\$ 262,083.86	175%	\$ 150,000.00
7100-2030	Workshop Operating Costs	\$ 110,621.17	68%	\$ 162,000.00
7100-2035	Radio & T.V. Maintenance	\$ 4,050.70	68%	\$ 6,000.00
7100-2600	Depreciation-Plant & Depot	\$ 728,625.46	70%	\$ 1,038,050.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		\$ 2,233,178.72	78%	\$ 2,866,050.00

SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY)		
31-Mar-21	%	Budget
\$ 652,271.85	109%	\$ 598,950.00

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Nil

TENDER

Item	Department	Status
T2020-2021-104 Trade/Sale of Two (2) Used Mack Granite 90-Ton Prime Movers & Supply & Delivery of Two (2) New Turbo Diesel 90-Ton Prime Movers	Town Services	Request for tender advertised and closing on Friday, 2nd October 2020. Council did not accept any tender and readvertised via VendorPanel – Report to Council. Council accepted the tender from Western Truck Group for the supply and delivery of one Mack Superliner and one Mack Granite Prime Mover. Expected delivery end of May 2021. Council still to sell the two used Mack Granite prime movers.
T2020-2021-114 Tyre Contract	Town Services	To be advertised.
T2020-2021-118 Sale of Land – Hungerford	Administrative	Report to Council.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Item	Department	Status
Nil		

PROCUREMENT

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

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

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

To date, Council has paid a total of \$5,319,643.60 to local businesses for all goods and services procured from 1st July 2020 to 31st March 2021.

DEBTORS SUMMARY

Debtors Category	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	Balance
Sundry Debtors	21,693.21	64,779.00	100.42	12,930.72	99,503.35
QLD Gov Debtors	466,070.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	466,070.45
Fed Gov Debtors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Housing & Common Debtors	10,429.40	10.00	0.00	11,814.06	22,253.46
Total					\$587,827.26

RATES SUMMARY

Rates	
Brought forward arrears including Interest	37,821.15
Interest current year	2,713.03
Rates Levied in 2020-21	5,421,121.96
Total	\$ 5,461,656.14
<i>Less</i> Rates Collected during 2020-21	5,214,634.81
Government & Council pensioner subsidy 2020-21	2,852.94
Discount on rates collection during 2020-21	147,947.47
Write-Offs	0.00
Credit supplementary notices	3,726.56
Total Outstanding Balance	\$ 92,494.36
<i>Less</i> Outstanding Instalments not yet due	7,716.26
Current Outstanding Balance	\$ 84,778.10

14.3 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

File Number: 122896
Author: Tiffany Dare, Governance Officer
Authoriser: Lew Rojahn, 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 March 2021 in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

BACKGROUND

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

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Financial statements including Councils Operating Statement and Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet), are included as attachments for information of Council as at 31st March 2021.

Performance to Budget**Operating Capability (deficit).**

The budget performance year to date figure reflects monthly performance (actual). As Council levies the yearly rates and charges twice a year the budget will reflect this as it is raised (rather than on a monthly basis). Accordingly, operating capability is positive.

A summary of the Actual v Budget Estimates in relation to the Operating Statement is outlined in the table below: -

OPERATING STATEMENT For the period ended 31st March 2021			
Operating Revenues 69.49% Operating Expenditures 53.19%			
OPERATING REVENUE	Actual	Budget	% of Annual Budget
Rates & Charges	5,133,808	5,138,038	99.92%
Rates and charges for the second half of the financial year where levied in February 2021 and are reflected in the March Statement.			
Fees & Charges	71,917	142,159	50.59%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Dog Registrations totalling \$6,176.50 have been levied. (Budget of \$6,200.00) Tourism Receipts are currently \$35,938.34 (Budget of \$52,000.00) 			
Rental Income	311,449	370,540	84.05%
Interest	99,974	168,580	59.30%
Recoverable Works	1,460,693	2,338,640	62.46%
Other Revenue	148,302	46,050	322.05%
Subsidies & Grants	3,538,851	7,287,350	48.56%
OPERATING EXPENDITURE			
Administrative & Governance	2,923,260	3,900,437	74.95%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurances totalling \$275,779.98 to date, with a budget of \$251,000.00. 			
Corporate Service Costs	994,192	1,665,647	59.69%
Town Service Cost	3,106,685	9,595,860	32.38%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council has spent \$1,026,887.71 out of the budget allocation of \$1,214,240 for RMPC works. 			
Net Plant Operating Costs	-1,292,280	-1,572,000	82.21%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant Hire is tracking within budget to make the budget. Expenses for Registration & Insurance are annual costs and have been paid. Other operating costs are within budget 			
Rural Service	472,529	716,960	65.91%
Finance	-33,021	17,200	-191.98%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costs to date are mostly for Bank Charges, Stores Oncost Recovery. 			
Depreciation	4,791,758	6,508,446	73.62%
Road Services	1,646,741	2,875,963	57.26%

Capital Works

The table below shows total expenditures for 2020/2021 against the budget for the year for each category, including carryovers. Details of capital works projects have been included in the officer's reports.

	G/L No	Actual to Date (20/21)	Budget 20/21
Land	1709-4000-0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rental Buildings	1728-4000-0	\$40,688.72	\$47,000.00
Buildings	1729-4000-0	\$985,327.25	\$3,462,973.00
Other Structures	1739-4000-0	\$4,760,341.60	\$5,823,178.00
Plant & Equipment*	1749-4000-0	\$1,165,554.39	\$2,358,400.00
Furniture & Fittings	1759-4000-0	\$20,732.95	\$21,859.00
Road Infrastructure	1769-4000-0	\$5,622,406.30	\$8,093,866.00
Road Infrastructure NDRRA)	1769-4010-0	\$2,405,394.79	\$1,316,836.00
Sewerage Infrastructure	1789-4000-0	\$255,374.31	\$398,690.00
Water Infrastructure	1779-4000-0	\$183,007.06	\$894,189.00

*Sales to cover budget

Balance Sheet

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

<u>BANK</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>
NAB	2,151,502.58	
QTC	17,822,513.16	0.82%
Float Money	800.00	
TOTAL	19,974,815.74	

Financial Sustainability Indicators

The current and cash expense ratios are within guidelines. The negative operating surplus reflects that Council has expended cash on work/projects and is awaiting reimbursement once this money is claimed this will change the ratio in the remainder of the year.

Key Local Government Performance Indicators

Indicator	Target		31/03/21	Comment
Current Ratio Is Council able to pay off its short-term liabilities with its current assets?	>3.0	<i>Current Assets/Current Liabilities</i>	12.91	Within recommended guidelines.
Operating Surplus Ratio Does Council have sufficient operating revenue to meet Council operating costs?	Between 0 & 10%	<i>Surplus/(Deficit) from council operations / Revenue generated from Council operations</i>	-0.17%	Yearly Rates have not been levied. Annualised Payments for Insurance, Registration and subscriptions.
Cash Expense Ratio Has Council properly planned for when payments associated with Council activities are due?	3 months	Cash at Bank / Expected cash operating costs for one month	16.43 months	Better than recommended guidelines.

2020/2021 Budget

Annual budget entered.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS-

Operating Revenues at 69.49%

Operating Expenditures at 53.19%.

CRITICAL DATES

N/A

CONSULTATION

Finance Officer

Finance Officer (Assets and Tenders)

Bulloo Shire Council
Operating Statement
For the period ended 31st March 2021

	1 July to 31 March 2021	Amended Budget 2020/21	Original Budget 2020/21	Notes
Operating Revenue				
Rates and Charges	5,284,608	5,286,440	5,275,140	
Less: Discount, Rebate & Remissions	(150,800)	(148,402)	(149,598)	
	5,133,808	5,138,038	5,125,542	
 Fees and Charges	 71,917	 142,159	 72,921	
Interest	99,974	168,580	244,680	
Rental Income	311,449	370,540	305,040	
Other Income	148,302	46,050	39,050	
	631,641	727,329	661,691	
 Recoverable Works	 1,460,693	 2,338,640	 2,244,200	
Contributions	33,265	0	0	
Subsidies and Grants	3,538,851	7,287,350	7,285,100	
	5,032,808	9,625,990	9,529,300	
Total Operating Revenues	10,798,258	15,491,357	15,316,533	69.69%
 Operating Expenditure				
Administration and Governance				
Services	2,923,260	3,900,437	3,671,177	
Corporate Services	994,192	1,665,647	1,576,212	
Town Services	3,106,685	9,595,860	3,434,675	
Costs	0	0	0	
Net Plant Operating Costs	(1,292,280))	(1,572,000)	-1,247,000	
Rural Services	472,562	716,960	691,015	
Finance Services	(33,021)	17,200	7,230	
Depreciation	4,791,758	6,508,446	5,894,237	
Road Services	1,646,741	2,875,963	2,444,683	
	12,609,897	23,708,513	16,472,229	52.44%
 OPERATING CAPABILITY BEFORE	(1,811,639)	(8,217,156)	(1,155,696)	
 Capital Items				
Sale of Non-current Assets	16,949	0	0	
Contributions	0	0	0	
Subsidies and Grants	2,475,473	6,104,283	1,773,382	
Flood Damaged Road Write-Off	0	0	0	
INCR / (DECR) IN OPERATING	680,783	(2,112,873)	617,686	

Bulloo Shire Council Financial Position As at 31st March 2021			
	Actual 2021	Amended Budget 2020/21	Original Budget 2020/21
Current Assets			
Cash and Equivalents	19,718,470	16,902,755	16,902,755
Trade and Other Receivables	463,620	469,093	541,506
Inventories	617,152	555,137	555,137
Other Financial Assets	0	0	-
Total Current Assets	20,799,243	17,926,985	17,999,398
Non-Current Assets			
Trade & Other Receivables	138,890	223,253	223,253
Property, Plant and Equipment	200,402,658	207,237,705	197,923,809
Intangible Assets	0	0	0
Total Non-Current Assets	200,541,548	207,460,958	198,147,062
TOTAL ASSETS	221,340,791	225,387,943	216,146,460
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	538,380	2,651,391	2,600,591
Contract Liabilities	481,936	1,191,620	1,191,620
Borrowings	0	0	-
Provisions	590,401	590,637	590,637
Total Current Liabilities	1,610,718	4,433,648	4,382,848
Non-Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	0	7317	7,317
Contract Liabilities	0	0	0
Borrowings	0	0	0
Provisions	102,572	110,931	110,931
Total Non-Current Liabilities	102,572	118,248	118,248
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,713,290	4,551,896	4,501,096
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS	219,627,501	220,836,047	211,645,364
Community Equity			
Asset Revaluation Reserve	89,054,387	87,310,118	87,310,118
Accumulated Surplus	130,573,114	141,853,159	124,334,446
Shire Capital	0	0	0
Other Reserves	0	0	0
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	219,627,501	229,163,277	211,644,564

14.4 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020/21 PROGRESS REPORT - 31 MARCH 2021 (Q3)**File Number:** 122995**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Administrative Services Manager**Authoriser:** Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Operational Plan Q3 Report (under separate cover)**PURPOSE**

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

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Regulations 2012 – Section 174

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Annual Reporting - Governance

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the January - March 2021 quarterly report for the Operational Plan in accordance with S174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

BACKGROUND

The Chief Executive Officer must present a report on the progress of the operational plan at regular intervals of not more than three months. Accordingly the progress report from 1 January to 31st March 2021 is attached.

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

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

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Council is on track in relation to its operational plan performance.

This is our first Operations Plan progress report from the new Cascade Local Government Framework system.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

On track

CRITICAL DATES

1 January to 31st March 2021

CONSULTATION

Not applicable

14.5 APPLICATION FOR A COMMERCIAL LICENCE**File Number:** 122997**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Administrative Services Manager**Authoriser:** Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Application for a Commercial other subsidiary on premises licence**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of a letter from the Department of Justice and Attorney-General regarding an application for a liquor licence for a premises within the Bulloo Shire area of authority.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Nil

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Bulloo Shire Planning Scheme 2019

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirm the delegation of the decision to the CEO and acknowledge the CEO approval of the application due to an early response required by the Department of Justice and the Attorney General.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General received an application for a liquor licence for a premises within the Bulloo Shire area of authority.

By law, the relevant local government authority for the locality must be informed of the application and afforded the opportunity to:

- Comment on the reasonable requirements of the public in the locality.
- Object to the grant of the application on the grounds that the amenity, quiet or good order of the locality would be lessened.

Comments or objection should be received by **15 April 2021**.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Resolution 2021/12 - Advice for Liquor License

DISCUSSION

Applicant: Amky Pty Ltd ATF Warner Family Trust
Name of premises: Explorers Rest
Street address: 33 Stafford Street, Thargomindah

Proposed licensed hours: 10:00am to 12:00am - Monday to Sunday

Type of licence: Commercial other subsidiary on premises (meals) licence

If this licence is granted it would enable the holder to sell liquor for consumption on the premises where the principal activity is provision of meals prepared and served to be eaten on the premises (however, liquor may be sold to patrons who are non-diners i.e. only there to have a drink).

The applicant has also indicated their intention to include an outdoor dining area as part of their proposed licensed area.

By law, the relevant local government authority for the locality must be informed of the application and afforded the opportunity to:

- Comment on the reasonable requirements of the public in the locality.
- Object to the grant of the application on the grounds that the amenity, quiet or good order of the locality would be lessened.

In accordance with section 117 of the Liquor Act 1992 your comments or objection must be given to the Department on or before the last day for filing objections. To comply with section 117 of the Act, your comments or objection should be received by 15 April 2021.

Planning

In accordance with the Bulloo Shire Planning Scheme 2019, a Food and drink outlet is defined as:

Food and drink outlet means the use of premises for—

- a) preparing and selling food and drink for consumption on or off the premises; or
- b) providing liquor for consumption on the premises, if the use is ancillary to the use in paragraph (a).

Examples: Bistro, café, coffee shop, drive-through facility, kiosk, milk bar, restaurant, snack bar, take-away shop, tearoom

Service station means the use of premises for—

- a) selling fuel, including, for example, petrol, liquid petroleum gas, automotive distillate or alternative fuels; or
- b) a food and drink outlet, shop, trailer hire, or maintaining, repairing, servicing or washing vehicles, if the use is ancillary to the use in paragraph (a).

In this instance, Council view the provision of liquor for consumption on the premises as ancillary to the restaurant which forms part of the “Service Station” and has no objections to the application for a Commercial other subsidiary on premises licence at 33 Stafford Street, Thargomindah, Real Property description Lot 26 on CPT1912.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

No significant risk to Council

CRITICAL DATES

15 April 2021

CONSULTATION

Councillors - Resolution 2021/12 - Advice for Liquor License

Please quote: 1014169/LAB02
Contact officer: Customer Support Team
Contact Number: 1300 072 322



Chief Executive Officer
Bulloo Shire Council
council@bulloo.qld.gov.au

Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation

Dear Sir/Madam

Department of
Justice and Attorney-General

EXPLORERS REST - THARGOMINDAH

Application for a Commercial other subsidiary on premises licence

Real Property Description: Lot 26 on CP T1912

**Applicant's contact details: Mr. Justin McGurgan,
justin@justinmcgurgan.com.au, 0417 632 311**

An application for a liquor licence for a premises within your area of authority has been received at this office. Details of the application are as follows:

Applicant: Amky Pty Ltd ATF Warner Family Trust
Name of premises: Explorers Rest
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- Comment on the reasonable requirements of the public in the locality.
- Object to the grant of the application on the grounds that the amenity, quiet or good order of the locality would be lessened.

Please advise whether you have any comments on, or objections to, the grant of the application. In accordance with section 117 of the *Liquor Act 1992* your comments or objection must be given to this office on or before the last day for filing objections. To comply with section 117 of the Act, your comments or objection should be received by **15 April 2021**.

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If you do not support the application, your comments or objection should include full particulars of:

- The grounds upon which the objection is made.
- The facts, evidence or reasons upon which it is based.

It is important to note that less weight will be given to statements that merely indicate that the Chief Executive Officer does not support, or objects to the application. Accordingly, any objection to this application should be supported by documentary evidence on the specific trading history of this venue and include incidents directly linked to the operation of the premises and the conduct of the licensee and their management.

If this application relates to a new licensed premises and there is no trading history to rely on, your objection may be based on anecdotal evidence, particularly in relation to the reasonable requirements of the public.

In the interests of natural justice, any comment or objection you provide may be referred to the applicant.

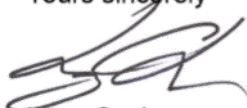
In considering your comments, including the likelihood of adverse health, public safety and amenity issues, the Commissioner for Liquor and Gaming may also impose licence conditions to mitigate any risk posed by the application.

The Commissioner's decision may be subject to review by the independent Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal. Substantiating any comments or objections as requested will ensure the Commissioner's decision is appropriately evidence-based and more capable of withstanding scrutiny in any subsequent review.

Compliance with local town planning requirements is requested to be confirmed in your reply to this letter.

If you require clarification on any of these matters, please do not hesitate to contact the Customer Support Team on telephone 1300 072 322.

Yours sincerely



Lang Cashman
Licensing Officer
01 / 04 / 2021

14.6 RURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

File Number: 122994
Author: Donna Hobbs, Manager Rural Services
Authoriser: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Rural Services Department Report for March 2021.

Hungerford Update

Paroo River at Hungerford received another flow during March/early April. Hungerford received 79.6mm rain during March. Hungerford is hosting an Anzac Day commemoration, including the attendance of the last surviving veteran on the Hungerford Memorial.

Noccundra

According to BOM data, Noccundra received 52 mm rain during March, which brings their 2021 total to 130.4mm. Noccundra caretakers have been busy fielding calls in relation to river and road conditions.

BIOSECURITY**Landholders**

Phone, email and face to face consultations with landholders during the month on topics including Flood Truck Operations; Wild Dogs; Water Agreements, Road Conditions, Road Openings, Weight Limit Restrictions and Mail Truck Operations. Properties consulted included Yakara, Moombidary, Boodgherree, Kilcowera, Nooyeah, Besm, Wiralla, Durham Downs, Picarilli and Thargomindah Station.

Wild Dog Management

During the month reports of wild dog activity have increased. Glasson's recorded significant injury to sheep on Wongetta from wild dog attacks. Council's RLO visited Nooyeah, Picarilli, Wongetta and Thargomindah Station to undertake wild dog management activities.

Local Disaster Management Group Meeting (LDMG)

Following the LDMG meeting held 18 March, Queensland Fire and Emergency met with Council's Rural Services Manager to map fire mitigation works that have been undertaken by Council during the past three months. Mitigation works completed on the Thargomindah Town Common include:

- Fire breaks graded
- Regrowth sprayed along fence lines
- Installation of new fence lines
- Water points mapped onto Council Arcgis system

Weeds (Invasive Plants)

Council's Rural Lands Officer has continued RMPC roadside spraying on the Bundeena and Eromanga Roads. Cactus monitoring and treatment was also undertaken on Mirintu.

Water Agreements

Council's Rural Lands Officer and Works Coordinator travelled to Woomonooka to map water facilities for inclusion in the Durham Downs Water Agreement. Durham Downs and Naryilco are the two remaining agreements to be completed.

Queensland Feral Pest Initiative Round 6 – Local Government Assistance Program

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries supply of 1080 concentrate will be fully depleted in 2021 requiring local governments to seek commercial arrangements of an Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority registered product that suits their needs. To assist with this process, the Local Government Assistance Program will provide a one-off lump sum to local governments to support the cost of transitioning to commercial 1080 baiting products.

Department of Agriculture and Fisheries are providing funding for the equivalent of 75 per cent of the next three years' predicted 1080 use, based on historical baiting usage and processed as a lump sum payment. This will provide funding certainty for councils and prevent the need for ratepayers to bear this cost.

DAF Sensible Supplementation Workshop

DAF is holding Sensible Supplementation workshops for landholders across the region. The workshop aims to help landholders manage pasture and supplement through the dry. A request has been submitted to hold one in Thargomindah. To date eight landholders and one Agforce representative have registered to attend.

SQ Landscapes

Council Rural Services staff met with SQ Landscapes during the month to discuss upcoming opportunities to collaborate on projects. Weed funding, feral pig trapping and fish surveys were discussed. SQ Landscapes have invited Rural Services staff to attend the fish surveys being undertaken in the lower Paroo catchment and Currawinya National Park. Freshwater ecologist, Dr Adam Kerezszy, SQ Landscapes Senior Project Officer, Chris Crafter and Qld Parks and Wildlife staff will be surveying several sites across selected permanent, semi-permanent and episodic wetlands. The surveys follow on from previous activities and aim to assess the presence and relative amounts of alien fish in the system, as well as the return of native fish to the long droughted creeks, waterholes and lakes. This will also give an opportunity to talk to Dr Kerezszy about undertaking surveys in other systems within the shire including the Bulloo River. Funding is being released in the second half of 2021 to assist organisations fund such projects.

Meetings attended during the month included

- SQ Landscapes Projects update
- Darling Downs South West ROC Regional Biosecurity Subcommittee
- DAF Qld Feral Pest Initiative Round 6 Local Government Program
- LDMG Meeting
- Arcgis Asset Management Program Workshop
- Mead Perry PCS System Review (3)
- Operational Budget Workshop
- Bulloo Disaster Dashboard Workshop
- Corporate Plan Workshop
- Capital Works Projects Meeting

Wild Dog Barrier Fence - provided by Peter Flegg, Senior Operations Officer

“Patrols have been very restricted with little access to the fence due to wet conditions and road closures over the last month. All hands have been on deck to finish a Capital Works job on Plenva, which is now complete. The flood damaged fence on Trinidad is now the current priority, and with staff shortages, things are pushed to their limits.

We have been able to get a vehicle in and out of the fence in your area and here is an update on that:

- A patrol in from the Kihee grid to No.16 camp met with several sections of damaged fence by cattle. Further south to Pinidary some bad washouts with concern at a creek just north of the camp. The creek is washed out along the edge of the fence and will soon require a fix. The fence from Pinidary south to the Bulloo River has been patrolled regularly and has been subject to heavy rains requiring extra maintenance in resetting flood ways and rectifying small sharp edges in creek crossings caused by running waters. All the new work done there after the last floods has worked well. Some sections have had restricted access and the regular patrolling has been unable to be undertaken.
- The Bulloo River to Zenonie has been restricted access and a patrol from Zenonie back to Yakara was only 50% successful. From Zenonie to the NSW border has been regularly patrolled with reports of pig activity around the Zenonie/Moombidary boundary causing some extra maintenance.
- Patrolling in the Bulloo area will become more regular as the work out at Trinidad completes over the next 2 weeks. A quick boost of patrolling resources should be available for a couple of weeks as equipment is set up for the Capital Works program out on Caranna. The Caranna job should take 3-4 weeks after which patrolling should return to some normality.
- Dog activity seems to be quite low in all areas with only one or two sightings from patrol officers.

Please extend our thanks to those in your area for their understanding of our position and we do realise that patrolling and maintenance are currently not as regular as we would like. We are very conscious of this to the point of sometimes cutting team numbers on priority jobs so we can get a vehicle in your area.”

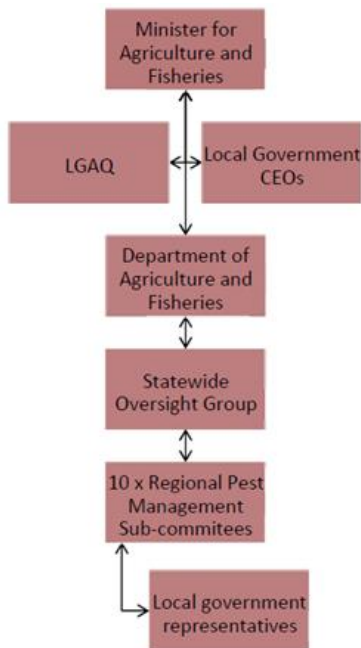


Curracunya Stock Route Bore

Jason Reberger, Regional Coordinator, Biosecurity and Stock Route Management, Natural Resources will be inspecting the Curracunya Stock Route Bore Facility during April. This inspection forms part of the assessment of the funding application that has been submitted to the Department to fund the repairs.

Darling Downs South West ROC Regional Biosecurity Subcommittee

Council's Rural Services Manager attended the DDSWROC Regional Pest Management Subcommittee teleconference on 18 March. This group provide advice the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Statewide Oversight Group.

**Agenda items discussed:**

- Election of DDSWQROC representative
- SOG Terms of Reference
- Land Protection Fund Research Projects
- Current priorities (including future supply of 1080)

14.7 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**File Number:** 122999**Author:** Tamie Warner, Corporate Services Manager**Authoriser:** Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Corporate Services report for the month of March 2021.

CORPORATE / HUMAN RESOURCES ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY

- The Queensland Tourism Industry Council has advised Thargomindah that they are a Top Town Tourism Finalist. Voting is now open to the public and weighs for 70% of the final score.
- 3 x Full-time employees have commenced with Council.
- The Secondary Learning Facility Building project has been completed, including grant acquittal.
- Grant Application for \$75,000 has been completed for the Mental Health and Wellbeing grant package.
- 1 x Full-time employee moved to part-time.

HEADCOUNT

Class	Opening Balance	New Starters	Resigned/Terminated	Closing Balance
Full Time	57		2	54
Part Time	1			2
Casual	6		2	4
Totals	64		4	60

NEW STAFF

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TERMINATED/RESIGNED

1 X TOWN SERVICES LABOURER (CASUAL)

1 X GRANTS OFFICER (FULL-TIME)

1 X EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/TRAINING OFFICER (FULL-TIME)

1 X WASTE/LANDFILL OPERATOR (CASUAL)

RECRUITMENT

Position	Employment Type	Status	Applicants
Tourism Officer	Fixed Term (6 month)	Closed 03 March 2021	4
Manager of Roads and Town Services	Full-time (Contract)	Closed 04 March 2021	29

DIVERSITY DEMOGRAPHICS

Executive Services - 5							
Full Time		Part Time		Casual		Trainee/Apprentice	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
2	2			1			
Administration Services - 7							
Full Time		Part Time		Casual		Trainee/Apprentice	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
2	4		1				
Rural Services - 1							
Full Time		Part Time		Casual		Trainee/Apprentice	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1							
Road and Town Services - 33							
Full Time		Part Time		Casual		Trainee/Apprentice	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
28	3			2			
Corporate Services - 5							
Full Time		Part Time		Casual		Trainee/Apprentice	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	4				1		
Special Projects - 10							
Full Time		Part Time		Casual		Trainee/Apprentice	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
5	4			1			

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

11 
Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander

2 
Non-English-Speaking Background

1 
Disability

40 
Male

20 
Female

Executive Services – 5					
16-20	21-29	30-44	45-55	56-64	65+
		2	1	1	1
Administration Services - 7					
16-20	21-29	30-44	45-55	56-64	65+
	1	4		2	
Rural Services - 1					
16-20	21-29	30-44	45-55	56-64	65+
		1			
Road Services - 33					
16-20	21-29	30-44	45-55	56-64	65+
	6	9	10	5	2
Corporate Services - 5					
16-20	21-29	30-44	45-55	56-64	65+
1	1	2	1		
Special Projects - 10					
16-20	21-29	30-44	45-55	56-64	65+
	1	2	3	3	1

WHS ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY

- 6 x Contractor Inductions completed
- 5 x Risk Assessments completed
- 77 x Toolbox Talks delivered
- 4 x Work Method Statements reviewed
- 110 x Pre-starts conducted
- 2 x Policies/Procedures reviewed
- 1 x Contractor Insurances and Liability Paperwork checked for currency
- 9 x Contractor Observations completed
- 6 x Contractor Verification of Current Competency (VOCC) completed

VIC ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY

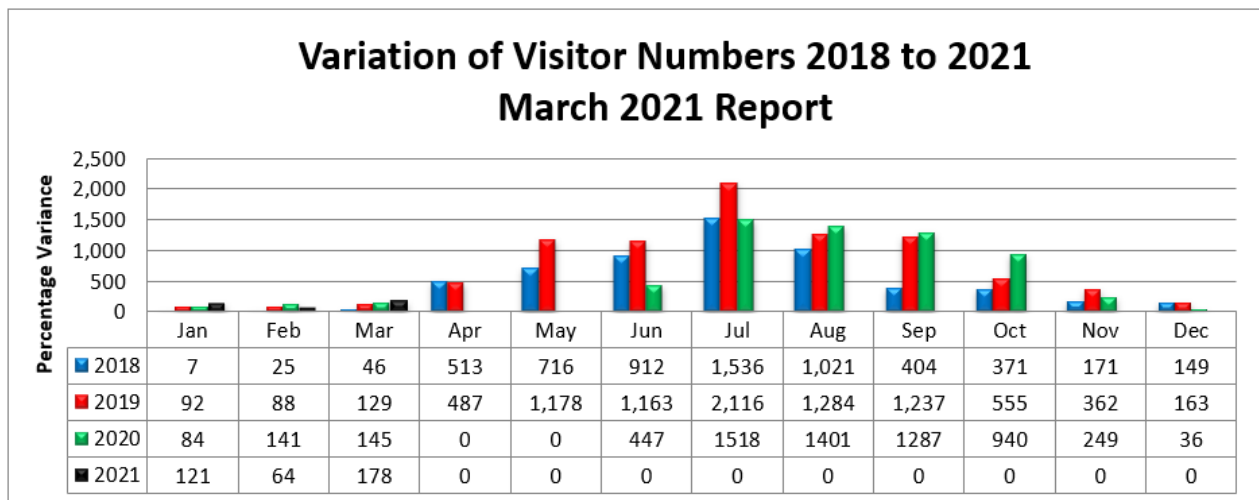
March started off to a flying start seeing most of our 178 visitors in the first two weeks. The rain that was predicted and gratefully received slowed almost everyone down for the end of the month.

Phone and email enquiries were unusually high throughout March compared to last year. This is a good indication for the predicted higher than normal visitors to our region this season.

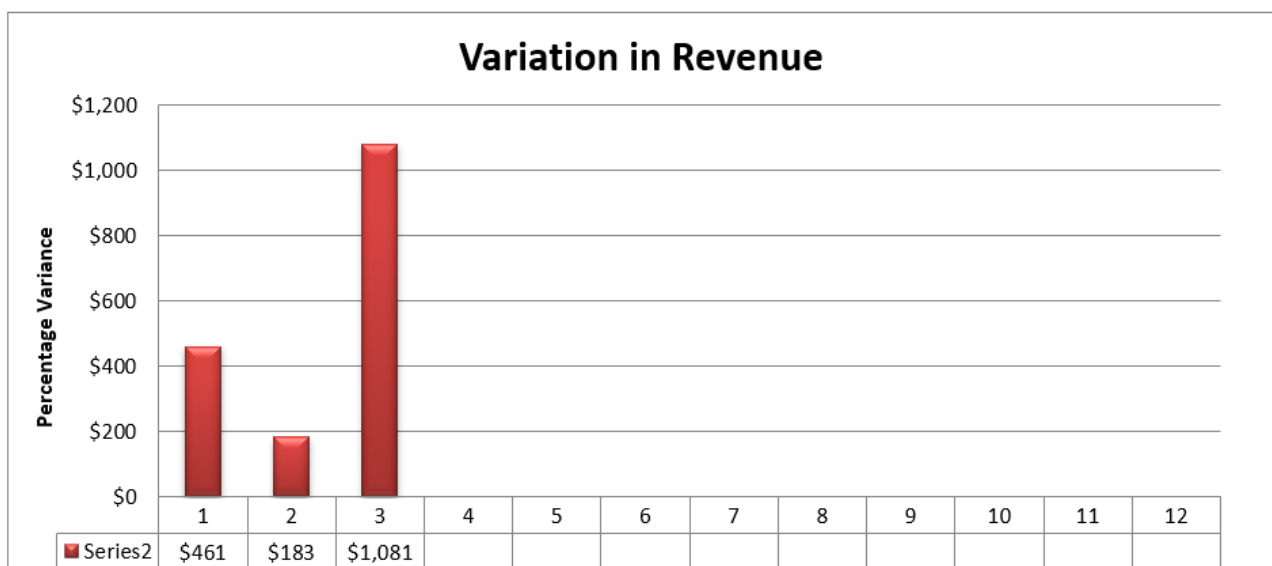
Upgrades to tourism attractions that have been completed are as follows;

- Bulloo Free Riverside Camp signage has been put in place.
- New fencing around the Historical House and the Old Jail to match the Old Hospital.
- All old river walk signage removed.
- Flood truck moved to a more suitable position for visitors to view without leaving the walking track.
- New exercise equipment around the walking track.

Council have nominated Thargomindah in a “Top Tourism Small Town Award” (under 5000 people). Thargomindah will be a fierce competitor in this award with 42 other towns applying. This award is through QTIC (Queensland Tourism Industry Council).



- We received 178 visitors in March – an increase of 33 from March last year.



- March's revenue was an increase of \$977.00 from March 2020.

Website Statistics (Google Analytics)

Users: 1,040
 New Users: 997
 Sessions: 1,200
 Pageviews: 3,314
 Highest city users: Brisbane – 351, Sydney – 166 and Melbourne - 96

Facebook Statistics – Explore Bulloo

Followers: 5241
 Likes: 4875
 Page Views: 614
 New Page Likes: 120
 New Page Followers: 55
 Post reaches: 85,124

Most engaging posts:	Social media Shindig Advertisement	51,459
	Life on a station (photo's only)	12,413

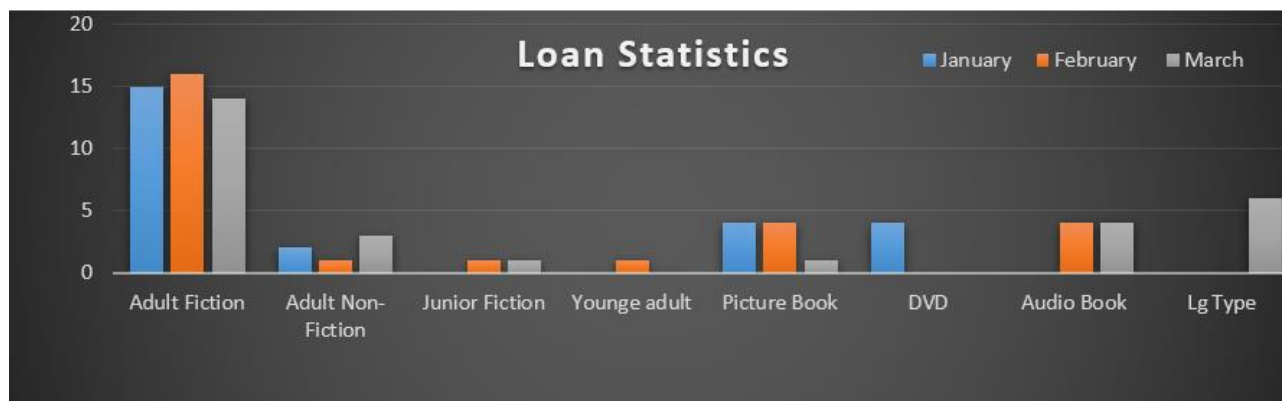
Dowling Track map and information

6,423

LIBRARY, HEALTH AND WELLBEING ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY

- International Women's day was held at the Bulloo River Hotel, followed by Pamper day at Library.
- Vital Health luncheon was held at Oasis Motel, to discuss services available on their visits to Thargomindah.
- Community Movie was held in the park 19 children and 9 adults attended.
- Massage Therapist continues to run monthly visits.
- Yoga sessions are continuing every Monday.

Activity	No.
Total Library visits	52
Tourists	0
Local Adults	42
Local Children	12
First 5 Forever	28
InBody Scans	2
Workshops/Community Events	
International Women's Day	23
Movie Night	28
Yoga	12
Vital Health Luncheon	16
Massage	14
WQPHN Activities	
Healthy Body-Happy Mind (Seniors Program)	32
Pamper Day	5

BORROWING STATISTICS

Locations, User types, Item formats, Transactions	Count
Thargomindah - Adult Fiction - Adult Non Resident (18+)	2
Thargomindah - Adult Fiction - Adult Resident (18+)	12
Thargomindah - Adult Non Fiction - Adult Non Resident (18+)	3
Thargomindah - Audio Book - Adult Resident (18+)	4
Thargomindah - Junior Storytelling Kit - Adult Resident (18+)	1
Thargomindah - Large Type - Adult Resident (18+)	6
Thargomindah - Picture Book - Adult Resident (18+)	1

14.8 ROAD SERVICES REPORT**File Number: 123002****Author: Julie Stewart, Technical Services Coordinator****Authoriser: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer****Attachments: Nil****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Road Services report for the month of March 2021.

WORKS REPORT

Bulloo Shire Maintenance budget consists of \$1,095,000 across all local roads for the 2020/2021 financial year. The below is the expenditure for each road, totalling **\$1,183,860.66**. **Budget has now been exceeded by \$88,860.66**. Not all roads have a budget amount, although these roads are not excluded if any works are to be scheduled, budget transfers will be done accordingly. Budget remaining is \$0.

The Roaming Grader Crew started with their first nine-day stint on the 2nd November 2020, 30km of dry grading was achieved on the Cameron Cnr Rd, two team members out of the crew are learning to be Grader Drivers with the other member being semi experienced going back over the work the learner driver achieves. Roaming Grader has now had three stints out on Cameron Cnr Road being 9 days on and 5 days off, costings are working out to be around \$10,000 per week.

Roaming Grader job costing per road includes MOB & DEMOB, Accommodation, Pays & Plant, so far this has been totalled to \$101,753.32 over 32 days which is 3.5 nine-day stints. The roaming Grader Turbo died in the first week returning back to work this year and that crew have been helping Maintenance and other jobs around while waiting for parts. Expected date to return back to Camerons Cnr Rd is 15/02/2021. This date has not been able to be met due to the roaming grader still having issues with sensors, John Deere has been contacted to see if a specialist can come out to inspect the machine. An update will be given next month.

Roaming Grader is back in action finishing the Camerons Cnr road by the end of the 9 day stint Fortville gate will be dry graded and then onto Toonah Gate.

Road Numbers in brackets are from the shire road register for your information.

PROJECT % COMPLETION Bulloo Shire Maintenance	COMMITTED EXPENDITURE from July to June 2021	COMMENTS
Road Asset Management	\$178,679.96	Jobs have been broken down under the items costing to see where the money has been spent under each Parent job. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection of roads \$47,795.02 • Grid Inspections \$8,782.81

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumables – Marking Paint \$2,076.00 • Consumables – Pegs \$1,776.71 • Consumables Metro Road Counters \$2,516.20 • Generic Traffic guidance schemes have been ordered for our local roads to be compliant with signage on jobs. \$359.87 • Hungerford Camp Maintenance \$2,674.83 • Naccowlah Camp Maintenance \$28,681.61 • Bundeena Camp Removal \$11,433.21 • Water point Inspection/Logging \$4,375.46 • Desilting Dams H/Ford Rd \$17,428.09 • Desilting Dams Bulloo Downs Rd \$32,264.42 • Desilting Dams - -0.01 • Yakara Bore repairs \$14,632.24 • Kihee Bore repairs \$3,883.50
Hungerford Rd (Road 1)	\$34,080.34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defect Logging \$1,781.82 • Pot Hole Patching \$3,241.56 • Install Repair Signs \$252.78 • Guide Posts \$1,227.50 • Repair/Replace/clean Grids \$18,310.60 • Emergency Works Repairs \$1,833.57 • Road Inspection \$7,026.82 • Supervision \$405.69
Warri Gate Rd (Road 2)	\$65,350.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defect Logging \$1,329.20 • Pot Hole Patching \$2,686.87 • Accommodation & Meals \$701.26 • Mob/Demob of plant \$1,208.68 • Medium Formation Grade \$29,500 <i>“Preparation for Seal at the NSW border, Tolbra prepared the 10m wide pavement for a 60m x 8m seal, NSW had approached Bulloo Shire Council stating that they will pay for the seal and Gravel if Council could prepare the road.”</i> • Floodway repairs \$5,143.90

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River Signage Installation \$14,166.83 • Emergent works \$6,991.96 • Maintenance Inspection \$3,621.51
Soonah Crossing (Road 5)	1,664.60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grid cleaning \$1,664.60
Hamilton Gate Rd (Road 6)	4,993.80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grid cleaning \$4,993.80
Cooks Well Rd (Road 10)	\$-0.64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a mistake as it has been booked to MJ & SJ Parker caretaker fees Error has been corrected
Innamincka Rd (Road 12)	\$143,282.28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pot hole Patching \$6,342.94 • Camp Establishment \$2,309.59 • Mob & Demob \$7,999.47 • Provision for traffic \$43,501.05 • Heavy Shoulder Grade \$74,525.65 • Floodway repairs \$2,155.71 • Guide posts \$1,712.13 • Emergency repairs \$3,541.32 • Maintenance Inspections \$1,194.42
Orientos Rd (15)	\$1,684.64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roaming Grader \$1,684.64
Camerons Cnr (Road 16)	\$105,349.49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roaming Grader \$105,349.49
Toonah Gate (Road 18)	\$32,704.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light Formation Grade \$20,727.27 • Roaming Grader \$11,976.73
Kilcowera Rd (Road 25)	\$1,412.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light Formation Grade \$1,412.01
Boodgherie Road (Road 26)	\$527.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Road Inspections \$527.14
Besm Rd (Road 29)	\$2,389.72	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair/Replace/clean Grid \$1,664.60 • Inspections \$725.12
Norley Rd (Road 31)	1,498.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install/Repair Signs \$665.70 • Repair/Replace/clean Grid \$832.30
Bypass Rd (Road 33)	\$1,024.93	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair/Replace/clean Grid \$832.30 • Roaming Grader \$192.63
Race Course Rd (Road	\$4,723.99	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light Formation Grade \$3,891.69

34)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair/Replace/clean Grid \$832.30
Bullawarra Rd (Road 35)	\$1,664.60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair/Replace/clean Grid \$1,664.60
Dig Tree Rd (Road 39)	\$3,426.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mob & Demob \$1,071.46 Install repair signs \$534.13 Emergency Repairs \$1,820.55
Blackgate Rd (Road 42)	\$1,863.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light Formation Grade \$1,863.09
Omicron Rd (43)	\$1,758.53	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roaming Grader \$431.20 Install Repair Signs \$1,327.33
Bulloo Downs Rd (Road 44)	\$14,986.28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heavy Formation Grade \$1,440.00 Repair/Replace/clean Grid \$12,757.44 Road Inspections \$ 788.84
Autumnvale Rd (Road 46)	\$832.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair/Replace/clean Grid \$832.30
Woomanooka Rd (Road 47)	\$300.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair/Replace/clean Grid \$300.00
Buckaroola Rd (Road 50)	\$8,100.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium Formation Grade \$8,100.00
Quarry Management	\$579,665.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehabilitation \$624.41 Soil Testing \$981.14 Gravel Pit Inspections \$20,182.81 Gravel Pit Stockpile \$556,812.55 Cultural Heritage \$464.00
TOTAL	\$1,076,783.25	

Other Road expenses (This budget is shared with Town Services)

Description	Budget	Expenditure	Comments/breakdown
Shire Road Signage	\$10,000	\$15,637.00	No line items. signs have been booked to replace damaged signage, give way signs, rails, pop rivets, freight, Barrier boards & Property signs.
Shire Road Consumables	\$5,000	\$10,404.55	No item lines. the purchases consist of clips, nuts/bolts, screws, freight, wheel stops & Gal Posts.
Town Street Maintenance	\$62,500	86,025.82	<p>In red the budget per item is displayed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street Pavements \$1,705.71 (1,000) Pot Hole Patching \$34,393.62 (30,000) Footpaths \$1,985.79 (\$5,000)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Re-sheeting \$444.71 (no budget against line) • Street Drainage \$12,989.49 (\$2,000) • Other activities – Line Marking \$7,430.77 (\$5,000) • Remove Dead Animals \$680.00 (\$1,500) • Street Signage \$14,415.83 (\$6,000) • Street Sweeping \$11,979.90 (\$12,000)
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CAPITAL PROJECTS 2020/2021

These projects for Road services will be carried out in this financial year by Bulloo Shire Staff or Contracted

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	FUNDING	EXPENDITURE TO DATE	START	FINISH
Warry Gate Seal 5km Chainage 32.4 -37.67	\$945,000	R2R – \$445,000 Funded Depreciation \$500,000	\$1,134,456.41	01/07/2020	6/11/2020
Comments	<p>Crew 1 are on Warry Gate Rd doing a 5km Seal this will be joining the bitumen areas together at the Noccundra end of the Warri Gate Rd.</p> <p>With delays due to rain and having to keep fixing the side tracks afterwards, Warrigate 5km seal is completed. This project has gone over budget due to rain events and having to fix up issues occurred by the rain, Tiffany Dare is looking into insurance to see if we can cover these costs, the budget was exceeded by \$104,024.36.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>				
Airport & Industrial Intersection	\$780,000	R2R-\$280,000 Funded Depreciation \$500,000	\$728,941.62	28/01/2020	March 2021
Comments	<p>This job has been carried over to this financial year to complete the boundary fencing. Quotes have been sourced and discussions with TMR have been had regarding land parcels. Santos has also been notified for the pipeline. Santos has requested that they be onsite when the fence is installed.</p> <p>Concrete Matting has arrived and will be installed before Christmas 2020.</p>				

	<p>Still awaiting contracts from John Hardy to finalise the boundary fence.</p> <p>Fence has been approved by Throsby and will now be installed along the boundary of the road corridor. Surveyors are being sourced and Concrete matting is being installed. This job will be finalised and closed in January.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fence is being installed and will be finished by the end of February 2021 Fence will be completed by mid-March 2021 one side has been completed. Fence line is now completed Concrete Matting to be finished by end of May. 				
DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	FUNDING	EXPENDITURE TO DATE	START	FINISH
TIDS Quilpie Rd Seal Chainage 155-157.22	\$603,000	Fully funded by TIDS	\$507,526.98	January 2021	March 2021
Comments	<p>Works have started and is due to be sealed 23/2/2021</p> <p>Due to rain, the seal date had been extended and is starting prime & seal on the 5th March 2021.</p> <p>Seal is now completed and job is now invoiced for funding payment.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>				
Quilpie Rd – Resheet 155-157.22 2.22km	\$276,617.00	TMR – Private Works	\$116,282.62	January 2021	March 2021
Comments	<p>Proposed works for 20/21 – 2.22km will be re-sheeted and then sealed with TIDS money</p> <p>Works are scheduled to start in January 2021.</p> <p>Budget will be allocated once TMR approves Sole invitee Tender</p> <p>TMR have awarded the sole invitee tender to Bulloo Shire Council and works are scheduled for January 2021 when TIDs works start.</p> <p>Works started 4/01/2021 sealing is due 23/2/2021</p> <p>Due to rain with the TIDS project, prime and seal got delayed to the 5th March 2021.</p> <p>Seal is now completed and job is now invoiced for funding payment.</p>				

	COMPLETED				
Eulo Hungerford Rd Resheet 103.95- 105.65 1.7km	\$273,408.80	TMR Private Works	\$16,750.66	March 2021	
Comments	<p>TMR have awarded the sole invitee tender to Bulloo Shire Council and works are scheduled to start January 2021 – Contractor has held up work with Gravel Pit being too wet to enter to crush gravel. Works will be delayed until gravel is crushed and tipped. Gravel is due to be crushed 8/2/2021</p> <p>Works have started with gravel carting 1st March 2021. Crew 3 will be starting road works 8th March 2021</p> <p>Works had been rained out in March and works will commence at the start of April.</p>				
Innaminka Rd TIDS Chainage 121.70- 124.45	\$1,049,675	TIDS contribution \$372,000 Council \$677,678	\$952,750.03	27/07/2020	March 2021
Comments	<p>This project has been held up with rain, it is now expected to finish in 6 weeks.</p> <p>This project has been put on hold due to road being too wet, we are still planning for these works to be finished prior to shut down.</p> <p>Crew 1 will be finishing works in January and seal to be laid in February 2021</p> <p>Seal is due 15/2/2021</p> <p>Due to rain the stabiliser was put onto the Quilpie rd to prepare for seal in the meantime for 9 days, shoulders were being prepared for the Innaminka rd reseals. Prime & Seal date has now been scheduled for 2nd March 2021.</p> <p>Seal date is scheduled for the 2nd March 2021, guide posts, flood ways signs & depth markers installed 4th March 2021, job will be completed 5th March 2021 and closed out.</p> <p>Completed March 2021</p>				
Water Points & Bores (3100-2420-0)	\$175,000	Funded Depreciation	\$2,958.61	01/07/2020	30/06/2021
Comments	Water points have been excavated on Bulloo Downs Rd & Refuse Lane				
Grids and Gates (3100-2408-0)	\$100,000	Funded Depreciation	\$9,159.76		
Comments	Bulloo Downs Grid #2 has been replaced due to wear and tear. The \$359.98 is costed through store parts total for replacement of grid is \$8,405.01				

	Grid numbers have been ordered costing \$754.75				
Seal Cemetery Rd End Cul de sac	\$50,000	Council contribution	\$14,143.35	March 2021	
	<p>Job due to start in March</p> <p>Gravel has been carted to prepare for works starting 15th March 2021, these works are tied in with the town reseals.</p> <p>Cul de sac is ready for seal date is scheduled for April 23rd</p>				
Town Reseals & Median Strips	\$250,000	Council contribution	\$52,651.04	March 2021	
	<p>Works have started locating pipes to prepare median strips. Crew 2 will be starting works around the 15th March along with the cul de sac seal.</p> <p>Cul de sac is ready for seal date is scheduled for April 23rd</p>				

RMPC 2020/2021

	Current Claim	Claim to date	Remaining	Allocated for financial year
RMPC	\$268,714.82	\$1,318,062.20	\$199,737.80	\$1,517,800.00
TMR Flood Damage	89,864.91	\$89,864.91	No Budget	No Allocation

- Flood Damage with TMR has been claimed for Emergent Works on 94A Bulloo Development Rd (Cunnamulla Rd) \$3,087.81, 94B Bulloo Development Rd (Bundeena Rd) \$56,095.80, Quilpie Rd \$5,896.00 & Eulo Hungerford Rd \$24,785.30. This total the above claim \$89,864.91.
- Brian from TMR has now been appointed to assess damages on TMR roads. Brian will be inspecting all Shires and will let Council know when he is due in Thargomindah.
- Contractors are working on RMPC works to keep spending the budget, while BSC crews are working with other funding projects.
- MAINTENANCE CREW**, working under RMPC Budget installing signs, guide posts, pot holes & Tree Clearing.
- Flood Damage QRA.**
Crew 3 started QRA Flood Damage on Boodgheree Rd which was completed at the start of September 2020. Kilcowera Access Road was also lightly graded, New Hamilton Gate Road started but got rained out, and Crew 3 have mobilised to Cardenyabba to start the floodway. The Hungerford Road has started flood damages and will be mobilised back to the section they have completed after a week's preparation at Cardenyabba. This Crew will be on Hungerford road till the end of the flood damage. Crew 2 have started at the Hungerford end of Hungerford Rd also doing Flood Damage until Innamincka TIDS Project can restart.
Crew 3 have started the year back on Hungerford Rd Flood Damage.

CONTRACTORS

- SC & KG Bowen -Toonah Gate widening of hills has been undertaken in August and has now been completed.
- Tolbra Earthmovers & Haulage – Council have had to hire triple side tippers on Warri Gate Rd and Innamincka Rd. Tolbra have also started works on the Orientos Rd for QRA Flood Damage due to the detour being used for Burke and Wills Bridge. Tolbra have been sourced to prepare 60m x 8m seal at the NSW end of Warri gate Rd. NSW had offered to pay for the seal and gravel if Bulloo Shire Council would prepare for seal. Tolbra have also been awarded the Warri Gate Flood Damage 10km to replace “Trevor event” that was superseded from the Esther Event. Tolbra have had delays with Orientos Rd due to road closures, Tolbra have now gone back to finish flood damage. **Tolbra are on Warrigate Road, Tickalara Rd & Wompah Gate Road with 3 crews running. Bulloo Shire Council have contracted Sheppherd Services for a works inspector to control the contracted works for all flood damaged roads.**
- Gravel Pits have also been won by Tolbra and have started crushing at Quilpie Pits. **Tolbra are at Denevor Pit crushing and then will move onto Warrigate Rd**
- J. Prisk Contractors – Council have continued to Hire a water cart driver and truck. This service is ongoing.
- Ezy Quip – A Padfoot Roller is on Hire for the Innamincka Rd – **Returned**
- Coal Gas Camps – The Hired Camp is still being used on the Warri Gate Rd. The camp is now located on Eromanga Rd with RMPC works. Camp will be used for the Innamincka missing link project till complete and then returned back.
- Durack Civil – were contracted for Burke and Wills Bridge & Cardenyabba creek, we are also sourcing works from Durack for culverts on Hungerford Eulo Rd and Carrs Hill and concrete floodways on Quilpie Rd. – Completed
- SK Bowen has been sourced to do works with RMPC to help spend the budget. Bowen will also be sourced to keep going with RMPC to spend more funds. – **Completed**
- **RPQ will be sealing Innamincka missing Link, and appointed the Town Reseals & Depot also Quilpie Rd TIDS**
- **Cross Country fusion is cleaning grids around the Bulloo Shire, and also using his vacuum truck to locate pipes before the median strips get prepared for seal.**

Angle Parking Trial

Angle Parking Trial – Line Marking Contractors have been sourced to paint new lines around town, angle parking, Disability Carparks at the airport, Carpark lines at the Explorers Rest & the emergency bay at the hospital. Signs have arrived and will be installed once lines are painted for the angle parking located in Gilmour St.

Angle Parking has been lined near the admin office as well as the Explorers caravan park, Emergency Bays at the Hospital and the Angle Parking at the airport is also completed.

New Angle parking bays will be scheduled into the line marking when streets are resealed and depot resealed.

14.9 PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND COVID 19 GRANT FUNDING 20/21

File Number: 122472
Author: Neil Crotty, Acting Special Projects Manager
Authoriser: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to amend the budget for the current Works for Qld COVID 19 Grant Funding allocation

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Nil

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Operational Plan 2019/2020 – Governance and Financial Management – Council maximises external grants which are in line with corporate aims.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1) Amend its allocated budget for spending in respect of the 20/21 Works for Queensland COVID 19 Grant Funding as follows:

- a) Thargomindah and Hungerford Water Supply Security (JC 6111-4506-0000) \$ **435,000**
- 6111-4506-1000 - Hungerford Town Water \$ 17,437
 - 6111-4506-2000 - Bore 1 to Bore 2 Interconnection \$ 250,000
 - 6111-4506-3000 - Large Water Meter Install \$ 75,563
 - 6111-4506-4000 - Cooling Tower Pumps \$ 78,500
 - 6111-4506-5000 - Cooling Tower Sensor Probes \$ 13,500
- b) Thargomindah Sewerage System Modernisation (JC 6200-4005-0000) \$ **330,000**
- 6200-4005-1000 - Remote Mount Kits \$ 20,000
 - 6200-4005-2000 - Upgrade Discharge Pumps \$ 75,000
 - 6200-4005-3000 - Wireless Monitoring System \$ 175,000
 - 6200-4005-4000 - Genset with Auto C/O \$ 60,000

c) Future proofing town gym and multi-purpose court (JC 5000-4003-0000) \$ **265,000**

- 5000-4003-1000 - Tennis Court Shade Structure \$ 100,000
- 5000-4003-2000 - Walking Track Exercise Stns \$ 60,000
- 5000-4003-3000 - Gym Equipment & other improvements \$ 105,000

2) amend Job Costing and update budget to reflect these changes, and further that the Mayor and CEO be delegated authority to allocate surplus or unexpended funding to a project/s which meet/s the funding guidelines and can be planned and delivered prior to 30 June 2021.

BACKGROUND

As a matter of procedure, it's prudent for Council to consider a resolution to amend the internal budget for the current Works for Qld Covid 19 Grant Funding allocation given that the year has realised a number of priority purchases e.g. Wireless Monitoring System.

While the overall approved allocation of \$1,030,000 has not changed and the budget changes have been approved by the Department it's essential to ensure Council's Budget reflects those line items so internal audit and Job Costing processes can be followed through.

COVID Works for Queensland Program

The COVID Works for Queensland Program (COVID W4Q) will support the Queensland Government's economic recovery strategy from the Novel Coronavirus pandemic.

The COVID W4Q program will fund job-creating and/or productive infrastructure and maintenance projects relating to assets owned or controlled by local governments.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Bulloo Shire Council was assigned \$1,030,000 to fund eligible projects under the COVID W4Q Program. Eligible projects are those which fall into one of the following categories:

- Essential Services Projects, including a water supply, sewerage, waste infrastructure, waste management, stormwater drainage (not associated with a road), energy or communications project
- Economic Development Projects, including economic development infrastructure or tourism infrastructure projects
- Community Well-Being Projects, including an arts and culture; sport and recreation; library/knowledge centre; or community safety, health or education infrastructure project

Proposed projects to be funded under the COVID W4Q Program below:

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| 1. Thargomindah and Hungerford Water Supply Security | \$435,000 |
| 2. Thargomindah Sewerage System Modernisation | \$330,000 |
| 3. Future proofing town gym and multi-purpose court | \$265,000 |

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$1,030,000 Works for Queensland Program COVID Funding

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

30 June 2021

CONSULTATION

Gerhard Van Der Walt

14.10 TOWN SERVICES REPORT**File Number: 123003****Author: Neil Crotty, Acting Special Projects Manager****Authoriser: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer****Attachments: Nil****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Town Services Report for the month of March 2021.

PURPOSE

The water and sewerage systems within the Bulloo Shire are operated and maintained by the Bulloo Shire Council and includes the township of Thargomindah, Hungerford and Noccundra.

WATER**Thargomindah**

The following readings were recorded for the month:

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| • March water supply usage | 15,776KL |
| • Water supply usage July to end March | 166,271KL |
| • Council's annual allocation (Licence No. 618478) | 345,000KL |
| • % of allocation used | 48.2% |
| • Maximum Air Temperature | 39.9°C |
| • Minimum Air temperature | 15.7°C |
| • Average Maximum Air Temperature | 32.5°C |
| • Average Minimum Air Temperature | 20.7°C |
| • Recorded rainfall for March | 63.2mm |

Hungerford (Non-potable & Raw Water Supplies)

- There were no incidents reported for either the raw or bore supplies during March.
- All dams in the offsite river storage currently have sufficient storage to allow town usage without restrictions for the next 6 months.

Noccundra (Raw Water Supplies)

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

SEWERAGE

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 the month of March was:

○ total discharge pumped to wastewater treatment plant	1,875.077KL
○ total volume of effluent discharge from Wastewater Plant	1,631.0KL
○ average daily discharge to wastewater plant A	55.15KL
○ total discharge from Wastewater Plant (July to March)	18,568.0KL

AIRPORT

- Operation of the Thargomindah Airport during March was without incident;
- Apart from the standard visits for Thargomindah clinic, the RFDS had four (4) evacuations from the Thargomindah Airport during March 2020.

ANIMALS

- An incident involving 2 dogs occurred on 4 March 2021. An Infringement Notice was issued to each owner for Dogs Not Under Effective Control. One owner has also been issued with a Proposed Regulated Dog Declaration Notice on 5 March 2021, which was then upgraded to a Regulated Dog Declaration Information Notice on 29 March 2021. This owner has sought legal advice, and this matter has now been referred to Council's legal team.

CARAVAN PARKS

Explorers Caravan Park

- No major faults were reported for the Explorers Caravan Park.

Yapunyah Caravan Park

- No major faults were reported for the Yapunyah Caravan Park.

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

- Minor general maintenance matters reported during the month of March were rectified in a timely manner.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Health Inspections of Licensed Premises were conducted around the Shire for Food License requirements. The Environmental Health Officer is finalising inspection reports which will be submitted to Council for CEO to review.

HOUSING

- W4Q Housing Project.
 - Painting of the remaining two scheduled houses has been completed.

- General maintenance continues to be performed as required.

PARKS & GARDENS

- The duties and responsibilities of the Parks and Gardens Staff are to ensure all Council owned outdoor areas and facilities are maintained and presented at a high standard to community members and visitors at all times:
 - General whipper-snipping and mowing of grassed footpaths and general tidying up of the town streets and verges;
- Current Projects:
 - Commenced replanting of the median strip garden beds.

PROJECTS

- River Walk
 - Hand rails have been installed along the ramp to the table near the river pump to ensure safe access to the table when the pathway has silt on it.
- High School
 - Modified footings of the old shade structure to ensure safety of children.
- Fences
 - Leahy House fence has been installed.
 - Old Jail fence has been installed.
- Echidna Place
 - Shade structure over gen set has been installed.
 - Gen set has been connected to automatic changeover.

WASTE & LANDFILL

- Waste collection through the month of March was carried out without incident;
- A continual watch will be kept of the collection process to ensure that only one bin is collected unless the owner of the property has requested an additional service to be added to their property;
- Shredding of green waste, old pallets and old furniture was conducted over a two-day period by an external contractor which has reduced the waste footprint in the recycling area.

WATER COOLING PROJECT – T2019-2020-119

Works on the Water Cooling Project are at practical completion stage. Extensive testing has been conducted by NRG and their associates with commissioning due to occur in mid-April.

14.11 PLANT REPORT

File Number: 123013
Author: Helen Taylor, Asset Finance Officer
Authoriser: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to outline for Council, the number of faults recorded and repaired on Councils plant and fleet for the month of March 2021.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Nil

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Plant Report for the month of March 2021.

BACKGROUND

This report provides a monthly update on plant & equipment services and maintenance.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION**Plant**

- **Plant 509#** - got a mechanic out from Vanderfield to have a look at the grader. He conducted an inspection and ended up replacing the injectors and testing the grader. Recommended that we work it and try it.
- **Plant 6021# Hilux** – in Cunnamulla at smash repairs to fix from a Roo strike.
- **Plant 6010# Dig tree Hilux-** has been fixed under warranty.
- **Plant 741# Mack Prime mover** – is in workshop now due to gearbox break down, have ordered a rebuilt one should be here next week.
- **Plant 7044# International Prime mover** – is in workshop now due to exhaust clamp, have been trying to repair the old clamp but it is past repair. Air hoses are now overheating. Having trouble getting the right clamp. Truck is parked up until we can source the clamp and put it all back together.

- **New Mack trucks-** I have been notified that there is going to be a delay of Approximately 3-4 weeks, and that delivery will now be July and not June.

MONTHLY REPORT

A total number of defects YTD – **307** with **32** new defects for the month of March. **232** of the total defects have been completed. With **75** defects still outstanding as outlined in the below Table, most recorded defects received were for Heavy Vehicles. All vehicles other than the items above are still operational.

Council sent **12** Jobs out to local businesses for the month of February, with **12** of those jobs being completed.

DEFECT STATUS

MONTH	PARTS ON ORDER	TO BE INSPECTED	PARTS RECEIVED	WAITING ON QUOTE	VEHICLE SERVICES	CHECK PLANT	TOTAL DEFECT	COMPLETED	TOTAL REMAINING
March	0	28	0	0	4	0	32	14	18
YTD Total	24	229	9	1	43	1	307	232	75

JOBS THAT WERE SENT OUT TO LOCAL BUSINESS IN TOWN AND STATUS.

MONTH	TURNOUTS	O'BRIEN TOYOTA	THARGO GEN STORE	AGO VIRES	TOTAL DEFECT	COMPLETED
March	6	6	0	0	12	12
YTD Total	61	36	0	2	98	93

WARRANTY JOBS

Plant Insurance/ Warranty Claims Register						
				Reported Defect		Repaired Defect
Date	Plant No:	Plant Description	Defect Type	Claim No	Rego	STATUS
	6021	Toyota Hilux SR	Kangaroo Strike	MO0045775	224ZNZ	Waiting on Higgins Bros for booking.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**PLANT DATA**

The Bottom line Data Is for 2020/21 Financial Year.

FEBRUARY

For plant operation including an estimated 2021/22 figure

Year	YTD Hrs	FUEL,OILS	TYRES, TUBES	WAGES	PARTS	REGO &	Total Operating Costs	Total Annual Costs	Revenue
2013	58,698	\$727,676	\$133,271	\$495,111	\$547,679	\$162,506	2,760,264	\$4,006,023	4,026,214
2014	63,402	\$828,165	\$102,209	\$621,126	\$541,426	\$164,344	2,425,184	\$4,226,514	4,532,561
2015	42,283	\$457,394	\$74,189	\$681,617	\$235,459	\$171,032	1,672,278	\$3,076,637	2,838,451
2016	39,668	\$450,914	\$152,354	\$548,323	\$282,541	\$173,506	1,658,879	\$2,923,218	3,685,838
2017	42,950	\$414,584	\$123,460	\$422,273	\$301,141	\$148,331	1,453,333	\$2,342,371	3,356,376
2018	52,078	\$445,593	\$144,745	\$352,974	\$388,793	\$151,261	1,522,762	\$2,311,843	3,898,168
2019	71,876	\$483,222	\$107,482	\$290,234	\$311,533	\$143,395	1,382,815	\$2,759,074	3,144,888
2020	58,664	\$435,839	\$104,169	\$302,299	\$331,682	\$132,831	1,384,706	\$2,741,141	2,974,467
2021	44,190	\$204,897	\$72,824	\$176,456	\$151,849	\$131,780	794,225	\$1,494,816	2,015,391
2021 Estimated Forecast									
	80,000	\$410,000	\$146,000	\$353,000	\$304,000	\$135,000	\$1,461,000	\$2,862,000	\$3,628,000

MARCH

Year	YTD Hrs	Fuel	Parts	Wages	Rego	Tyres, Tubes	Total Operating Costs	Total Annual Costs	Revenue
2013	58,698	\$727,676	\$547,679	\$495,111	\$162,506	\$133,271	\$2,760,264	\$3,911,722	\$4,026,214
2014	63,402	\$828,165	\$541,426	\$621,126	\$164,344	\$102,209	\$2,425,184	\$3,850,660	\$4,532,561
2015	42,283	\$457,394	\$235,459	\$681,617	\$171,032	\$74,189	\$1,672,278	\$2,907,325	\$2,838,451
2016	39,668	\$450,914	\$282,541	\$548,323	\$173,506	\$152,354	\$1,658,879	\$2,680,698	\$3,685,838
2017	42,950	\$414,584	\$301,141	\$422,273	\$148,331	\$123,460	\$1,453,333	\$2,399,123	\$3,356,376
2018	52,078	\$445,593	\$388,793	\$352,974	\$151,261	\$144,745	\$1,522,762	\$2,357,040	\$3,898,168
2019	71,876	\$483,222	\$311,533	\$290,234	\$143,395	\$107,482	\$1,382,815	\$2,845,369	\$3,144,888
2020	58,664	\$435,839	\$331,682	\$302,299	\$132,831	\$104,169	\$1,384,706	\$2,741,141	\$2,974,467
2021	56,748	\$306,998	\$217,261	\$236,611	\$135,456	\$87,811	\$1,046,185	\$1,870,567	\$2,637,555
2021 Estimated Forecast									
	82,000	\$460,000	\$326,000	\$355,000	\$140,000	\$132,000	\$1,506,000	\$2,743,000	\$3,798,000

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Workshop Staff and Road Services

14.12 ENGINEER'S REPORT

File Number: 123037
Author: John Chen, Engineer
Authoriser: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Engineer's Report for March 2021.

ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolution	Action	Status
Nil		

ROADS TO RECOVERY PROJECTS

The Roads to Recovery expenditure reached 100% of the allocation of FY 20/21. Below are expenditure summaries of the RTR 20/21 allocation and the 2019-2024 five-year program.

RTR FY 20/21 Expenditure Summary

Project	Total Cost	Cost to RTR 20/21 Allocation
Hungerford Road Cardenyabba Floodway	\$ 489,084	\$ 424,460
Warry Gate Road - Seal CH32.4-37.67	\$ 1,134,456	\$ 445,000
Innamincka Road Seal Ch121.70-124.45	\$ 1,036,807	\$ 503,329
Total		\$ 1,372,789

RTR 2019-2024 Program Expenditure Summary

FY	Allocation	Expenditure	Balance	Note
19-20	\$ 1,173,974	\$ (1,173,974)	\$ -	
20-21	\$ 1,372,789	\$ (1,372,789)	\$ -	
21-22	\$ 848,921	\$ -	\$ 848,921	TBA
22-23	\$ 848,920	\$ -	\$ 848,920	TBA
23-24	\$ 848,920	\$ -	\$ 848,920	TBA
Total	\$ 5,093,524	\$ (2,546,763)	\$ 2,546,761	

ROAD SERVICES – CAPITAL AND TIDS PROJECTS**Bulloo Downs Bridge Repair and Maintenance**

Bridge structure maintenance was completed on 20 November 2020. Concrete repair has been postponed due to water under the bridge.

Towns Street Reseal and Depot Reseal

Reseal works are re-scheduled to 19-23 April 2021 due to the impact of recent rain events from 22-24 March 2021. Pothole patching and pavement reconstruction are undertaken by Roads Services crews.

Innaminka Road and Hungerford Road Reseal

Reseal works are re-scheduled to April 2021, following the completion of Town Street and Depot reseal.

QRA-NATURAL DISASTER FUNDING AGREEMENT (DRFA) PROJECTS**QRA-DRFA TC Trevor 2019 Close-out**

Restoration of Essential Public Asset (REPA) for Trevor 2019 event has been completed and is in close-out and acquittal processes. An average of 85% of assessment has been completed.

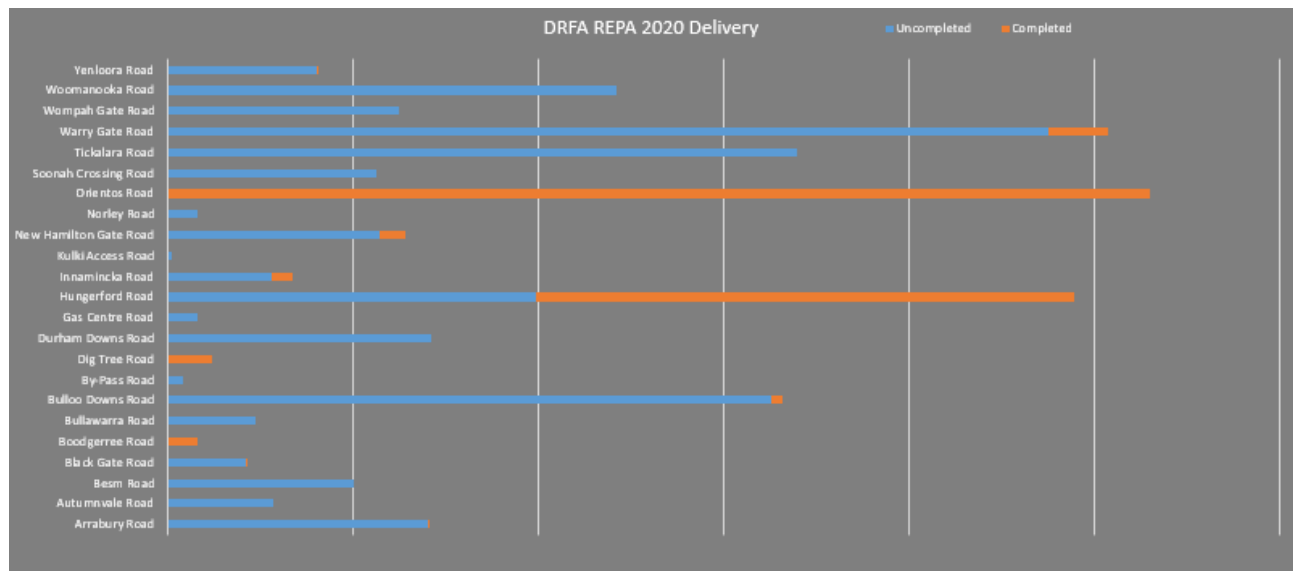
QRA-DRFA TC Esther March 2020

Restoration of Essential Public Asset (REPA) works are constructed by Road Services Crew and one contractor. A total expenditure of \$2.08 million has been delivered. Restoration works of the awarded two tender packages of five (5) roads have commenced in February 2021. The second round of tender would be released in April 2021.

Shepherd Services has been engaged to provide works inspection services to ensure the flood damage works are delivered to the required Specifications and started on 7 April 2021.

DRFA Flood Damage Works Summary

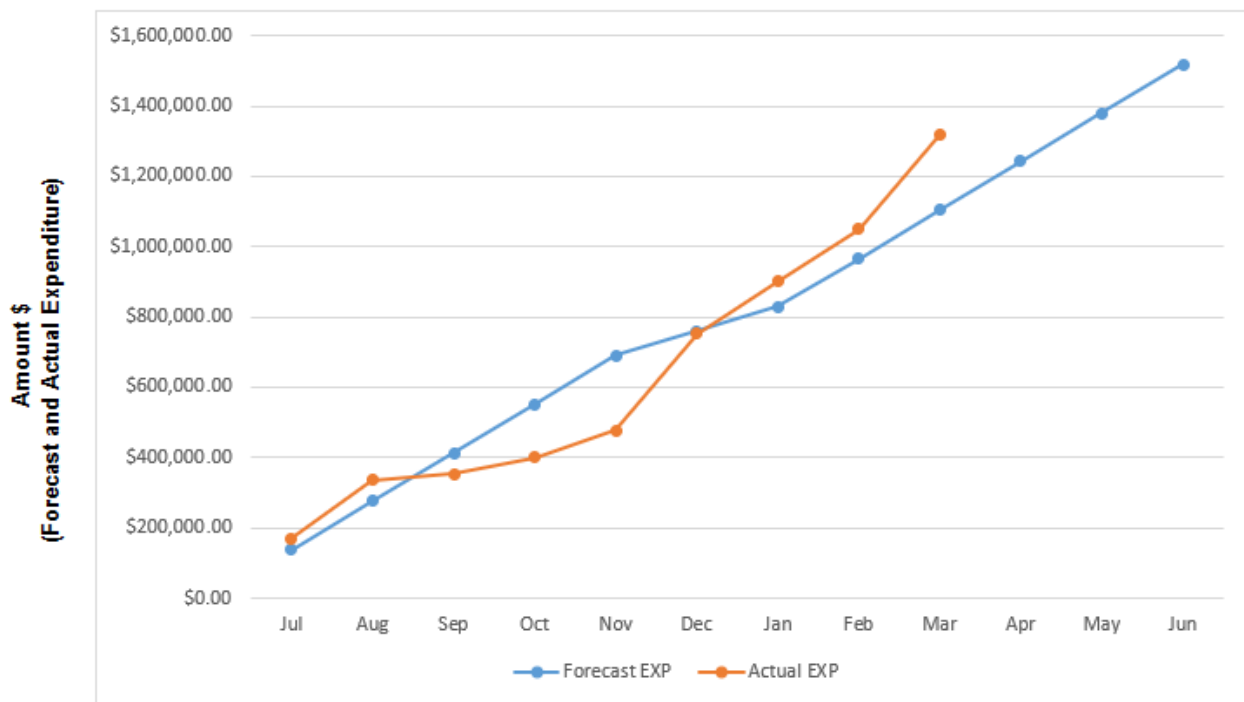
Physical completion –	35%
Expenditure to Date –	\$ 2,084,190.53
Estimated cost to complete –	\$ 6,485,903.49
Expenditure to Date %	24%
Payment from QRA to Date –	\$ 5,791,535.01



- **Hungerford Road**- Restoration works are undertaken by Road Services Crew 3.
- **Orientos Road** - Restoration works were completed and started the close-out processes.
- **New Hamilton Gate Road** – Restoration works were commenced on 8 September 2020 and suspended due to a rain event. 30 per cent of the work scope was completed.
- **Innaminka Road** – The contractor Tolbra started in February 2021. Shoulder formation works had been done to make the road safe and the crew will be back to complete the works following the completion of Warry Gate Road.
- **Warry Gate Road** – Works have been started from the further end and working at chainage 84.00.
- **Tickalara Road** –at chainage 70.00.
- **Woompah Gate** – The contractor is working at approximate chainage 30.00.

ROAD MAINTENANCE PERFORMANCE CONTRACT (RMPC) DELIVERY

The Monthly expenditure claim of March 2021 is \$268,714.82 and a total expenditure of \$1,318,061.77 has been delivered (86.84% of the contract value).



HOUSING PROJECTS

Independent Living Units

Stage 1 – I am working on Tender documents and looking to release the Tender in April 2021.

Stage 2 – The application for Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) fund round five is under assessment.

Sams St Six Two-bedroom Units

EOI for the design and construction contract was out on 31 March 2021 and will close on 29 April 2021.

OTHER PROJECTS

Pelican Point Weir Rehabilitation

The designer is preparing a draft report for the investigation and rehabilitation options. A further site investigation was postponed due to recent rain events.

Asset Management

Roads, Water and Sewerage Asset condition survey was commenced on 3 March 2021 and suspended due to rain events. The ArcGIS system training was held on 15-16 March 2021 for key Council staff. Asset mapping is still being built and will be finalized by Jun 2021.

Disaster management dashboard

A training session was held on 12 March 2021 for Key Roads Services staff and a dashboard brief was held on 17 March 2021 to Council managers. The live dashboard website was created. I am working with the IT support to create access on Council's web homepage.

14.13 BUDGET AMENDMENT

File Number: 123070
Author: Julie Stewart, Technical Services Coordinator
Authoriser: Lew Rojahn, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

To have budgets align with allocation of spending to each works job.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

N/A

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve to reallocate \$14,013.75 from Resheeting (3100-3308-000) to TIDS Quilpie Road (3100-3101-0000) and amend the 20/21 budget accordingly.

BACKGROUND

Bulloo Shire Council had gone for a sole invitee for the resheet of chainage 155.00-157.22, this was combined with TIDS works to get a total of 4km of road sealed on Quilpie Road, both jobs were done at the same time, which led to job numbers not being used accordingly to specific works.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

N/A

DISCUSSION

TMR private works resheet chainage 155-157.00 was tied into the Quilpie Rd TIDS chainage 153.29 – 157.29 project to total 4km of seal. Two job numbers were used which made the resheet project come under budget by \$28,079.67 and the TIDS funding budget go over by \$14,013.75. Both fundings have been invoiced to the fundings allocated for this financial year being TIDS \$603,000 and resheet being \$268,417.00. This allocation of funds is to suit Bulloo Shire finance system.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

N/A

CRITICAL DATES

N/A

CONSULTATION

Finance department.

15 LATE ITEMS

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**CLOSURE OF MEETING****RECOMMENDATION**

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

16.1 Write-Off - Debtors & Rates

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

To be discussed:

to discuss leagal proceedings

17 NEXT MEETING

18 CLOSURE