



Bulloo
Shire

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

Date: Thursday, 18 June 2026
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Council Chambers, 68 Dowling Street
Thargomindah Queensland 4492

BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

18 June 2026

Tiffany Dare
Chief Executive Officer

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

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

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

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

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 21 MAY 2026

File Number: 161530

Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Minutes of Council Meeting - 21 May 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 21 May 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.



Bulloo
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MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

21 May 2026

**MINUTES OF BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 68 DOWLING STREET THARGOMINDAH QUEENSLAND 4492
ON THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2026 AT 9:00 AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Tiffany Dare (CEO)

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed all Councillors and guests and declared the meeting open at 9:08am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

3 ATTENDANCE INCLUDING APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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Councillors	COI	Meeting Item
Cr Glyn Dare	T2025-2026-114 Water Main Extension – Frew / Sams Street	14.19
Cr John Ferguson	T2025-2026-114 Water Main Extension – Frew / Sams Street	14.19

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 16 APRIL 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/75

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 April 2026 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 2026/76

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council receive and note the Mayors Report for the month of April 2026.

CARRIED

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/77**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council

- a) receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the month of April 2026.
- b) Write to Natalie Cook inviting her to visit Bulloo Shire, with Council to fund reasonable travel and accommodation costs.

CARRIED

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING**13.1 MINUTES OF LDMG COMMITTEE MEETING - 15 APRIL 2026****RESOLUTION 2026/78**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That the Minutes of the LDMG Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15 April 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

13.2 MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 MAY 2026**RESOLUTION 2026/79**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on Thursday 7 May 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS**14.1 STANDING ORDERS FOR MEETING PROCEDURE****RESOLUTION 2026/80**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council adopt the reviewed Standing Orders for Council Meetings document & Model Meeting Procedures, as presented.

CARRIED

14.2 PROPOSED ROAD NAME CHANGE – TICKALARA ROAD TO BULLOO DOWNS ROAD

RESOLUTION 2026/81

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council approve the renaming of the entire length of Tickalara Road to Bulloo Downs Road, effective upon resolution, and authorise officers to update all relevant Council registers, mapping systems and undertake all necessary notifications accordingly.

CARRIED

14.3 THARGO BULLS FOOTBALL CLUB - REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES FOR THARGOMINDAH SPORTS OVAL

RESOLUTION 2026/82

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council:

1. Endorses the waiver of hire fees for the Thargo Bulls Football Club for the use of the Sports Oval for the 9 May 2026 home game; and
2. Notes that approval was provided by Councillors via email due to the timing of the request.

CARRIED

14.4 THARGOMINDAH POLOCROSSE CLUB - REQUEST FOR IN-KIND SUPPORT FOR 2026 CARNIVAL

RESOLUTION 2026/83

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council approve the provision of in-kind assistance to the Thargomindah Polocrosse Club for

the Annual Polocrosse Carnival to be held on 13–14 June 2026, including:

- Use of a tractor for field preparation (approximately 2 hours)
- Use of the water truck for the duration of the event
- Provision of wheelie bins and a skip bin
- Provision of generators and associated equipment to supply power

Further, that the use of the Shire bus be approved in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges, subject to completion of the required hire documentation.

CARRIED

14.5 THARGOMINDAH POLOCROSSE CLUB - COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION 2026/84

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council approves a Community Grant of \$4,438.16 to the Thargomindah Polocrosse Club for the 2026 Polocrosse Carnival to be held on 13–14 June 2026, to assist with ambulance and entertainment costs.

CARRIED

14.6 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES - REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES FOR HIRE OF RODEO GROUNDS

RESOLUTION 2026/85

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council approve the waiver of the hire fee for the Rodeo Grounds for use by the State Emergency Service (SES), as requested.

CARRIED

14.7 CONSIDERATION OF OUTSOURCING SEWERAGE OPERATIONS

RESOLUTION 2026/86

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council enter into negotiations with Flovac to finalise a formal agreement for the operation and maintenance of the Thargomindah sewerage system from 1st July 2026, subject to amendments that strengthen performance accountability, cost control, and risk allocation in favour of Council.

CARRIED

14.8 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/87

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council receive and note the Administration & Finance Services Report for April 2026.

CARRIED

Attendance

Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager, attended the meeting at 10:12am.

14.9 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/88

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council adopt the Financial Performance Report for period ending 30th April 2026 in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

CARRIED

14.10 2025-2026 INTERIM AUDIT REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/89

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council receive and note the QAO Interim Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2026.

CARRIED

14.11 T2025-2026-110 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) NEW MEDIUM SUV

RESOLUTION 2026/90

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council replace the April 2026 resolution accepting the tender from Black Toyota Dalby for a Toyota Landcruiser Prado GX, with acceptance of the tender from Tait Motors for the supply and delivery of one (1) Toyota RAV4 GX for \$52,691.09 (excluding GST).

CARRIED**14.12 T2025-2026-109 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TWO (2) NEW LARGE SUV'S****RESOLUTION 2026/91**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council amend the April 2026 resolution accepting the tender from Charleville Ford Nissan for the supply and delivery of two (2) new Nissan Patrol Warrior vehicles for a total cost of \$237,214.55 (excluding GST).

The vehicles are currently available as follows:

- One (1) White
- One (1) Gun Metal Grey

CARRIED**Attendance**

Kate left the meeting at 10:44am.

Adjournment

Council adjourned for morning tea at 10:45am.

Council resumed the meeting at 11:05am.

Attendance

The Principal of Thargomindah State School, Cameron Churchill, and students attended the meeting at 11:05am

- Nate Girdler
- Braith Donaldson
- Sabrina Warterton

The left the meeting at 11.25am.

Attendance

Tamie Warner, Community Culture & Places Manager, attended the meeting at 11:28am.

14.13 COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2026/92**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council receive and note the Community, Culture & Places report for the month of April 2026

CARRIED

Attendance

Tamie left the meeting at 11:57am.

Adjournment

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:00pm

Council resumed the meeting at 12:28pm

14.14 2WEB PROMOTIONAL PACKAGE

RESOLUTION 2026/93

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council accept the 2026/27 Unlimited Package from 2WEB Outback Radio at a cost of \$10,000.00 (excluding GST).

CARRIED

Attendance

Donna Hobbs, Rural & Town Services Manager attended the meeting at 12:30am

14.15 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/94

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council receive and note the Rural Services Department Report for April 2026.

CARRIED

Attendance

Donna left the meeting at 12:39am.

Gillian Strong, Community Recovery & Resilience Officer, attended the meeting at 12:40pm.

14.16 COMMUNITY RECOVERY & RESILIENCE OFFICER REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/95

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

Attendance

Gillian left the meeting at 1:01pm.

Kevin Bradley, CEO of Save the Bilby Fund, attended the meeting at 1:02pm to provide an update of the Bilby's at Currawinya National Park.

Kevin left the meeting at 1:28pm

Chris Woodland, Project Manager, attended the meeting at 1:30pm

14.17 SPECIAL PROJECTS

RESOLUTION 2026/96

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Special Projects report for the month for April 2026.

CARRIED

Attendance

George Inocentes, Engineer, attend the meeting at 2:05pm.

14.18 OPERATIONAL SERVICES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/97

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Operational Services Report for April 2026.

CARRIED

15 LATE ITEMS

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – 14.19

I, Councillor John Ferguson, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in relation to Item 14.19 'T2025-2026-114 Water Main Extension – Sams/Frew Street'. The nature of my interest is that my son in law and daughter own a business that submitted a tender.

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

Cr John Ferguson left the meeting at 2:10pm

I, Councillor Glyn Dare, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in relation to Item 14.19 'T2025-2026-114 Water Main Extension – Sams/Frew Street'. The nature of my interest is that my sister owns a business that submitted a tender.

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

Cr Glyn Dare left the meeting at 2:10pm

14.19 T2025-2026-114 WATER MAIN EXTENSION - FREW / SAMS STREET

RESOLUTION 2026/98

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council

- a) accept the tender submitted by Ago Vires for Tender T2025-2026-114 – Water Main Extension – Frew / Sams Street, subject to the resubmission of pricing based on DN100 PN18; and
- b) delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise contract arrangements.

CARRIED

Attendance

Cr Glyn Dare and Cr John Ferguson returned to the meeting at 2:22pm.

Chris left the meeting at 2:22pm.

George left the meeting at 2:56pm

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLUTION 2026/99

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

CLOSURE OF MEETNG

RECOMMENDATION

THAT pursuant to Section 275 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the meeting be closed to the public at 2:57pm to discuss the confidential matters listed below:

16.1 Assistance with Electricity Costs for Tenants in Temporary Caravans on Council-Owned

Properties

This matter is considered to be confidential pursuant to Section 254J(3)(1) (c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as it deals with the local government's budget.

To be discussed:

This matter is confidential in accordance with section 245J(3)(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 as it relates to Council's financial affairs and consideration of an unbudgeted expenditure which could prejudice Council's financial interests if disclosed.

CARRIED**RESOLUTION 2026/100**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting at 3:09pm

CARRIED**16.1 ASSISTANCE WITH ELECTRICITY COSTS FOR TENANTS IN TEMPORARY CARAVANS ON COUNCIL-OWNED PROPERTIES****RESOLUTION 2026/101**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council

1. Approve reimbursement of electricity costs incurred during the restoration period for affected Council properties, based on the following approach:
 - a. **Residents remaining on-site in caravans:**
Council reimburse verified electricity costs in excess of \$100 per month per property, recognising this amount as a reasonable baseline contribution for typical household electricity usage.

b. Residents who relocated off-site:

Council reimburse verified electricity costs incurred at the affected property during the period it was unoccupied, excluding any service fees.

2. Require that all reimbursement claims be supported by reasonable evidence, such as electricity accounts or other supporting documentation, to substantiate costs incurred.

CARRIED

17 NEXT MEETING

The Next Meeting is Thursday 18th June 2026.

18 CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 3:13pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 June 2026.

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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: 161528
Author: John Ferguson, Mayor
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Mayors Report for the month of May 2026.

MEETINGS

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

Meetings and Consultations

- 5th Kullilli People / Bulloo Meeting - Mayor Ferguson, Cr Dare & Cr Ferguson
- 7th Audit Committee Meeting – Cr Dare & Cr Ferguson
- 8th Santos Meeting – Mayor Ferguson & Cr Dare
- 18th BOM Flood Warning Infrastructure Network [FWIN] Program Discussion
- 20th Budget Workshop
- 21st Ordinary Council Meeting
- 22nd Minister Leah Visit – RAF Projects
- 25th – 28th LGAQ Bush Councils Convention – Longreach – Mayor Ferguson & Cr Parker

Bush Councils Convention

Council representatives attended the three-day LGAQ Bush Councils Convention in Longreach, which provided a targeted forum for rural and remote councils to engage on issues directly impacting their communities. The program was highly relevant, with sessions covering key areas such as the Rural and Remote Councils Compact update, biosecurity challenges with the Department of Primary Industries, regional event opportunities, insurance pressures, and critical infrastructure topics including beef roads and waterway barrier works. These sessions reinforced the unique operational environment of remote councils and provided practical insights into emerging policy directions, funding considerations, and service delivery challenges in areas such as emergency response, freight, and essential services like the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The Convention also provided strong networking opportunities with other remote councils, industry representatives, and government stakeholders, enabling the sharing of experiences and solutions. Of particular value were discussions focused on leadership during crisis and recovery, councillor conduct, and advocacy on regional priorities, which are directly relevant to Council's governance and operational responsibilities. Engagement with Ministers and senior

representatives further supported Council's ability to raise local issues and better understand the State's policy direction, strengthening Council's ongoing advocacy for sustainable service delivery and improved outcomes for remote communities.

Media

- 2WEB
- ABC Longreach

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORTS

12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

File Number: 161529
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer’s Report for the month of May 2026.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Outstanding Resolution Items

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

Meeting Date	Subject	Action	Comments
December 2020	Survey of Warri Gate Road	Engage a surveyor to prepare two survey plans, one over Naryilco Land and the other over Nockatunga land to allow for an application be made with DNRME for a simultaneous Road Opening and Closure for the entire length of road from the Bundeena Road to Warry Gate on the Queensland/New South Wales border within the localities of Nockatunga and Cameron Corner.	No progress. Previously advised that they would be sent the week of 18th May. Documents have not been sent to landholders; Mr Rosenberger advising he has been very busy and will get to it over the weekend.
February 2025	Res 2025/32 Proposed New Water Bore on Warri Gate Road	That Council endorse the application to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) for the installation of a water bore on Warri Gate Road, with a budget of up to \$800,000.	Tender awarded. Approval received from State Planning. Waiting on Water Permit from DLGWV; currently in native title notification phase.
December 2025	Res 2025/233 – Floodway and Traffic Monitoring Devices	That Council approve a trial of six Band7 Direct-to-Cell Satellite Floodway and Rainwater Gauge monitoring devices on a 24-month plan at key points along the Bulloo River.	Sites located in Quilpie Shire – preliminary discussions have occurred with Quilpie Shire Council regarding placement of gauges within their local government area, with maintenance to be undertaken by Bulloo Shire. Waiting on revised price from IOT to include brackets and mounting kit with devices. IOT have advised that they are unable to deliver the flood monitoring solution at this time due to timelines and R&D Funding. I am investigating further.
January 2026	Res 2026/9 - T2025-2026-105 SALE OF LAND - THARGOMINDAH	Accept tenders for sale of land.	One (1) contract has been fully executed and returned to the solicitor for lodgement. One (1) draft contract set to tenderer for review.

			One (1) contract finalised - settlement complete.
January 2026	Res 2026/13 - WATER BORES ON WARRI GATE ROAD	That Council approve an allocation of \$120,000 for the installation of water bores along Warri Gate Road.	Planning Application lodged. Permit to Take Water Lodged for 2yr period.
February 2026	Res 2026/30 GRIDS ON SHIRE ROADS	That Council undertake a Shire-wide grid inspection and assessment program, including photographic evidence and updates to Council's grid/register records, and report the outcomes back to Council for further consideration.	Scheduled to complete grid inspection by 19 th June 2026.

Meetings attended

- 5th Kullilli People / Bulloo Meeting
- 6th DDMG Meeting & Exercise – Cunnamulla
- 7th Audit Committee Meeting
DDSW EDO Meeting
- 8th Santos Meeting
- 12th ELT WHS Meeting
- 13th ELT Meeting
- 14th TMR/Bulloo Monthly Meeting
QRA Flood Study for Thargomindah Update
- 15th Mead Perry – Plant Hire & Oncost Meeting
- 18th BOM Flood Warning Infrastructure Network [FWIN] Program Discussion
- 20th Budget Workshop
- 21st Ordinary Council Meeting
- 22nd Minister Leah Visit – RAF Projects
- 25th – 28th LGAQ Bush Councils Convention - Longreach

Student Bursary

The 2026/2027 bursary was advertised through Councils newsletter and website with a closing date of 29th May 2026.

No applications were received.

Street Sweeper

Earlier this year, Council resolved to dispose of the existing street sweeper due to ongoing repair issues and not proceed with replacement, based on advice that a local contractor intended to purchase a sweeper and provide services.

At that time, indicative contractor rates were provided at \$135 per hour, which was relied upon by Council in determining that outsourcing was the preferred option. Based on this rate, internal assessment determined that it would take approximately 7+ years of hire to equal the purchase price of a new unit, making outsourcing the preferred option.

However, recent invoicing indicates that the actual charge is \$295 per hour, comprising:

- Street sweeper: \$100/hr
- Quad bike: \$60/hr
- Operator: \$135/hr

This represents more than double the originally advised rate of \$135/hr.

At the current rate of \$295 per hour, the cost of 184 hours of street sweeping is approximately \$54,280 per annum, compared to an internal value of \$34,224, representing an additional cost to Council of approximately \$20,056 per year.

The significant increase materially alters the original cost-benefit assessment underpinning Council's decision not to purchase a replacement unit.

Given:

- the current hire rate of \$295/hr; and
- the availability of second-hand street sweepers at comparatively lower capital cost (noting prior advice that units may be available under ~\$100,000)

it is recommended that Council reconsider the option of purchasing a street sweeper, as this may now present a more cost-effective and financially sustainable solution over the medium term.

At an estimated utilisation of 184 hours per annum and an internal charge-out rate of \$150 per hour, the annual value of a Council-owned street sweeper is approximately \$27,600. Allowing for associated labour costs of approximately \$6,624 per annum, the net annual benefit is reduced to approximately \$20,976.

This equates to a payback period of approximately 5 years for a \$100,000 second-hand unit, compared to approximately 12 years for a new unit.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Meeting	Locations	Council Representative
18 June	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
23-25 June	ALGA National General Assembly	Canberra	-
29 June	SWQROC Meeting	Online	Mayor
9-10 July	SWQROC + SWRRTG & SWQWSA	Thargomindah	Mayor
16 July	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
30-31 July	DDSWQCoM Meeting	Goondiwindi	Mayor
14 August	BROC Meeting	Brewarrina	
20 August	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
31 August	SWQROC Meeting	Brisbane	Mayor
1-2 September	WQAC Assembly 2026	Brisbane	Mayor
17 September	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
8 October	Bulloo Audit Committee Meeting	Thargomindah	Cr Glyn Dare Cr Russell Ferguson
15 October	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	
18 October	DDSWQCoM Meeting	Cairns	Mayor
19 October	SWQROC AGM	Cairns	Mayor
19-21 October	LGAQ Annual Conference	Cairns	
13 November	BROC Meeting	St George	
19 November	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
23-24 November	SWQROC + SWRRTG & SWQWSA	Roma	Mayor
14 December	SWQROC Meeting	Online	Mayor
17 December	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS

14.1 CORPORATE PLAN 2026-2031

File Number: 160803
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: 1. Corporate Plan 2026-2031

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the Draft Corporate Plan 2026–2031 to Council for adoption. The Corporate Plan sets Council’s strategic direction for the five-year period and provides the overarching framework to guide decision-making, service delivery, and resource allocation.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

The preparation and adoption of the Corporate Plan is governed by the following legislation:

- *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* – provides for a system of local government that is accountable, effective, efficient, and sustainable, and establishes the framework for financial and strategic planning.
- *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)* – requires a local government to prepare and adopt a five-year corporate plan and to discharge its responsibilities in a way that is consistent with that plan.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Corporate Plan 2026-2031, as presented.

BACKGROUND

The Corporate Plan is Council’s primary strategic planning document and covers a period of five financial years (2026–2031). It articulates Council’s vision, strategic priorities, and outcomes for the local government area and provides a clear link between Council’s long-term objectives and its annual operational and budgetary decisions.

The Corporate Plan informs:

- the annual budget
- the annual operational plan

- longer-term financial and asset planning
- organisational priorities and performance reporting.

The Draft Corporate Plan 2026–2031 has been developed reflects Council’s commitment to good governance, sustainable service delivery, and community-informed decision making.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Community Consultation

In developing the Draft Corporate Plan 2026–2031, Council undertook a range of community engagement activities to ensure the plan reflects local priorities and aspirations. Consultation was carried out through the following channels:

- Community survey – providing residents with the opportunity to identify key issues, priorities, and opportunities for the Shire
- In-person consultation with Thargomindah State School students – engaging young people to capture youth perspectives and future-focused ideas
- Community consultation session at the Kullilli Room – offering residents an opportunity for face-to-face discussion and feedback.

The feedback received through these engagement activities has informed the strategic themes, priority areas, and focus actions contained within the Draft Corporate Plan.

Strategic Alignment

The Draft Corporate Plan 2026–2031:

- outlines Council’s strategic direction for the five-year period
- identifies key priority areas and desired outcomes
- establishes performance measures to support monitoring and accountability
- provides a framework to guide future budgets and operational plans.

The plan aligns with the local government principles under the Local Government Act 2009, including transparency, community engagement, sustainability, and effective governance.

Adoption and Implementation

Once adopted, the Corporate Plan will guide Council decision-making and operational delivery over the 2026–2031 period. Council is required to conduct its activities in a manner consistent with the adopted Corporate Plan. The plan may be amended by Council resolution if required to respond to changing circumstances or priorities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

The plan must be adopted prior to the budget. Council's current Corporate Plan expires on 30 June 2026. In accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council is required to adopt a new five-year Corporate Plan in sufficient time to allow the 2026–27 annual budget and operational plan to be prepared and adopted consistently with the Corporate Plan.

To ensure continuity of strategic governance and legislative compliance, the Corporate Plan 2026–2031 must be adopted prior to the adoption of the 2026–27 budget and will commence on 1 July 2026.

CONSULTATION

Councillors

Community Consultation as above.



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Thargomindah | Hungerford | Noccundra | Cameron Corner



Acknowledgement

Bulloo Shire Council acknowledge the Kullilli, Budjiti, Wongkumara, Kungarduty, Yandruwandha Yawarrawarka peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the land and water across the Bulloo Shire.

We recognise the enduring cultural and spiritual connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country, and their ongoing connection to the lands on which we live and work.

We pay our respects to all elders past, present and emerging.

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Document History

Version	Date	Description of Changes	Approved by
1	June 2026	Initial document	Council



Welcome

Bulloo Shire is a proud and resilient community, shaped by its people, its environment, and a strong sense of connection. This Corporate Plan sets the direction for how Council will support that future, outlining our vision and priorities for the years ahead.

Throughout the life of this plan, Council will work collectively toward a shared vision—strengthening our communities and supporting them to remain connected, sustainable, and vibrant places to live and grow. Our role is to listen, respond, and deliver services in a way that is practical, transparent, and focused on outcomes.

We remain committed to maintaining strong partnerships with State and Federal Governments to ensure the region’s infrastructure and service needs are met. We also recognise the value of working collaboratively with neighbouring councils and regional stakeholders to support growth, resilience, and prosperity across the South West.

Council acknowledges the challenges facing rural and remote communities, including maintaining essential infrastructure and balancing financial sustainability, environmental responsibility, and community wellbeing. In response, we will continue to work closely with our community to deliver responsive, high-quality services that reflect local priorities.

This plan reflects the aspirations of our community and provides a clear direction for the future. By working together, Council, staff, and community will deliver on these priorities and continue to strengthen the Bulloo Shire as a great place to live, work, and grow.



John (Tractor) Ferguson OAM
Mayor

Profile

Bulloo Shire is located in the far south-west corner of Queensland and covers approximately 73,875 square kilometres (around 4.26% of the State), making it the third largest local government area in Queensland. The Shire encompasses significant natural assets, including Lake Bindegolly National Park and a large portion of Currawinya National Park, which is internationally recognised for its wetlands under the Ramsar Convention.

The region has a rich and enduring history shaped by exploration, pastoralism and resilience, from early expeditions such as Burke and Wills through to modern resource exploration and development. Today, Bulloo Shire is defined by vast open landscapes, diverse natural environments, significant water systems, and areas of cultural and historical importance. The Shire experiences variable and often extreme seasonal conditions, which continue to influence the way the community lives and works.

The local economy is diverse and regionally important, supported by industries including beef production, wool, opal mining, beekeeping, tourism, service industries, and the growing oil and gas sector. These industries underpin the Shire's economic activity and contribute to its resilience and sustainability.



Thargomindah, located on the Bulloo River, is the Shire’s primary service centre and administrative hub. Bulloo Shire Council is the largest employer in the region and operates from a modern Administration Centre and Depot. Council delivers a wide range of services and facilities including the Visitor Information Centre (Echidna Place), Library, Community Centre, Rodeo Grounds, water and sewerage services, and the Town Common. The town is supported by essential services including regular Royal Flying Doctor Service visits, visiting health and dental services, and is serviced by Regional Express Airlines with scheduled flights.

Cameron Corner, located approximately 402 kilometres from Thargomindah, marks the intersection of Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia. It is a unique and remote destination attracting visitors from across Australia, with services including accommodation, meals, fuel and camping provided by the Cameron Corner Store.

Noccundra is situated approximately 122 kilometres west of Thargomindah on the Wilson River and is centred around the iconic Noccundra Waterhole. A popular destination for tourists travelling to the Dig Tree and Innamincka, the town provides accommodation, fuel and hospitality services, along with camping and community facilities. Council maintains local infrastructure including community and recreational facilities and supports the town’s role as a key stopover destination in the region.

Hungerford, located approximately 164 kilometres south of Thargomindah along the Dowling Track near the Paroo River, is a small but important community on the Queensland–New South Wales border. The township provides essential services including a police presence, postal services, accommodation, meals and fuel. Council operates and maintains key community infrastructure including a depot, caravan park, medical facility, community hall, sporting facilities and a sealed airstrip. The town is supported by regular Royal Flying Doctor Service visits, and serves as a gateway to Currawinya National Park.





<p>Population</p> <p>347</p>	<p>Gross Regional Product</p> <p>\$112M</p>	<p>Top three sectors</p> <p>Agriculture, Mining, Public Administration</p>
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Vision

Growth
Inclusiveness
Local
Innovation

Mission

To work with our communities to deliver practical solutions, strengthen resilience, and enable local growth and opportunity across Bulloo Shire.

Our Values

Communication

We are "HOT" Honest, Open & Two-way – It is the transaction of ideas, thought, information, facts & values between council, staff & community

Courage

We plan to succeed – Excuses for failure are not documented. Fear is not present because no one ever works alone. Change is constant, growth is optional.

Fun

We laugh together, we work together – Work is only work if you make it so. In every job that must be done there is an element of fun.

Safety

We think, act & promote safety – Safety isn't a slogan it is a way of life

Potential

We encourage growth – Giving everyone a chance to reach their full potential is the best work anyone can do.

Commitment

We are passionate & engaged – commitment ignites our actions and drives our performance. It fuels our passion for a job well done.

About our Corporate Plan

The Bulloo Shire Council 2026–2031 Corporate Plan is a strategic document that guides Council’s planning and decision-making over the next five years. It reflects the priorities and aspirations of the community, informed through consultation undertaken across a range of platforms throughout the Shire.

The Corporate Plan is structured around five key strategic focus areas: Governance, Community, Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure.

A central focus of the Plan is the delivery of services and the capacity to maintain existing service levels, balanced with the implementation of financial strategies to ensure long-term sustainability.

The Corporate Plan is supported by the Annual Operational Plan, which outlines the specific activities and projects to be delivered each year to achieve Council’s strategic objectives. The Annual Budget provides the funding and resources required to implement the Operational Plan.



Our Focus Areas

- Governance
- Community
- Economy
- Environment
- Infrastructure

1. Governance

Delivering transparent and effective governance that enables financial sustainability, a capable and engaged workforce, and responsive, community-focused service delivery.

Strategy		Performance Measure
1.1	Deliver transparent and effective governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance, risk and compliance obligations consistently met Internal audit findings demonstrate a strong control environment
1.2	Ensure sustainable and responsible financial management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial sustainability indicators maintained within acceptable benchmarks External audit outcomes confirm sound financial management
1.3	Build a capable, safe and accountable workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive trends in staff engagement and satisfaction Workplace health and safety performance is maintained or improved
1.4	Deliver professional, responsive and community-focused services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community satisfaction with Council services maintained or improved Increased community participation in engagement and consultation activities

2. Community

Building connected, safe and inclusive communities that support health and wellbeing, culture and local identity.

Strategy		Performance Measure
2.1	Support community participation and wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen community consultation process Community satisfaction with inclusion, connection and access to services and facilities Participation rate in community programs, events and activities
2.2	Provide inclusive and accessible community spaces and facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community satisfaction with facilities and public spaces Delivery of priority community infrastructure projects in line with adopted plans and budgets Maintenance of community facilities in line with service standards or asset management plans
2.3	Build a capable, safe and accountable workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural and heritage events supported Preservation of cultural and heritage assets
2.4	Improve disaster preparedness and recovery capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disaster management plans reviewed Community preparedness and recovery activities delivered

3. Economy

Strengthening a resilient and sustainable local economy by supporting industry, employment, tourism and sustainable growth.

Strategy		Performance Measure
3.1	Optimise visitation and tourism opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor numbers and length of stay trends • Visitor satisfaction and feedback
3.2	Design places and deliver events that attract visitors and encourage them to stay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and attendance of events • Utilisation of visitor places, facilities and experiences • Community and visitor feedback on events and places
3.3	Promote innovation, new and emerging industries and embrace new technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships supporting innovation and skills development • Evidence of growth in new or emerging economic activities
3.4	Plan and deliver projects that support sustainable regional economic growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes achieved from major projects delivered • Investment attracted to the Bulloo Shire

4. Environment

Responsibly manage our land, water and natural environments, while building resilience to climate and disaster risk.

Strategy		Performance Measure
4.1	Build a climate-resilient region prepared for future risks and opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate risk considerations embedded in Council planning and decision-making • Demonstrated improvement in the region's preparedness and resilience to climate-related risks
4.2	Protect and enhance the natural environment through sustainable and innovative practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurable improvement in environmental and sustainability performance • Compliance with environmental legislation, standards and approvals
4.3	Effectively manage biosecurity risks to protect land and ecosystems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in the presence and impact of priority pest weeds and animals • Effective implementation and uptake of biosecurity management across the region.
4.4	Support the transition to renewable energy and sustainable development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased adoption of renewable energy and energy-efficient solutions across Council and the region • Sustainable development principles integrated into planning and infrastructure outcomes

5. Infrastructure

Planning, deliver and maintain fit-for-purpose infrastructure that meets current and future community needs.

	Strategy	Performance Measure
5.1	Deliver valued infrastructure, services and programs that meet community needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community satisfaction with Council infrastructure, services and programs Reliability of essential infrastructure services maintained or improved
5.2	Provide a safe, accessible and connected transport network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition and performance of the Shire road network Safety and reliability of transport infrastructure
5.3	Maintain Council assets to a high standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition of Council and community assets Reduction in unplanned asset failures
5.4	Plan and deliver sustainable infrastructure that meets current and future needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure capacity meets current and future community demand Infrastructure is sustainable and cost-effective across its lifecycle



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14.2 MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION POLICY

File Number: 161459
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: 1. 2.80.1 Media and Communication Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to present the amended Media and Communication Policy for Council's consideration and endorsement, ensuring alignment with the Local Government Act 2009 (as updated March 2026).

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulations 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.80.1 Media and Communication Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

The amended policy supports Council's corporate governance and community engagement objectives by:

- ensuring clear, accurate and consistent communication with the community
- strengthening transparency and accountability in public communications
- supporting effective stakeholder engagement
- aligning communication practices with legislative requirements

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Media and Communication Policy, as presented.

BACKGROUND

The Media and Communication Policy was last reviewed in April 2023.

In March 2026, updates to the interpretation and application of the Local Government Act 2009 clarified the role of the Mayor as the official spokesperson for local governments and reinforced the distinction between Council-endorsed positions and individual commentary by Councillors and officers.

A review of the existing policy was undertaken to:

- ensure legislative compliance
- clarify spokesperson roles and responsibilities
- reduce governance and reputational risk

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The amended policy introduces several key changes to improve clarity, compliance and governance:

Legislative Alignment

- Explicit recognition of the Mayor as the official spokesperson for Council
- Inclusion of provisions confirming that legislation prevails where inconsistencies exist

Clarification of Roles

- Clear distinction between:
 - Council's formal position
 - individual Councillor commentary
 - operational communication by the Chief Executive Officer

Councillor Communications

- Councillors may engage with media and the community
- Requirement to clearly distinguish personal views from Council positions
- Reinforcement that Councillors must not present themselves as the official spokesperson unless authorised

Delegation Framework

- Formal recognition that the Mayor may delegate spokesperson responsibilities to Councillors for specific matters
- Clarification that delegation is limited in scope and does not replace the Mayor's overarching role

Role of the Chief Executive Officer

- Clarifies that the CEO:
 - coordinates communications
 - may respond to media enquiries when directed by the Mayor
 - may provide operational information
- Confirms that CEO communications do not represent the formal position of Council unless authorised

Risk and Governance Improvements

- Removes ambiguity in media communications
- Strengthens control over public messaging
- Aligns policy with current legislative expectations and best practice

Overall, the amendments are not a complete rewrite but rather a targeted update to ensure the policy remains contemporary, compliant and defensible.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

The updated policy reduces the following risks:

- misrepresentation of Council's position in the media
- reputational damage arising from inconsistent messaging
- governance risk associated with unclear spokesperson authority
- non-compliance with the Local Government Act 2009

Failure to adopt the amended policy may result in ambiguity in communication roles and reduced defensibility in the event of media or community complaints.

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil



Media & Communications Policy

CONTROL:

Policy Type:	Executive
Authorised by:	Council
Head of Power:	Local Government Act 2009
Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Adopted / Approved:	<u>18 June 2026; Resolution 2026/ 21-April-2023</u>
Last Reviewed:	<u>April-2023</u> <u>June 2026</u>
Review:	<p><u>April-2027</u><u>June 2030</u></p> <p>Note: This Policy is reviewed when any of the following occur:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The related information is amended or replaced. 2. Other circumstances as determined from time to time by the Chief Executive Officer. <p>Notwithstanding the above, this Policy is to be reviewed at intervals of no more than four years.</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear, consistent and legislatively compliant guidelines for how Bulloo Shire Council communicates with the media and the community.

It aims to:

- ensure accurate and consistent public messaging
- protect Council’s reputation
- clarify who is authorised to speak on behalf of Council
- distinguish between official Council positions and individual commentary

~~This purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines for spokesperson/s for Bulloo Shire Council when interacting with the media to maximise the benefits for Council and to minimise the risk of adverse publicity and misunderstanding due to inaccurate information or inappropriate sharing of information.~~

~~1.2 POLICY OBJECTIVES:~~

~~This objectives of this policy are to clarify the appropriate process for preparing / releasing media statements and responding to media enquiries~~

~~1.3~~1.2 COMMENCEMENT OF POLICY:



Media & Communications Policy

This Policy will commence on adoption. It replaces all other specific Media and Communication policies of Council (whether written or not).

1.41.3 SCOPE:

~~This Policy applies to all spokesperson/s when representing Council in the media, this includes verbal and written comments, public speaking engagements, media releases and the use of social media. This policy applies to:~~

- ~~• the Mayor~~
- ~~• all Councillors~~
- ~~• the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)~~
- ~~• all Council employees~~

It covers:

- media releases
- interviews
- public statements
- social media and online communications
- responses to media enquiries

2. POLICY

2.1 CONTEXT:

Bulloo Shire Council's interaction with the media requires careful management and a consistent and proactive approach.

The development of clear processes around media interaction, including consideration of target audience and factors such as: target publics, political sensitivity and public interest, is essential in maintaining a positive organisational reputation and serve the interests of all stakeholders.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2009, Council must ensure that media and communications practices clearly distinguish between the official position of Council and commentary provided by individual Councillors or officers.

2.2 POLICY STATEMENT:

- Council acknowledges the important role that media interaction plays in community engagement.
- Council respects the principle of freedom of the press and the right of media outlets to report on Council matters in a manner that they consider appropriate.
- Council will seek positive relationships with media outlets to ensure that support balanced and objective accurate reporting of Council matters is achieved.
- As a general rule, Council will not respond to "Letters to the Editor", unless a gross significant inaccuracy requires explicit correction.
- Staff contact with editorial media other than that authorised under this policy is prohibited.
- Council recognises the Mayor as the official spokesperson for the local government in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009.
- Councillors may engage with the community and media regarding local government matters; however, they must not represent themselves as speaking on behalf of Council unless authorised or delegated to do so by the Mayor.
- Councillors may express personal or political views, but must:
 - clearly distinguish those views from Council's adopted position; and
 - ensure they do not create confusion as to whether they are speaking in an official capacity.
- Council respects-recognises the democratic decision-making process prescribed at law for local government in Queensland and respects the right of individual and the right of Councillors to debate-against a motion, vote-against a motion-and/or- and record their dissent; however, where public statements are made, clarity must be maintained regarding whether the statement reflects:
 - The formal position of Councils; or
 - An individual Councillor's view

- Where any provision of this policy is inconsistent with the Local Government Act 2009, the legislation prevails.
- ~~where appropriate. However, Council also respects the long-standing convention of all Councillors publicly supporting the consensus decision-making process, regardless of their viewpoint on a particular matter.~~
- ~~This protocol does not purport to restrict Councillors from making statements, or from responding to media enquiries they may receive. However, should Councillors intend to make statements reflecting personal/political opinion, or, that are in some way contrary to published Council position, such remarks should be qualified accordingly.~~

3. STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

3.1 KEY PRINCIPLES

Council communications must:

- clearly identify the authorised spokesperson
- distinguish between Council's formal position and operational or individual commentary
- be accurate, consistent and aligned with Council decisions and legislative obligations

3.1.1 Preparing / Releasing Media Statements

3.1.1.1 The Mayor is Council's official spokesperson and has primary responsibility for communicating decisions of Council or its position on a particular issue via media release or interviews.

~~Where the Mayor is not unavailable, then this will be the Deputy Mayor or the Chief Executive Officer, may act in this role in accordance with legislative provisions.~~

The Mayor may delegate spokesperson responsibilities to another Councillor for a specific matter, project, portfolio or event. Any such delegation must be clearly defined and applies only to the subject matter delegated.

The Mayor may also direct that the Chief Executive Officer respond to media enquiries or provide statements on behalf of Council where appropriate. In such cases, the Chief Executive Officer will communicate in accordance with Council's adopted position.

The Chief Executive Officer may provide information on operational or administrative matters; however, such communications do not constitute the formal position of Council unless expressly authorised.

~~3.1.1.13~~3.1.1.2 As a matter of courtesy, copies of final releases are to be distributed to Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer, relevant Managers and relevant operational staff (including those likely to have customer

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contact on the matter) prior to publication. In practice, this will generally occur ~~(by email)~~ at the same time as the item is released to media outlets.

~~3.1.1.23.1.1.3~~ Where time permits, items of a politically sensitive nature are to be distributed to Councillors to provide them with the opportunity to review the statements prior to release. ~~It is recognised that this is not always possible.~~

3.1.2 Responding to Media Enquiries

3.1.2.1 The Mayor is Council's official spokesperson and has primary responsibility for communicating Councils adopted Position. ~~decisions of Council or its position on a particular issue.~~

Where the Mayor is ~~not-unavailable,~~ then this will be the Deputy Mayor or a Councillors acting under delegation ~~the Chief Executive Officer may respond.~~

The Mayor may direct that the Chief Executive Officer respond to media enquiries where appropriate, noting that the Chief Executive Officer will communicate in accordance with Council's adopted position.

3.1.2.2 All editorial media enquiries and requests for media comment should be directed to the Chief Executive Office in the first instance, ~~where the Mayor will be offered the first opportunity to respond~~ to ensure appropriate coordination and allocation to the authorised spokesperson.

3.1.2.3 Where the matter is ~~of a sensitive nature or complex,~~ authorised spokespersons ~~authorised under this policy are encouraged to consider seeking the opportunity to should consider provide providing a~~ written response s to specific questions. ensure accuracy and consistency.

3.1.2.4 ~~In any case, where~~ Where comment is ~~made provided~~ to the media, the spokespersons ~~are requested to notify their colleagues that the (Councillors) and the Chief Executive Officer for their information are informed, where appropriate.~~

3.1.3 Official Spokesperson

3.1.3.1 The Mayor is the official spokesperson for Bulloo Shire Council on local government matters. ~~for all media items issued from Bulloo Shire Council. At the Mayor's discretion this responsibility can be delegated to another Councillor or Senior Council Officer as nominated.~~

~~3.1.3.2~~ The Chief Executive Officer is the official spokesperson for all staff-related or organisational issues. Mayor may delegate spokesperson responsibilities to another Councillors for specific matters, noting that:

- the delegation must be clearly defined
- it applies only within the scope of the delegation
- it does not limit the Mayor's overarching role as official spokesperson

3.1.3.3 The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for managing and coordinating Council’s communications and may provide information on administrative or operational matters.

Where directed by the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer may respond to media enquiries or provide statements on behalf of Council.

Communications provided by the Chief Executive Officer or Council officers in the course of administrative functions do not constitute formal statements on behalf of Council unless authorised.

~~3.1.3.2 The Chief Executive Officer, at their discretion, will delegate the responsibility to another Council Officer.~~

3.1.3.4 The Chief Executive Officer may delegate operational communication responsibilities to appropriate Council officers.

3.1.4 Requests for Information

3.1.4.1 Some journalists may request background information for news items. All staff should refer reporters to the Chief Executive Officer.

3.1.4.2 With Mayoral or Chief Executive Officer approval, council officers and staff are authorised to provide background information to journalists but cannot be quoted. This should be stated to the journalist at the beginning and end of the discussion and requests for quotes forwarded to the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer or relevant Councillor.

3.1.4.3 When staff become aware of sensitive or reactive issues that may encourage media attention they should contact the Chief Executive Officer immediately with the details.

3.1.4.4 At **no point** should Council staff provide personal comment on, or speculate about Council decisions to the media.

3.1.5 ‘Off-the-record’ Comments

3.1.5.1 Bulloo Shire Council does not provide ‘off-the-record’ comments. Often these types of comments flag an issue for further/greater media attention. A good journalist will try and get the same information ‘on-the-record’ from another source and these sources may be less accurate or appropriate. If it is not suitable for the information to be provided to the public, leave it out of all conversations with the media.

4. REFERENCE AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 DEFINITIONS:

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions shall apply:

Word/Term	Definition
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Media & Communication Policy

Council	Means Bulloo Shire Council.
<u>Council Position</u>	<u>A formally adopted decision, policy or resolution of Council communicated on behalf of the local government.</u>
Media	Communication of news widely to the public via print (includes web sites), radio or television.
<u>Personal / Individual Commentary</u>	<u>Statements made by a Councillor or employee in a personal capacity that do not represent the formal position of Council.</u>
Public Relations	The management function which evaluates public attitudes, identifies the policies and procedures of an individual or an organisation with the public interest, and plans and executes a programme of action to earn public understanding and acceptance, (PR News).
Media Release (or news release)	A written or recorded communication issued to the media to inform them of information the organisation has deemed as possessing news value to attract favourable media attention.

4.2 RELATED POLICIES, LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS:

Links to supporting documentation
<u>Local Government Act 2009 Local Government Act 2009 (including sections 12(4)(g), 12(6), 170 and 258)</u>
<u>Local Government Regulations 2012</u>
<u>Councillors Code of Conduct</u>
Bulloo Shire Council Code of Conduct Policy
Bulloo Shire Council Website and Social Media Policy
Bulloo Shire Council Strategic Communications Strategy 2016

14.3 STUDENT BURSARY POLICY REVIEW

File Number: 161456
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: 1. 4.06.1 Student Bursary

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to amend the Student Bursary Policy to clarify the eligibility and treatment of HECS/HELP liabilities and associated evidentiary requirements.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Nil

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

4.06.1 Student Bursary Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

COM2.4.1 - Continue to fund the Bulloo Shire Bursary

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

The Student Bursary Policy is designed to encourage local students to undertake post-secondary studies, identify eligible applicants, and establish a reporting framework to ensure that successful recipients meet the obligations of the bursary.

Council is committed to providing educational opportunities for students within the local region and budgets annually to provide financial assistance to eligible students to assist with tuition fees and other costs incidental to their course of study.

A recent review of the Policy identified that, while tuition costs were broadly referenced, the treatment of HECS/HELP liabilities and associated evidentiary requirements was not clearly defined, resulting in potential ambiguity in administration.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The proposed amendments clarify that bursary funds may be applied toward tuition fees, including HECS/HELP liabilities, and expand the definition of acceptable evidence to reflect current tertiary fee arrangements.

In particular, the Policy has been updated to replace the requirement for “receipts” with a broader requirement for suitable evidence of expenditure, including fee statements, Commonwealth Assistance Notices (CAN), and other official documentation.

These changes improve the clarity and consistency of the Policy, ensure appropriate financial controls are maintained, and align the Policy with current tertiary education funding practices.

The amendments do not materially change the intent of the Policy or the level of financial assistance provided.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$3,000 per student per annum

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil



Policy No: 4.06.1

Student Bursary Policy

CONTROL:

Policy Type:	Admin & Finance
Authorised by:	Council
Head of Power:	Nil
Responsible Officer:	Corporate & Governance Manager
Responsibilities:	<p><i>Administration & Finance Manager –</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is responsible for monitoring and evaluating the operation of this Policy; and • Will ensure all mandatory reporting requirements detailed in the guidelines to this Policy.
Adopted / Approved:	15 May 2025; Resolution 2025/70
Last Reviewed:	June 2025
Review:	<p>June 2029</p> <p>Note: This Policy is reviewed when any of the following occur:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The related information is amended or replaced. 2. Other circumstances as determined from time to time by the Chief Executive Officer. <p>Notwithstanding the above, this Policy is to be reviewed at intervals of no more than four years.</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Policy is to encourage local students to undertake post-secondary studies.

1.2 POLICY OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of this Policy are to encourage local students to undertake post-secondary studies, identify eligible applicants and set a reporting framework that ensures that successful applicants fulfil the obligations of the bursary.

1.3 COMMENCEMENT OF POLICY:

This Policy will commence on adoption. It replaces all other specific Student Bursary policies of Council (whether written or not).

1.4 SCOPE:

This Policy applies to all secondary school students in the local region.

Student Bursary Policy

2. POLICY

2.1 CONTEXT:

Council is committed to providing educational opportunities for all students within the local region ~~and to achieve this goal.~~ To support this objective, Council will budget an amount each year to provide ~~students who meet the criteria,~~ financial assistance to eligible students to contribute towards ~~assist in the payment of tuition fees (including HECS/HELP liabilities), or the and other costs incidental to the relevant directly relating to their~~ course of study. ~~(eg: HECS fees, textbooks, boarding fees).~~

2.2 POLICY STATEMENT:

- (a) Council will provide a bursary to eligible students undertaking post-secondary studies, ~~to assist in the payment of tuition fees (including HECS/HELP liabilities) and other approved study-related expenses;~~ or other costs incidental to the relevant course of study (eg: HECS fees, textbooks, boarding fees);
- (b) Bursaries may be awarded for a period of up to two years provided students continue to meet the set criteria;
- (c) The value of the bursary will be reviewed annually and provided for within the annual budget;
- (d) Bursaries will be awarded at the discretion of the Council within the set budget limits; and
- (e) Bursaries may be financial needs based and applicants may need to complete a financial questionnaire.

3. STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

3.1 KEY PRINCIPLES

- 3.1.1 Support for further education opportunities for Bulloo Shire residents.

3.2 CONSIDERATIONS

3.2.1 Eligibility

- 3.2.1.1 Students of parents/guardians who reside within the Bulloo Shire; ideally the student should have been a resident in Bulloo Shire.

3.3 SPECIFIC AND STANDARD

3.3.1 Criteria for Selection

- 3.3.1.1 Nominations should address the following criteria:
 - 3.3.1.1.1 Successful enrolment into university/tertiary or post-secondary studies; and
 - 3.3.1.1.2 Be a Resident of the Bulloo Shire.

Student Bursary Policy

- 3.3.1.2 To be considered for a bursary an applicant will be:
- 3.3.1.2.1 Under 24 years of age;
 - 3.3.1.2.2 Enrolling in any post-secondary full-time course;
 - 3.3.1.2.3 Ensure its application is not received after the closing date, ~~as this will not be considered under any circumstances~~, unless approved by Council; and
 - 3.3.1.2.4 Able to reapply for the bursary, if unsuccessful.
 - 3.3.1.2.5 Successful application from previous rounds of the bursary may reapply only once.

3.3.2 Method of Application

- 3.3.2.1 Applications must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer and detail how the guidelines, criteria can be are met, including the relevancy to future employment;
- 3.3.2.2 Applications must be in the prescribed form and address the Selection Criteria; and
- 3.3.2.3 Additional information may be provided in support of the application.

3.3.3 Obligation of Recipient

- 3.3.3.1 Result of approved study must be presented to the Chief Executive Officer together with a short report on progress with the course;
- 3.3.3.2 Annually, a verbal or written report must be presented to Council;
- 3.3.3.3 Withdrawal of course may result in Council requiring ~~assistance to be returned~~ repayment of bursary;
- 3.3.3.4 Instalments will be paid to the recipient at the end of each semester, subject to on the provision of satisfactory academic results;
- 3.3.3.5 Bursary funds may be applied toward tuition fees (including HECS/HELP liabilities), textbooks, course materials, accommodation, or other costs directly related to the approved course of study, as determined by Council;
- 3.3.3.6 The recipient must provide suitable evidence of expenditure for all bursary payments. Evidence may include receipts, tax invoices, fee statements, Commonwealth Assistance Notices (CAN), or other official documentation confirming the cost or liability incurred.
- ~~3.3.3.5—Receipts are to be provided for all payments (ie. text books, etc.).~~

Student Bursary Policy

4. REFERENCE AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 DEFINITIONS:

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions shall apply:

Word / Term	Definition
Council	means Bulloo Shire Council.

4.2 RELATED POLICIES, LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS:

Links to supporting documentation
Application for Student Bursary form

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Student Two Year Bursary Application Form

Applicant: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Tertiary Entrance Statement attached: YES NO

Post-Secondary Full Time Course Enrolled In: _____

Name of Parents/Guardians:
(must reside in the Bulloo Shire) _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ (h) _____ (m)

Email: _____

FUTURE ASPIRATIONS OF RECIPIENT *(100 words or less on what the recipient intends to do upon graduation and how this course will assist with future employment.)*

Have you previously applied for this bursary? YES NO

If So, When: _____

Signature of Nominee: _____ **Date:** _____

14.4 REQUEST TO PRESENT AT A COUNCIL MEETING

File Number: 161461
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: 1. Request to Present at Council Meeting Form

PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement of the updated Request to Present at a Council Meeting Form and the associated administrative process for members of the public requesting to present at a Council meeting. The updated form provides a clearer and more structured process for requesting to address Council on a meeting agenda item.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009
Under the Local Government Regulation 2012

Queensland guidance on council meetings states that while members of the public may attend council meetings, they do not have a right to participate or speak unless invited to do so.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed form and process support an orderly, transparent and consistent approach to public presentations at Council meetings. This is consistent with Queensland model meeting procedure requirements and best-practice standing order guidance for local government meetings.

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

The proposal aligns with Council's strategic direction to improve transparency and confidence in Council decision-making and service delivery, and to strengthen community engagement and public participation in Council decisions.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council,

- a) endorse the updated Request to Present at a Council Meeting Form for use by members of the public requesting to present at a Council meeting; and
- b) endorse the associated administrative process requiring requests to be submitted no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the relevant Council meeting, with any presentation material to be provided no later than the Friday before the meeting.

BACKGROUND

Council currently has an existing Request to Present at a Council Meeting Form for members of the public requesting to appear before Council. The existing form includes contact details, the reason for appearing, the requested meeting date, representation details, presentation submission requirements and an office-use approval section.

The revised Request to Present at a Council Meeting the form improves clarity by better identifying the purpose of the request, the relevant agenda item, the type of information or

recommendation sought, and any presentation resource requirements. It retains the existing timeframes and submission requirements for presentations.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The revised form improves clarity by requiring applicants to specify the agenda item they wish to address and whether they intend to provide information, seek information, or seek a recommendation from Council. It also records whether the presentation will be in person or by MS Teams and identifies any other resources required.

The form retains key existing controls, including the requirement that no more than two public presentations be scheduled for each Council meeting, that each presentation be limited to ten (10) minutes with ten (10) minutes for discussion, and that requests be submitted seven (7) calendar days before the meeting.

Supporting guidance for speakers would further strengthen the process by setting expectations around conduct, speaking only when invited, keeping to the agenda item, and not introducing new material at the meeting. The reviewed speaking guide also highlights that council meetings are formal meetings and that public statements made during a meeting may be recorded and may expose a speaker to legal risk if defamatory or offensive.

Endorsement of both the form and process will provide a clearer, more defensible framework for managing requests to present to Council and support consistent administration of public participation at meetings.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Without a clearly endorsed form and process, there is a risk of inconsistent handling of requests, unclear expectations for presenters, and insufficient information being available to Councillors before a presentation. The revised form mitigates these risks by requiring a defined purpose, advance notice, and prior submission of presentation material.

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil



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The Chief Executive Officer
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Request to Present at Council Meeting

Council has endorsed that attendees provide the following information as part of any request to attend a Council Meeting. Please complete the form and return to Council@bulloo.qld.gov.au no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting at which you wish to appear.

No more than two (2) public presentations will be scheduled on the agenda of each Council meeting each month. Each presentation is limited to ten (10) minutes and ten (10) minutes will be allotted for discussion.

DETAILS:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Organisation: _____ Position: _____

Guest attendees: _____

Additional comments: _____

AGENDA ITEM:

1. The reason you wish to appear before Council: _____

2. Preferred meeting date you wish to attend? _____
3. For the agenda item, do you expect to:
 - Provide information to the council about: _____

 - Seek information from the council about: _____

 - Seek a recommendation from the council about: _____

RESOURCES

MS Teams presentation or In Person: _____

Other resources required? _____

Please attach a paper or electronic copy of your presentation to this application or submit it no later than the Friday before the Council meeting. Your presentation will be circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting to provide Councillors with an opportunity to review your submission.

Approval Date: _____

14.5 MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE - NON-RESIDENT WORKFORCE ACCOMMODATION AND LOW IMPACT INDUSTRY - LOT 252 RP208578**File Number:** 161463**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. 22-202526 APA Bulloo Interlink Pipeline - Assessment Report (under separate cover)**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the report is to provide Council with information to assess an application for a Material Change of Use – Non-Resident Workforce Accommodation and Low impact industry at Warri Gate Road, Noccundra on land described as Lot 252 RP208578.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Planning Act 2016

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the development application 22-202526 for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for *Non-Resident Workforce Accommodation and Low Impact Industry* over land described as Lot 252 RP208578, Warri Gate Road, Noccundra, subject to the conditions attached and that the applicant be advised accordingly:

General Conditions

1. The development must be carried out generally in accordance with the approved plans and supporting documentation, except where amended by the conditions of this approval.
2. The premises must be used only for the approved use of non resident workforce accommodation and low impact industry. The low impact industry component must not involve extractive industry, high impact industry or noxious activities without further approval.
3. The development is approved as a temporary use for a maximum period of five (5) years from the date of approval, unless otherwise extended by Council.
4. If the use ceases for a continuous period exceeding six (6) months, all structures associated with the use must be removed and the site rehabilitated to a safe and stable condition, generally consistent with its pre-development state, unless otherwise approved by Council.
5. The development must comply with all relevant legislation, regulations, Australian Standards and codes, including the National Construction Code.

Certificate of Classification

6. Prior to commencement of the use, a lawful certificate of classification must be obtained from a building certifier in respect of all buildings and structures.
7. All relevant conditions required to be complied with prior to the commencement of use must be completed prior to the issuing of a Certificate of Classification.

Engineering

8. Vehicle access to the site must be taken from Warri Gate Road only, as shown on the approved plans.
9. The driveway must be formed, drained and maintained to a standard suitable for the intended use and must remain clear of obstructions at all times.
10. Stormwater must be managed on site in accordance with best practice and must not cause nuisance, erosion or adverse impacts on adjoining land, Council infrastructure or State infrastructure.
11. The development must not adversely impact the safety, function or efficiency of the local road network.

Parking & Traffic

12. All vehicles associated with the development must access the site via approved access routes only. Heavy vehicle movements must be managed to minimise impacts on the local road network.
13. Adequate on-site car parking must be provided and retained for the duration of the use to meet the operational needs of the development.
14. Internal vehicle and pedestrian circulation areas must be maintained in a safe and serviceable condition at all times.

Landscaping

15. Landscaping is not required for the development due to its temporary nature and rural location. The site must be maintained in a clean and orderly condition for the duration of the use.

Environment and Health

16. Lighting of the site, including any security lighting, must be designed and installed so that lighting intensity does not exceed 8.0 lux measured at 1.5 metres beyond the property boundary. All lighting must be directed or shielded to prevent glare affecting nearby properties or vehicles using Warri Gate Road.
17. Waste must be stored in covered, weather-proof containers of sufficient capacity for the use. The waste storage area and containers must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.

Waste must be removed from the site regularly and disposed of at an approved waste facility. No waste is to be burned or buried on site.
18. The development must be serviced by self-contained potable water supply and wastewater systems suitable for the approved use. Wastewater must not be discharged to any waterway

and must be managed in accordance with relevant approvals and standards.

- 19. Measures must be implemented and maintained to suppress dust generated by the use, including from access roads, stockpile areas and vehicle movements, to prevent environmental nuisance.
- 20. The use must not cause nuisance or environmental harm through noise, odour or emissions beyond the site boundary.

Infrastructure and Services

- 21. The development must remain self-contained and must not connect to Bulloo Shire Council water or sewerage infrastructure unless approved in writing by Council.
- 22. The development must not damage or interfere with Council assets or infrastructure. Any damage must be rectified at the applicant’s cost.

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

- 23. The use must comply with all relevant requirements of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 and the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011.

Compliance with Conditions

- 24. Compliance with the conditions of this approval shall be maintained at all times while the use continues.

Advisory Notes

- 25. This approval does not relieve the applicant of the obligation to obtain any other permits or approvals required under State or Commonwealth legislation.
- 26. Compliance with cultural heritage obligations under the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 remains the responsibility of the proponent.

Referral Agency Conditions

Attachment 1—Referral agency conditions

(Under section 56(1)(b)(i) of the *Planning Act 2016* the following conditions must be attached to any development approval relating to this application) (Copies of the documents referenced below are found at Attachment 5)

No.	Conditions	Condition timing
Material change of use		
Schedule 10, part 3, division 4, table 3, item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017) - Clearing native vegetation The chief executive administering the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> nominates the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development to be the enforcement authority for the development to which this development approval relates for the administration and enforcement of any matter relating to the following condition(s):		
1.	The Development must be carried out generally in accordance with Figure 2 Site Layout Map, prepared by Ardent, reference: Sheet No. RTPL_ARD_APA036_MAP_0004_B and dated 14/01/2026.	At all times

FURTHER ADVICE TO APPLICANT

1. No work shall be commenced on works which will ultimately revert to Council or on adjacent roads or drainage schemes until Council has been advised in writing, of the name of the responsible contractor and that the contractor has received from Council a notice of appointment of principal contractor under the provisions of the *Workplace Health and Safety Act*.
2. All works shall be carried out in accordance with the *Workplace Health & Safety Act 1989*.
3. It is the owner's and occupants responsibility under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* to advise the Chief Executive administering the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* of any notifiable activity conducted on the site or contamination or suspected contamination which may cause a hazard to human health or the environment within 30 days of becoming aware of the operation of a notifiable activity on the site or of any contamination or suspected contamination. The Chief Executive, pursuant to the Act, is empowered to require that the development complies with the provisions of the Act, including the preparation of site investigation reports and if necessary the remediation of the site at the owners expense.
4. This approval takes effect in accordance with the timeframes of the *Planning Act 2016*.
5. The currency period for this approval is in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*.

BACKGROUND

Council received a Development Application for a Material Change of Use (MCU) for *Non-Resident Workforce Accommodation and Low Impact Industry*.

The subject land is more broadly described as Lot 252 on RP208578 (Nockatunga Station), with a total area of approximately 892.905 hectares. The site is located approximately 197 km southwest of Quilpie and 115.5 km west-northwest of Thargomindah within the Bulloo Shire local government area.

The proposed development footprint comprises approximately 27.22 hectares and includes:

- 11.8 hectares for pipeline stockpiling and material handling
- 7.5 hectares for a temporary workforce accommodation camp (350–400 persons)
- 3 hectares for effluent irrigation associated with an onsite sewerage treatment plant
- Internal access tracks and supporting infrastructure

The proposal seeks approval for the following components:

- A pipeline laydown area for the storage and handling of materials
- Temporary non-resident workforce accommodation, including:
 - Accommodation buildings
 - Kitchen and dining facilities

- Offices, gymnasium and recreational areas
- Parking and associated services
- An onsite sewerage treatment plant (Environmentally Relevant Activity 63)
- An irrigation system for the disposal of treated effluent

The development is intended to support temporary workforce personnel associated with the APA project and will operate as short-term accommodation. The use is temporary in nature and will be decommissioned and rehabilitated upon cessation.

The application is impact assessable under the Bulloo Shire Planning Scheme 2019 and has been subject to public notification in accordance with the Planning Act 2016.

As an impact assessable application, the proposal is required to be assessed against the applicable provisions of the State Planning Policy (SPP) and relevant codes of the Bulloo Shire Planning Scheme 2019.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Planning Framework

The proposed development comprises *Non-Resident Workforce Accommodation and Low Impact Industry* on land zoned Rural.

The application has been assessed against the relevant provisions of the Bulloo Shire Planning Scheme 2019, including:

- Rural Zone Code
- General Development Code
- Non-Resident Workforce Accommodation Code

Public notification

Public notification was undertaken in accordance with Part 4 of the Development Assessment Rules.

The notification period was 15 business days, consistent with section 53(4)(b) of the *Planning Act 2016*, and was carried out from 28 April to 18 May 2026.

No properly made submissions were received.

Referral

The application triggered referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) under the *Planning Regulation 2017*, specifically:

- Schedule 10, Part 3, Division 4, Table 3, Item 1 – Development involving the clearing of native vegetation

- Schedule 10, Part 9, Division 4, Subdivision 1, Table 1, Item 1 – Development impacting on State transport infrastructure
- Schedule 10, Part 9, Division 4, Subdivision 2, Table 4, Item 1 – Development within or adjoining a State transport corridor

Accordingly, the application was referred to SARA for assessment, and any applicable conditions are to be incorporated into the decision notice.

Reason for Approval

The application seeks approval for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for Non-Resident Workforce Accommodation and Low Impact Industry over land described as Lot 252 RP208578, Warri Gate Road, Noccundra.

The proposal is considered acceptable for approval for the following reasons:

1. The development is generally consistent with the relevant provisions of the Bulloo Shire Planning Scheme 2019, including the Rural Zone Code and Non-Resident Workforce Accommodation Code.
2. The development is appropriately located within a rural setting, is temporary in nature, and is not expected to result in unacceptable impacts on the surrounding environment or existing land uses, subject to conditions.
3. The site is suitable for the proposed use, with adequate separation from sensitive land uses, appropriate access arrangements, and provision of on-site infrastructure services.
4. The scale and operation of the development are compatible with the locality and will not adversely impact the safety, function, or efficiency of the local road network
5. Potential impacts associated with the development can be appropriately managed through the imposition of reasonable and relevant conditions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

14.6 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT

File Number: 161435
Author: Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION
 That Council receive and note the Administration & Finance Services Report for May 2026.

ADMINISTRATION

Customer Service Requests

Listed below is a summary of the 11 External Service Requests received for the month of May 2026.

Department - Type	Number
Housing Maintenance	7
Hire of Plant & Equipment	3
Rates Enquiries	1

TENDERS

Item	Department	Status
T2025-2026-208 Turkey Nest Dam Constructions – Warri Gate Road	Executive	Open
T2025-2026-115 Bitumen Seal – Thargomindah, Warri Gate Road and Noccundra Airstrip	Engineer	Report to Council
T2025-2026-116 Full Service In-Situ Stabilisation – Thargomindah	Engineer	Report to Council
T2025-2026-118 Two (2) x Water Cart Hire for Noccundra Airstrip	Engineer	Closing 5:00pm 16 th June 2026
T2025-2026-119 One (1) x Water Cart Hire for Warri Gate Road CRC Project	Engineer	Closing 12:00pm 24 th June 2026

PROCUREMENT

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

“Council acknowledges that it has an important role to play in the local economy and is committed to assisting local industry engage in business with Council.”

To date, Council has paid a total of **\$20,582,984** to local contractors and businesses for all goods and services procured from 1st July 2025 to 31st May 2026.

GRANTS

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

Gambling Community Benefit Fund

Council has submitted a new acquittal date of 30/06/2026 for the Echidna Statue project to allow for remaining underspend of ~\$12,000 be utilised on new signage to accommodate the statue. Alongside interpretation there will also be installation of flood markers indicating the 2025 and past major flooding events relevant to the resolute nature of the echidna icon.

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) 24-25 and WQPHN 25-26

These are ongoing operational grants that are being successfully delivered by Council and managed by Council's Health and Wellbeing Officer.

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure – Phase 1, 3 & 4

- 2024-25 Annual Reports for all phases submitted.
- Final report for Phase 1 submitted.
- All works for Phase 3 and Phase 4 now completed with final acquittal reports being finalised and will be submitted soon.
- All phases will still require audited annual reports after the end of the financial year.

QRA Crucial Access Links - Sealing and fencing of Noccundra Airstrip.

Monthly Update included in Operational Services Report.

Residential Activation Fund – Sams/Frew St Truck Infrastructure

- Tender for the water mains extension awarded and breaking ground in June 2026.
- Final design for the sewerage infrastructure has been completed, with tender documentation currently in development.
- Final design for the stormwater infrastructure has also been completed, with tender documentation in development.
- Progress reports are due at the end of June.

Country Roads Connect Program

10km Seal on Warri Gate Road.

Monthly Update included in Operational Services Report.

Community Recovery and Resilience Officer (CRRO)

Council has been funded to engage a full-time equivalent (FTE)* CRRO and delivery of community recovery Eligible Activities. The applicant commenced duty on 13 April 2026 and has submitted a draft Action Plan.

CRRO activities already underway include the 5 at 5 and 5 at 9 Walk & Talk initiatives, along with the establishment of the Community Recovery and Resilience Hub, providing accessible spaces for connection, information and support. Upcoming activities will include AI training for community groups to strengthen grant writing and social media capability, as well as one-on-one AI coaching sessions to support local business capability and resilience.

Supply Scheme Fund

Council has been approved for funding to undertake a review of the planning scheme. Council has been granted approval to change the scope of the grant to cover a general planning scheme review for Thargomindah, rather than the development of a detailed infrastructure planning scheme as originally proposed. A contract has been signed and work commenced.

Community Energy Upgrade Fund

Council was successful in its application for funds to install rooftop solar PV systems and automation controls at three Council owned facilities in Thargomindah - Visitor Information Centre, SES/Fire Brigade Shed and Memorial Park buildings. Potential issue relating to Ergon's grid capacity to be explored/resolved.

Monthly Updates included in Special Projects Report.

Sport and Recreation Recovery Grants

Council has been advised it will receive funding for the Community Centre, Sports Grounds (Oval), Memorial Park and Rodeo Grounds and the contracts have been signed. Advice is pending on the Golf Club application.

Western Queensland Events Boost Funding

An application to support the Shearers Shindig was successful.

Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program (QRRRP)

Council was invited to apply for funds for flood studies and levee concept designs for Thargomindah and Hungerford and for the design of an evacuation centre for Thargomindah. The application follows the Government announcement in January 2026 of a \$15 million investment to build flood resilience in South West Queensland, with '\$10 million to design and early works for a flood levee to protect Thargomindah, managing flood risk for the Bulloo, Lower Thomson River and Cooper Creek catchments'.

Monthly Updates included in Special Projects Report.

Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program

- Application for Warri Gate Road Stage 3 – Unsuccessful.
- Application for Warri Gate Road Stage 4 submitted.

Grant applications in development include:

- Passenger Transport Accessible Infrastructure Program – potential projects to be agreed – note 50% co-contribution.
- Home Grown Tourism Events Program – when program opens.
- Regional Tourism Infrastructure Program – when program opens.
- Council applied for funds under the Rural Libraries Queensland Places and Spaces grant for painting and carpeting.
- Council is exploring funding and grant options to upgrade tourism and heritage assets/facilities.
- Grants Officer will undertake further review of upcoming grants to align with new Council priorities and Local Resilience Action Plan.

14.7 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

File Number: 161436
Author: Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present Council's monthly financial statements.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Financial Performance Report for period ending 31st May 2026 in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

BACKGROUND

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

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Financial statements, including Council's Operating Statement, Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) and Cash Flow Statement for the period ending 31st May 2026, are included for the information of Council.

Financial Sustainability Indicators

Council’s Current Ratio key performance indicator is showing lower than target guidelines due to Council’s high contract liabilities and revenue not yet received/recognised. This ratio is expected to gradually improve as Council’s operations continue and contract liabilities decrease, resulting in a more favourable ratio.

Key Local Government Performance Indicators

Indicator		Target	31 st May 2026	Comment
<p>Current Ratio Is Council able to pay off its short-term liabilities with its current assets?</p>	<p><i>Current Assets/Current Liabilities</i></p>	<p>Greater than 3%</p>	<p>2.33%</p>	<p>Lower than target. Grant funds received before works complete.</p>
<p>Operating Surplus Ratio Does Council have sufficient operating revenue to meet Council operating costs?</p>	<p><i>Surplus (Deficit) from council operations / Revenue generated from Council operations</i></p>	<p>0 to 10%</p>	<p>10%</p>	<p>Within target.</p>
<p>Unrestricted Cash Expense Ratio Has Council properly planned for when payments associated with Council activities are due?</p>	<p>Unrestricted Cash / Expected cash operating costs for one month</p>	<p>Greater than 4 months</p>	<p>9.38 months</p>	<p>Higher than target.</p>

Operating Statement (Income Statement)				
Period Ending 31st May 2026				
	May-26	Actual - YTD	Amended Budget 2025/2026	Variance %
Operating Revenue				
Rates and Charges	0	6,173,678	6,236,385	99%
Less: Discount, Rebate & Remissions	0	-176,251	-180,171	98%
	0	5,997,427	6,056,214	
Fees and Charges	6,167	50,837	61,195	83%
Interest	241,903	1,728,927	1,563,710	111%
Rental Income	51,987	417,681	414,409	101%
	300,057	2,197,445	2,039,314	
Recoverable Works	441,522	3,436,337	7,441,442	46%
Other Income	68,553	365,768	414,073	88%
Contributions	15,000	15,000	0	
Subsidies and Grants	-78,088	31,936,048	57,976,913	55%
	446,987	35,753,153	65,832,428	
Total Operating Revenues	747,044	43,948,025	73,927,956	
Operating Expenditure				
Administration and Governance Cost	843,673	9,403,863	11,380,694	83%
Corporate Services Costs	290,263	1,686,256	4,213,538	40%
Town Service Costs	171,564	1,989,555	3,577,500	56%
Net Plant Operating Costs	-373,190	-1,936,375	-2,154,170	90%
Rural Service	65,643	438,997	827,459	53%
Finance Services	6,943	52,801	44,967	117%
Depreciation	561,867	6,005,865	6,462,186	93%
Road Services	989,920	21,738,531	47,329,635	46%
Total Operating Expenditure	2,556,683	39,379,493	71,681,809	
OPERATING CAPABILITY BEFORE CAPITAL	-1,809,639	4,568,532	2,246,147	
Capital Items				
Sale of non-current assets	0	0	-893,908	
Contributions	0	0	6,243,500	
Subsidies and Grants	-296	11,739,432	15,018,016	78%
Capital Expenditure	0	0	-20,367,608	
INCR / (DECR) IN OPERATING CAPABILITY INCL CAPITAL	-1,809,935	16,307,964	2,246,147	

Financial Position			
As at 31st May 2026			
	Notes	Balance	Amended Budget 2025/2026
Current Assets			
Cash and Equivalents	11	57,999,024	37,634,000
Trade and Other Receivables	12	2,081,741	6,110,000
Prepayments		0	184,000
Inventories	13	4,636,413	4,154,000
Contract Assets	12	3,981,725	8,029,000
Other Current Assets		0	0
		68,698,903	56,111,000
Land Held for Development /Sale	15	0	0
Total Current Assets	2	68,698,903	56,111,000
Non-Current Assets			
Trade & Other Receivables		0	0
Property, Plant and Equipment	18	312,932,558	327,540,000
Total Non-Current Assets	2	312,932,558	327,540,000
TOTAL ASSETS		381,631,461	383,651,000
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payments	20	991,789	5,634,000
Contract Liabilities		27,318,161	22,644,000
Borrowings	21	0	0
Provisions	23	1,144,151	1,150,000
Total Current Liabilities		29,454,101	29,428,000
Non-Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	20	0	0
Contract Liabilities		0	0
Borrowings	21	0	0
Provisions	23	86,561	34,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities		86,561	34,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES		29,540,662	29,462,000
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS		352,090,799	354,189,000
Community Equity			
Asset Revaluation Reserve	25	190,179,066	190,179,000
Accumulated Surplus	26	161,911,733	164,010,000
Shire Capital		0	0
Other Reserves	28	0	0
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		352,090,799	354,189,000

Balance Sheet: Note 11

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

Account	Balance	Interest Rate	Restricted Cash	Unrestricted Cash
NAB	1,791,221	4.20%		1,791,221
Explorers Caravan Park	29,918	0.00%		29,918
QTC - 22039	7,002,775	5.04%		7,002,775
QTC - 22040	45,638,410	5.04%	29,540,662	16,097,748
QTC - 23766	3,530,502	5.04%		3,530,502
Float Money	6,197	0.00%		6,197
Total	57,999,024		29,540,662	28,458,362

Council’s unrestricted cash has decreased from \$29,092,050 in April to \$28,458,362 in May, resulting in a \$633,688 decrease. Please refer to the below cash flow workings that make up this movement.

BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL			
Cash Flows Operating Activities Workings			
	Apr-26	May-26	Inc/(Dec)
	\$		\$
Receipts from customers			
Rates, levies and charges	5,997,431	5,997,431	0
Fees and charges	44,670	50,837	6,167
Sales revenue	3,486,551	4,062,976	576,425
Other income	340,565	365,768	25,203
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables			0
Receivables - Current	1,039,555	-410,009	-1,449,564
Receivables - Non Current	0	0	0
Loss allowance	0	0	0
Increase/(decrease) in allowance for expected credit losses			0
Loss allowance	0	0	0
GST Payable(Output)			0
July	102,450	102,450	0
August	133,298	133,298	0
September	467,220	467,220	0
October	250,165	250,165	0
November	326,700	326,700	0
December	402,006	402,006	0

January	820,843	820,843	0
February	293,248	293,248	0
March	515,530	515,530	0
April	722,007	722,007	0
May	0	0	0
June	0	0	0
Net GST Receivable	-95,878	-95,878	0
Receipts from customers	14,846,361	14,004,592	-841,769

	April 26	May 26	Inc/(Dec)
	\$	\$	\$
Payments to suppliers and employees			
Employee benefits	-4,869,941	-4,869,941	0
Materials and services	-27,134,015	-29,077,525	-1,943,510
Finance costs	-45,858	-52,800	-6,942
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	105,880	-481,952	-587,832
(Increase)/decrease in prepayment	184,416	184,416	0
Increase/(decrease) in payables	-2,781,148	-2,457,888	323,260
Increase/(decrease) in employee leave entitlements - Current	9,169	46,396	37,227
Increase/(decrease) in employee leave entitlements - Non current	0	0	0
Creditor's GST (Input)			
July	-418,127	-418,127	0
August	-389,332	-389,332	0
September	-380,181	-380,181	0
October	-723,756	-723,756	0
November	-328,554	-328,554	0
December	-441,459	-441,459	0
January	-423,142	-423,142	0
February	-277,117	-277,117	0
March	-189,926	-189,926	0
April	-365,995	-365,995	0
May	0	0	0
June	0	0	0
Payments to suppliers and employees	-38,469,086	-40,646,883	-2,177,797
	-23,622,725	-26,642,291	-3,019,566
Interest received	1,487,024	1,728,927	241,903
Rental income	365,694	417,681	51,987
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	35,758,649	37,343,560	1,584,911

Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	13,988,642	12,847,877	-1,140,765
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	12,927,373	15,067,970	2,140,597
Payments for property, plant and equipment	-10,571,942	-11,658,044	-1,086,102
Net cash outflow from investing activities	2,355,431	3,409,926	1,054,495
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	16,344,073	16,257,803	-86,270
Cash and cash equivalents at end of reporting year	58,085,294	57,999,024	-86,270
<u>Restricted Cash</u>			
Contract liabilities	27,131,231	27,318,161	186,931
Liabilities	668,529	991,789	323,260
Committed Costs	0	0	0
Provisions	1,193,484	1,230,712	37,228
Total Restricted Cash	28,993,244	29,540,662	547,418
Total Unrestricted Cash	29,092,050	28,458,362	-633,688

Bulloo Shire Council			
Statement of Cash Flows			
Period Ending 31st May 2026			
	Notes	YTD - May 26	Amended Budget 2025/2026
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Receipts from Customers		9,038,761	9,359,000
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		-35,642,374	-69,709,000
		-26,603,613	-60,350,000
Interest Received		1,728,927	1,564,000
Rental Income		414,161	298,000
Non-Capital Grants and Contributions		37,308,401	60,237,000
Borrowing Costs		0	0
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	35	12,847,876	1,749,000
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment		-12,229,862	-26,721,000
Payments for Intangible Assets		0	0
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	5	571,818	829,000
Capital Grants and Contributions		15,067,970	20,036,000
Other Cash Flows from Investing activities		0	0
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		3,409,926	-5,856,000
Cash Flow from Financing Activities			
Proceeds from Borrowings		0	0
Repayment of Borrowings		0	0
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		0	0
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		16,257,802	-4,107,000
Cash at Beginning of Reporting Period 30 June 2025		41,741,222	41,741,222
Cash at End of Reporting Period	11	57,999,024	37,634,222

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PROFITABILITY

The table below shows actual vs budget BSC Plant Profitability for the period ending 31st May 2026.

Job Cost	Description	May-26 Inc / Exp	YTD Inc / Exp	%	Budget
Revenue					
7100-1905	Plant Hire	570,476	3,678,261	82%	4,510,688
7100-1100	Fuel Rebate Subsidy	41,373	99,172	138%	71,786
7100-1900	Flood Truck Revenue	0	0		0
7100-1917	Other Income - Plant	0	19,421	82%	20,000
7100-1918	Profit/Loss on Disposal of Assets	0	0		0
Total Revenue		611,849	3,796,854	82%	4,602,474
Expenditure					
7100-2005	Plant Maintenance - Parts & Labour	74,966	751,199	86%	868,586
7100-2010	Plant Maintenance - Tyres & Batteries	27,156	137,178	69%	198,470
7100-2015	Plant Maintenance - Fuel & Oils	69,207	503,983	58%	863,041
7100-2020	Plant Rego. & Insurance	16,165	217,552	99%	220,000
7100-2025	Workshop Consumables	591	15,534	48%	32,690
7100-2030	Workshop Operating Costs	9,123	111,109	67%	164,611
7100-2035	Radio & T.V. Maintenance	76	5,330	58%	9,120
7100-2600	Depreciation-Plant & Depot	99,857	1,157,741	93%	1,243,820
Total Expenditure		297,142	2,899,627	81%	3,600,338
Profit (Loss)		314,707	897,226	90%	1,002,136

The table below shows the year-to-date plant profitability position after allowing for year-to-date plant purchases and committed plant costs. As at 31 May 2026, YTD plant profitability of \$897,226 is reduced by YTD plant purchases of \$252,527 and committed costs of \$641,046, leaving a remaining balance of \$3,654. This indicates that nearly all plant profitability generated year to date has been allocated to plant acquisitions and committed expenditure.

Plant Profitability Reconciliation	
Description	Amount (\$)
YTD Plant Profitability	897,226
YTD Plant Purchases	252,527
Committed Costs	641,046
Remaining	3,654

CONSULTANT REPORT – 31ST MAY 2026

Consultant	May 2026 Expenditure	YTD Expenditure 2025/2026	Comments
Acumentis Pty Ltd	0	2,210	Land Valuation Services
AMB Geotech SQS Pty Ltd	1,012	20,416	Soil Testing Services
Ashurst Australia		3,096	Legal Services
Australis Advisory Group Pty Ltd	0	8,250	Asset Valuation Services
AVR Consulting Pty Ltd	19,360	52,668	Asset Valuation Services
Brandon & Associates Pty. Ltd.	0	151,591	Engineering Services
C Alexander and Associates Consulting Pt	0	91,472	Accounting Services
Findex (Aust) Pty Ltd, Crowe Australasia	2,750	41,369	Audit Services
Forge Solutions QLD Pty Ltd	277,997	11,999,155	Disaster Management Services
GBA Consulting Engineers	-7,910	176,978	Consulting Engineers
King & Company Solicitors	0	10,835	Legal Services
KPMG Australia	8,430	8,430	Accounting Services
Mead Perry Group	0	11,660	Accounting Services
Moray & Agnew Lawyers	0	832	Legal Services
Ochre Community Consulting	8,334	23,038	Cultural Heritage Consulting
Peak Services	8,342	125,774	Grant Support
Perks & Associates Pty Ltd	0	3,465	FBT Tax Accounting Service
RMS Australia Pty. Ltd.	0	2,996	Audit Services
Safe As Gold Consulting	13,785	115,308	WHS Consultancy Service
Shepherd Services Pty Ltd	193,344	3,116,967	Road Consultancy Service (Claimable)
Statewide Building Design Solutions Pty	0	33,786	Building Design
Viridis Consultants Pty Ltd	0	6,864	Audit Services
Total	525,444	16,007,160	

DEBTORS SUMMARY – 31ST MAY2026

Debtors Category	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	Balance
Sundry Debtors	132,316.09	7,791.34	474.72	6,508.20	147,090.35
Housing Rent	1,393.30	0.00	318.40	389.80	2,101.50
Aerodrome Fuel	0.00	0.00	2,448.00	15,542.13	17,990.13
Common Fees	1,584.24	0.00	0.00	739.90	2,324.14
Qld Government	1,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500,000.00
Federal Government	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1,635,293.63	7,791.34	3,241.12	23,180.03	1,669,506.12

RATES SUMMARY – 31ST MAY 2026

Rates	
Brought forward arrears including Interest	74,681.10
Interest current year	8,176.03
Rates Levied in 2025-26	6,425,903.81
Total	6,508,760.94
Less Rates Collected during 2025-26	6,247,390.12
Govt & Council pensioner subsidy 2025-26	4,588.80
Discount on rates collection during 2025-26	171,662.49
Write-Offs	79.69
Credit supplementary notices	1,902.51
Total Outstanding Balance *	83,137.33
Unallocated Receipts	-31,714.16
Current Outstanding Balance	51,423.17

14.8 DEBTORS WRITE-OFF**File Number:** 161426**Author:** Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to write off debtor balances that are no longer recoverable or supported by available records, ensuring the accuracy of financial records and compliance with Council's asset management and accounting policies.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

- Local Government Act 2009
- Local Government Regulation 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

3.01.1 Asset Management Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) endorse a write-off of Doubtful Debts totalling \$7,239.21; and
- b) update the Bad Debt Register.

BACKGROUND

Council reviewed doubtful debtors and other accounts, taking into consideration the financial implications to move forward with debt recovery with R&R [Recoveries and Reconstruction (Aust) Pty Ltd] and it is recommended that Council write off the following bad debt.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Please refer to the below table for the annual write off list for Council approval.

End of Year Doubtful Debts FY2026			
Code	Name	Description	Amount (inc GST)
2KENFUEL	2 Ken Fuel Maintenance	In November 2024 a 50% deposit was paid to the creditor for maintenance on airport fuel equipment. Creditor advised could no longer perform the work. Deposit requested with no response. Invoice 37249 issued 4 July 2025 to recover amount. Multiple letters and phone calls made with no response.	\$4,180.00
HRHOLLEY	Robert Holley and Stacey Hartas	Invoice 36174 issued July 2024 for \$1,320.00 (incl. GST) for housing repairs. Last payment on payment plan received in November 2025, with an outstanding balance of \$839.15. No response to phone calls or letters.	\$839.15
REX	Regional Express	Original amount \$15,542.13, less \$14,129.00 received under a grant, leaving an outstanding balance of \$1,413.13 (incl. GST).	\$1,413.13
HRBURNSA	Aaron Burns	<p>There were originally 2 outstanding invoices, one invoice for outstanding rent of \$347.60 dated 3/07/2024 and one invoice for house repairs of \$1,259.33 dated 4/12/2024.</p> <p>Rent paid off first with first payment made on 27/02/25 and completed 5/11/25. There was a period after the flood that payments were not made until September 2025.</p> <p>Payments began for the second invoice 19/11/2025 with a total of \$450 paid off. No more payments received. No response to phone calls or letters.</p> <p>Current outstanding amount is \$806.93</p>	\$806.93
Total			\$7,239.21

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If Council endorse the recommendation to write off the items, the expense is \$7,239.21.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Operational Risk – It is important that Council actively manage its assets including debtors/rates. Regular review and decision making should occur especially when debts appear doubtful or cannot be recovered.

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Admin and Finance Manager

Senior Finance Officer

Finance Officer

14.9 NON CURRENT ASSET ACCOUNTING POLICY

File Number: 161428
Author: Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: 1. 2.91.2 Non-Current Asset Accounting Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider adopting the amended Non-Current Asset Accounting Policy.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.91.2 Non-Current Asset Accounting Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

GOV1 Effective financial management.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the reviewed Non-Current Asset Accounting Policy, as presented.

BACKGROUND

The Non-Current Asset Accounting Policy addresses the accounting treatment of non-current assets that provide future economic benefit to Bulloo Shire Council and the community. The policy also provides guidance to the allocation of responsibilities of assets. An Asset Accounting Policy is necessary to assist in the process of capturing meaningful data for strategic planning purposes (i.e. Asset Management Plans & Long-Term Financial Plans). Expenses related to assets will be classified into asset work activities (i.e. operations, maintenance, capital renewal and capital new/upgrade), and useful lives and capitalisation thresholds reviewed.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The policy was updated to align with current legislative requirements by clarifying that disposals of valuable non-current assets must comply with the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and any relevant Council policy. It also confirms that Council may, by resolution, approve disposal by a method other than tender or auction where this is permitted under legislation. The policy was also updated to reflect that AASB 117 *Leases* has been superseded by AASB 16 *Leases*. Minor administrative amendments were also made to review dates and position titles.

The section relating to valuable non-current assets was also updated to more accurately reflect the current legislative structure, including reference to land and Council-set limits. While the legislation has increased the prescribed thresholds for valuable non-current assets from \$5,000 to \$7,000 for plant and equipment and from \$10,000 to \$14,000 for other assets, the thresholds adopted within this policy remain unchanged for the purposes of Council's internal asset accounting framework.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from the review of this policy. The amendments are legislative, accounting and administrative in nature and do not result in any budget amendment or additional expenditure.

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Admin and Finance Manager

Senior Finance Manager



Non-Current Asset Accounting Policy

CONTROL:

Policy Type:	Administrative
Authorised by:	Council
Head of Power:	<i>Local Government Act 2009; Local Government Regulations 2012</i>
Responsible Officer:	Administration and Finance Manager
Responsibilities:	All Council staff
Adopted / Approved:	18 June 2026; Resolution 2026/xx
Last Reviewed:	March 2023 <u>June 2026</u>
Review:	<p>April 2030 Note: This Policy is reviewed when any of the following occur:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The related information is amended or replaced. 2. Other circumstances as determined from time to time by the Chief Executive Officer. <p>Notwithstanding the above, this Policy is to be reviewed at intervals of no more than four years.</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE:

The aim of this policy is to contribute to the better management of assets of the Council and to provide accurate data regarding assets in all financial documents.

1.2 POLICY OBJECTIVES:

This policy addresses the accounting treatment of non-current assets that provide future economic benefit to Bulloo Shire Council and the community.

Council is responsible for the management of a significant value of relatively diverse infrastructure and assets on behalf of the Bulloo regional community. Council recognises that these assets must be appropriately managed so that they can continue to deliver services to the community in a sustainable manner into the future.

Asset management is considered a key ongoing focus which will assist Council in meeting its medium and longer term strategic and financial sustainability objectives.

1.3 COMMENCEMENT OF POLICY:

This Policy will commence on adoption. It replaces all other specific Non-Current Asset Accounting policies of Council (whether written or not).

1.4 SCOPE:

Non-Current Asset Accounting Policy

The Non-Current Asset Accounting Policy applies to the line items of property, plant & equipment, intangible assets and assets held for resale as disclosed within Council's Statement of Financial Position.

This policy generally impacts upon all Council employees and contractors. Specifically, the policy is directly applicable to Asset Custodians and Council officers who have asset management and asset accounting responsibilities. This policy will be applicable when performing the following functions:

- a) acquiring, constructing or developing a non-current asset;
- b) accounting for costs incurred in maintaining a non-current asset;
- c) renewing, replacing or enhancing the service potential of a non-current asset;
- d) revaluing non-current assets;
- e) disposal of non-current asset;
- f) accounting for the depreciation or amortisation of non-current assets;
- g) reporting and disclosing non-current assets;
- h) establishing the useful life and residual values of non-current assets; and
- i) testing noncurrent assets for impairment.

Asset management is considered a key ongoing focus for Council and is at the centre of Council's overall long-term financial and strategic planning processes for sustainability. It requires a whole-of-Council approach and is the responsibility of the Executive Management Team and staff.

Effective asset management will be achieved through:

- a) Governance;
 - I. Support at the leadership level to promote the importance of asset management throughout the organisation;
 - II. An asset management framework which ensures accountability for asset condition and performance with a whole-of-council approach to the continued improvement and development of asset management activities; and
 - III. Ensuring the effective operation of asset management across the organisation by utilising an endorsed asset management governance framework.
- b) Asset Planning
 - I. A focus on risk, demand, community benefit and whole-of-life costs in the management of assets;
 - II. The allocation of sufficient resources for the development and ongoing review of asset strategies and plans; and
 - III. The establishment of an asset management framework that provides inputs directly into Council's budget and financial forecasts.
- c) Decision Making
 - I. That decisions are evidenced-based and utilise the asset information to ensure consideration of the asset risks and life-cycle benefits for the community;
 - II. To ensure that Council's assets are managed in a systematic and sustainable manner based on agreed levels of service; and
 - III. That minimum asset sustainability targets are met in keeping with Council's Financial Sustainability Policy.
- d) Capital Planning
 - I. That opportunities are maximised in the utilisation of asset management systems through cost benefit analysis; and
 - II. There is an integrated approach in acquiring, disposing of and renewing assets that ensures transparency and evaluates life cycle management of assets

Non-Current Asset Accounting Policy

Council's Executive Team with the Administration and Finance Manager will guide the development of Council's Asset Management goals, objectives, and initiatives to facilitate the implementation of asset management strategies and plans. The Executive Management Team will take a lead role in the strategic development of Asset Management across the organisation and the Administration and Finance Manager will assist in the development of class-specific Asset Management initiatives across the organisation.

2. POLICY

2.1 CONTEXT:

State Government Legislation:

- a) *Local Government Act 2009; and*
- b) *Local Government Regulation 2012.*

Australian Accounting Standards:

- a) AASB 5 Non-current Assets held for Sale and Discontinued Operations;
- b) AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement;
- c) AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements;
- d) AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment;
- e) AASB16 Leases;
- f) AASB 136 Impairment of Assets;
- g) AASB 138 Intangible Assets; and
- h) AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Change in Accounting Estimates and Errors.

2.2 POLICY STATEMENT:

This policy addresses the accounting treatment of non-current assets that provide future economic benefit to Bulloo Shire Council and the community. The policy also provides guidance to the allocation of responsibilities of assets.

An Asset Accounting Policy is necessary to assist in the process of capturing meaningful data for strategic planning purposes (i.e. Asset Management Plans & Long Term Financial Plans). Expenses related to assets will be classified into asset work activities (i.e. operations, maintenance, capital renewal and capital new/upgrade), and useful lives and capitalisation thresholds reviewed.

The separation of maintenance and operating expenses from capital expenditure is necessary for the financial statements to accurately portray council's financial condition.

3. STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

3.1 Asset Classes

An asset class is a grouping of non-current assets in the financial asset register of a similar nature and the lowest level of information on non-current assets included within Council's financial statements.

The following asset classes are reported by Council:

- a) Land & Improvements;
- b) Buildings;
- c) Fleet, Plant and Equipment;
- d) Roads, Bridges and Drainage;

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- e) Water Infrastructure;
- f) Sewerage Infrastructure;
- g) Other Infrastructure;
- h) Artworks; and
- i) Capital Works in Progress.

3.2 Asset Recognition

All non-current Property Plant and Equipment assets must be recorded in Council’s financial asset register.

For an item to be recognised as a non-current asset in Council’s financial asset registers it must meet all of the following criteria:

- a) Council has control over the asset;
- b) it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to Council;
- c) a past transaction or event must have occurred;
- d) the asset must be capable of reliable measurement; and
- e) the asset must last longer than one (1) year.

Australian Accounting Standard AASB 116 (10) states that under the recognition principle, an asset is to be recognised when costs are incurred. An item that meets the definition of an asset shall be measured at cost in accordance with AASB 116. The cost of an asset will include:

- a) purchase price less deductions (rebates, discounts etc.);
- b) costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to a location where it can be used as intended, which include:
 - i. employee compensation:
 - a. costs of employee benefits arising directly from the construction or acquisition of the asset: e.g. outside wages, inside project management costs; and
 - b. “on costs” such as superannuation and workers compensation.
 - ii. Site preparation and/or restoration - Assembly costs; and
 - iii. professional fees.

Purchase costs excluded from the cost of an asset include:

- a) marketing and advertising costs incurred when opening a new facility;
- b) costs incurred after the date an asset is deemed in use (upgrades, maintenance, etc.);
- c) avoidable costs;
- d) financing costs (interest charged on borrowings to fund asset purchase); and
- e) preliminary studies.

3.3 Asset Recognition Thresholds

These accumulated costs represent the value of the asset at cost as at the date in which the asset is deemed to be complete and available for use. The recognition thresholds to be applied on initial acquisition of an asset are as follows:

Asset Type	Threshold
Land	No threshold*
Buildings	\$5,000
Fleet, Plant and Equipment	\$5,000
Infrastructure Assets	\$5,000
Artworks	\$1

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*Minor land parcels (<100m² or less than 3m in width) have no market value and possess limited or negligible service potential. Due to materiality these minor land parcels are recorded in Council’s financial asset register at nominal value.

3.4 Capital Costs on Assets after Initial Recognition

Costs on assets incurred after initial recognition are to be capitalised whenever the associated work either renews, extends or upgrades the asset’s underlying service potential.

3.5 Asset Valuation Method

All Council assets that qualify for recognition are to be initially measured at cost. However, where an asset is acquired at no cost (contributed/donated) to Council, such as transport infrastructure or stormwater infrastructure, are to be valued at fair value at the date of acquisition.

Asset classes categorised as fair value will be re-assessed on an annual basis. Indexation may be applied to re-valued assets in the intervening years where a re-valuation does not occur.

Assets categorized as cost will not be revalued, but will be measured at historical cost, less any applicable depreciation/amortization expense. Comprehensive revaluations will take place at least every 5 years as a minimum.

Infrastructure assets within the Bulloo Shire are wide ranging in age, however with limited growth expected into the future. There will always be a need to consider upgrades of our infrastructure that replace infrastructure with new modern standards such gravel roads with sealed road surfaces. As such, Council’s priority will be to balance the need to maintain existing assets and infrastructure to agreed service levels with the consideration of new assets and infrastructure.

Comprehensive Revaluation Schedule:

Asset Type	Frequency
Buildings, Land & Other Structures	Every five (5) years following last valuation – 2026/27
Roads Infrastructure	Every five (5) years following last valuation – 2025/26
Water & Sewerage Infrastructure	Every five (5) years following last valuation – 2027/28

3.6 Depreciation

The method and rate of depreciation will be based on accepted patterns of useful life by Local Government, the experience of localised conditions to assess any environmental impact on those assets, and the verification from an independent valuer.

Council uses the straight-line depreciation method to depreciate tangible, non-current assets (other than parcels of land, which are not subject to depreciation or amortisation).

3.7 Asset depreciation and amortisation parameters, useful lives, asset condition (used to assess remaining useful lives) and residual values are to be reviewed with sufficient regularity to ensure that they are representative of current conditions and expectations at the end of each financial year. Remaining useful life of an asset should be reassessed whenever a major addition or any significant partial disposal is processed.
Non-Current Asset Disposal

A financial asset is to be derecognised in the financial asset register whenever:

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- a) the asset is destroyed, abandoned or decommissioned with no future economic benefit expected to be generated from its use;
 - b) the asset is scrapped, sold or traded;
 - c) the asset is lost or stolen; or
 - d) control of the asset is transferred to another entity.

~~All assets derecognised from the financial asset register require authorisation by the respective asset Custodian.~~

All assets derecognised from the financial asset register require authorisation by the respective asset Custodian. Where the disposal involves a valuable non-current asset, the disposal must also be undertaken in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012 and any applicable Council procurement or disposal policy. Council may, by resolution, decide that a valuable non-current asset is to be disposed of other than by tender or auction where permitted by legislation.

Partial disposal of an infrastructure asset is to occur whenever:

- a) a significant component or section of an infrastructure asset is destroyed, abandoned or decommissioned with no future economic benefit expected to be generated from its use; or
- b) major renewal works have been undertaken resulting in a significant component or section of an infrastructure asset being replaced.

3.8 Valuable Non-Current Asset

A valuable non-current asset means land, or another non-current asset with an apparent value at or above the limit set by Council for that asset type. For the purposes of this policy, Council sets the following limits: \$5,000 exclusive of GST for fleet, plant and equipment and infrastructure assets, and \$10,000 exclusive of GST for other non-current assets. These limits must not exceed the maximum amounts prescribed under the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

3.9 Management of Work In Progress

Work In Progress balances are to be reviewed at least monthly to ensure that they are cleared no later than six months after practical completion or prior to full revaluation of the pertinent asset class, whichever occurs first.

3.10 Minor Assets

The acquisition of minor assets is treated as an expense and is recorded in Attractive Items Register. The Council has a central Attractive Items Register which is subject to periodic internal or external audit. The registers include description, details of location, responsible officer, serial numbers, acquisition and disposal or transfer details. Items in the Attractive Items Register are to be identified by marking or engraving to reduce the likelihood of theft or aid police recovery. Thresholds relating to minor assets are disclosed in the Expenditure Classification Procedure.

3.11 Impairment of Assets

Where an asset is considered likely to have been impaired, the Council will estimate the recoverable amount of the asset. If the assets carrying amount exceeds the amount to be recovered through the use or sale of the asset, it will be written down and an impairment loss recorded in the Financial Accounts, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount. Where an asset has been revalued, the impairment loss

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will be offset against the asset revaluation reserve to the extent available. An impairment loss can be reversed for physical non-current assets in subsequent years.

4. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 DEFINITIONS:

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions shall apply:

Word / Term	Definition
Council	means Bulloo Shire Council.

Non-Current Asset Accounting Policy

4.2 RELATED POLICIES, LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS:

Links to Supporting Documentation
Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulations 2012
Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinues Operations

14.10 PLANT AND ONCOST REVIEW**File Number:** 161473**Author:** Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:**

1. Plant Hire Calculations
2. Plant and Oncost Review (under separate cover)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement to adopt the revised plant hire and oncost rates to commence 1 July 2026.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

- Local Government Act 2009
- Local Government Regulation 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.11.2 Revenue Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

GOV1.1 Continue to give priority to ongoing financial sustainability and prudent budget management.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) receive and note the report and recommendations from Mead Perry's Plant and Oncost Review report in attachment 1; and
- b) endorse the refined and adjusted recommendations proposed by Council's Team, based on Mead Perry's recommendations, including the oncost rates as presented in Mead Perry's report, and the plant hire rates as per attachment 2. Plant Hire Calculations, to commence 1 July 2026.

BACKGROUND

Bulloo Shire Council engaged Mead Perry Group to undertake a desktop review of Council's plant operations performance, including the calculation of plant hire rates and a review of the current oncost structure. The review considered historical and year to date plant data for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 financial years, together with year-to-date data for 2025–2026 to Pay Period 18. It included an assessment of plant costings, utilisation, profit and loss by plant item, identification of overheads, calculation of revised plant hire rates by plant category, and a review of current oncost rates. The findings and recommendations are intended to provide Council and Management with relevant information to support informed decision-making in relation to plant operations. Figures contained in the review are based on actual amounts for each year and have not been adjusted to present value.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The recommendations arising from the Mead Perry Group Plant & Oncost Review are set out below, together with Council’s comments and recommendations in relation to each item.

Item	Mead Perry Recommendation	Council Recommendation
1	That all costs for long term dry hired plant be costed to the plant item, with a suitable plant hire rates applied	Endorse. If/when Council hire large plant in future, these fees will be costed similarly how rego/insurance/fuel is costed back to the plant job cost number. Therefore, capturing more accurate operating costs and charge a hire fee to recover these costs.
2	That Council develop a written policy for charge-out of plant to introduce consistency.	Endorse. Separate report to Council for Hire of Council Plant and Equipment Policy.
3	That Oncost Codes be assigned the correct Plant Rate type	Endorse the new oncost rates and codes as per Mead Perry’s report and apply correctly commencing 1 July 2026
4	That Council review the utilisation used in the calculation of the plant hire rates and revise where necessary.	Reviewed, revised and attached in attachment 2.
5	That Council review the resulting calculated plant hire rates and determine the rate to be adopted for each category.	Reviewed, revised and attached in attachment 2.
6	That a detailed review of the Stores operations be undertaken to address overhead costs and stores issues throughput.	Do not endorse. Detailed stores review completed FY2026 and recommendations are being applied.
7	That the plant oncost be removed.	Endorse. Plant oncost will be removed as the plant hire rates include these recovery costs.
8	That Council adopt a simplified oncost structure, with percentages as presented.	Endorse and recommend adopting as per Mead Perry’s report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Adoption of the revised plant hire and oncost rates is expected to increase plant hire revenue and improve the allocation of plant and overhead costs across Council operations. While a significant proportion of this revenue relates to internal plant charges costed back to Council’s maintenance and capital projects, the revised rates will support more accurate cost recovery, project costing and budgeting. The financial impact will therefore be reflected primarily through improved internal cost allocation, with any increase in external plant hire revenue dependent on the level of external usage.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Operational Risk – If plant hire and oncost rates are not regularly reviewed and updated, Council may not fully recover the true cost of plant operations and overheads. This can result in inaccurate project costing, misallocation of costs across maintenance and capital works, and reduced reliability of financial information used for budgeting and operational decision-making. Adoption of the revised rates will assist Council to improve cost recovery, transparency and consistency in the allocation of plant-related costs.

CRITICAL DATES

18 June 2026

CONSULTATION

Mead Perry Group

CEO

Admin and Finance Manager

Accountant

Engineer

Plant Coordinator

Bulloo Shire Council
2026/27 Plant Hire Rate Calculations



Category	Active	Purchase Price	3 year average costs	3% Inc for 2027	Return on Capital	Total Annual Cost	Utilisation 3 year average	2026 utilisation to date	ENTER MANUALLY	ENTER MANUALLY	ENTER MANUALLY		2025 Result	2026 Result to date	Total Revenue / Year		
									MP Utilisation Target	BSC Utilisation Target	Calculated Rate	Current Rate				Rate to be Adopted	Inc/Dec
01 Earthmoving Equipment																	
Backhoe	1	215,665	20,650	21,269	15,097	36,366	156	32	150	150	242.44	178.00	242.44	36%	-11,028	-6,455	36,365.83
Excavator >20t	1	251,000	42,796	44,080	17,570	61,650	273	84	300	300	205.50	79.00	205.50	160%	-38,417	-27,255	61,650.16
Forklift	2	45,990	6,390	6,581	3,219	9,801	163	69	200	200	49.00	28.00	49.00	75%	-8,574	-4,644	19,601.32
Grader	5	472,200	101,563	104,610	33,054	137,664	919	443	900	850	161.96	152.00	161.96	7%	105,259	-8,170	688,317.58
Loader <3m3	2	335,600	23,054	23,746	23,492	47,238	134	97	200	200	236.19	116.00	236.19	104%	18,678	-31,072	94,475.67
Loader >3m3	2	428,600	44,980	46,330	30,002	76,332	302	161	300	500	152.66	138.50	152.66	10%	-6,560	-68,612	152,663.38
Mobile Batching	1	220,600	39,055	40,227	15,442	55,669	33	-	100	100	556.69	116.00	556.69	380%	-34,614	-21,449	55,668.95
Roller-Multi Tyre	3	230,400	36,395	37,486	16,128	53,614	619	395	600	600	89.36	77.00	89.36	16%	16,515	3	160,843.38
Roller-Padfoot	5	193,013	10,531	10,846	13,511	24,357	356	102	300	300	81.19	77.00	81.19	5%	-27,613	-32,134	121,786.97
Roller-Smooth Drum	4	219,300	20,483	21,097	15,351	36,448	286	86	300	300	121.49	77.00	121.49	58%	44,834	-22,170	145,793.06
Skidsteer	2	101,200	17,342	17,862	7,084	24,946	202	46	200	200	124.73	78.50	124.73	59%	-13,641	-9,148	49,892.01
02 Trucks																	
Prime Mover	8	404,677	88,854	91,520	28,327	119,847	753	418	750	750	159.80	160.00	159.80	0%	227,715	21,524	958,776.48
Truck-Agitator	1	319,216	32,848	33,834	22,345	56,179	158	-	200	200	280.89	160.00	280.89	76%	-25,821	-25,918	56,178.82
Truck-Garbage	1	260,979	42,125	43,389	18,269	61,657	795	590	800	800	77.07	71.00	77.07	9%	17,188	17,355	61,657.28
Truck-Light	5	170,628	21,496	22,141	13,944	34,085	469	525	500	500	68.17	61.00	68.17	12%	-27,419	65,839	170,422.71
Truck-Medium	9	199,632	19,151	19,725	13,974	33,700	273	113	400	400	84.25	53.56	84.25	57%	366	-27,829	303,297.41
Truck-Specialised	3	46,378	2,822	2,906	3,246	6,153	30	-	100	100	61.53	43.00	61.53	43%	-5,089	-10,760	18,457.92
03 Trailers																	
Trailer-Heavy	12	145,938	10,675	10,995	10,216	21,211	502	394	500	500	42.42	44.33	42.42	-4%	235,319	132,831	254,531.50
Trailer-Light	13	38,308	1,968	2,027	2,682	4,709	207	59	200	200	23.54	15.50	23.54	52%	12,452	-6,176	61,215.38
Trailer-Medium	1	52,952	3,878	3,995	3,707	7,701	78	1,421	500	500	15.40	88.00	15.40	-82%	7,463	123,627	7,701.28
Trailer-VMS Board	1	22,624	1,666	1,716	1,584	3,300	13	-	100	100	33.00	35.00	33.00	-6%	-3,164	-2,671	3,299.62
Trailer-Water	3	106,946	18,450	19,003	7,486	26,489	1,120	241	900	900	29.43	56.00	29.43	-47%	85,840	3,529	79,467.99
Water Tanker	2	180,486	19,889	20,486	12,634	33,120	-	369	900	900	36.80	56.50	36.80	-35%	10,185	15,718	66,239.04
04 Camp																	
Accommodation Unit	11	90,650	3,112	3,205	6,346	9,551	682	454	900	900	10.61	13.09	10.61	-19%	59,006	43,701	105,057.62
Amenities	5	70,303	3,763	3,876	4,921	8,797	509	262	900	900	9.77	15.20	9.77	-36%	17,524	8,930	43,986.38
Container	6	47,200	0	0	3,304	3,304	241	220	900	900	3.67	10.33	3.67	-64%	31,042	15,863	19,825.58
Crib Room	2	155,750	2,925	3,012	10,903	13,915	491	649	900	900	15.46	23.50	15.46	-34%	78,350	39,781	27,829.48
Generator <50kVa (Camp)	1	17,800	11,421	11,763	1,246	13,009	-	1,075	900	900	14.45	8.33	14.45	74%	-2,274	2,525	13,009.25
Portable Toilet (Camp)	2	12,572	1,356	1,396	880	2,276	-	328	900	900	2.53	47.00	2.53	-95%	-2,711	13,285	4,552.60
Tank-Fuel (Camp)	4	-	82	85	-	85	899	939	900	900	0.09	16.00	0.09	-99%	65,541	56,716	339.48
Tank-Sewerage (Camp)	1	-	2,505	2,580	-	2,580	1,158	1,298	900	900	2.87	15.00	2.87	-81%	33,108	19,470	2,580.50
Trailer	4	78,850	4,768	4,911	5,520	10,431	886	824	900	900	11.59	58.00	11.59	-80%	34,229	182,520	41,722.70
05 Vegetation Control																	
Mower-Push	7	-	188	193	-	193	55	22	100	100	1.93	5.65	1.93	-66%	923	594	1,353.59
Mower-Zero Turn	4	15,880	4,500	4,634	1,112	5,746	49	31	100	100	57.46	25.00	57.46	130%	-15,823	-5,364	22,984.35
Slasher	1	6,775	1,212	1,248	474	1,722	60	-	100	100	17.22	32.00	17.22	-46%	2,408	-1,308	1,722.16
Tractor	1	70,453	5,735	5,907	4,932	10,839	149	-	150	150	72.26	43.00	72.26	68%	319	-4,305	10,838.96
06 Tanks																	
Tank-Emulsion	1	72,043	8,390	8,642	5,043	13,685	-	-	500	500	27.37	25.00	27.37	9%	-5,671	-3,721	13,684.69
Tank-Fuel	12	36,625	1,836	1,891	2,564	4,455	193	99	500	500	8.91	19.67	8.91	-55%	12,971	20,247	53,461.28
Tank-Sewerage	1	-	2,893	2,980	-	2,980	-	-	500	500	5.96	7.00	5.96	-15%	-489	-457	2,980.26
Tank-Water	2	-	841	867	-	867	6	-	500	500	1.73	16.00	1.73	-89%	-922	-1,140	1,733.15
07 Generators																	
Generator <50kVa	16	38,233	2,209	2,275	2,676	4,951	146	81	200	200	24.76	8.12	24.76	205%	92,387	1,340	79,219.88
Generator >50kVa	13	77,432	5,390	5,551	5,420	10,972	27	0	200	200	54.86	8.33	54.86	559%	-57,997	-68,959	142,630.53
08 Vehicles																	
ATV	4	27,069	1,771	1,824	1,895	3,718	-	3	100	100	37.18	22.50	37.18	65%	-5,648	-5,870	14,873.95
Ute-Heavy	2	80,239	19,246	19,823	5,617	25,440	683	107	900	900	28.27	32.00	28.27	-12%	-9,856	-15,662	50,879.37
Ute-Light	2	54,547	7,104	7,317	3,818	11,136	470	94	900	900	12.37	32.00	12.37	-61%	-3,059	-1,679	22,271.06
Ute-Medium	17	72,294	13,003	13,394	5,061	18,454	642	415	900	900	20.50	32.00	20.50	-36%	70,527	24,293	313,719.27
Wagon	5	60,858	6,770	6,973	4,260	11,233	70	40	900	900	12.48	32.00	12.48	-61%	-25,005	-18,148	56,163.80
09 Sundry Plant																	

Compactor	1	104,500	13,971	14,390	7,315	21,705	26	-	100	100	217.05	140.00	217.05	55%	-8,037	-457	21,704.70
Conveyor	1	144,214	5,011	5,161	10,095	15,256	-	-	100	100	152.56	41.00	152.56	272%	-6,425	-4,205	15,256.27
Knuckle Boom	1	66,950	16,277	16,765	4,687	21,452	-	21	100	100	214.52	40.00	214.52	436%	-4,191	-5,452	21,451.73
Pump	17	21,500	1,022	1,052	1,505	2,557	234	103	200	200	12.79	10.28	12.79	24%	8,708	8,652	43,473.81
Sundry Plant	75	79,928	995	1,025	5,595	6,620	31	26	100	100	66.20	14.61	66.20	353%	-45,626	-74,845	496,500.67
Traffic Lights	4	33,751	746	769	2,363	3,131	3	42	200	200	15.66	19.00	15.66	-18%	-1,836	-2,003	12,525.47
Trench Roller	1	33,750	1,417	1,459	2,363	3,822	48	-	100	100	38.22	73.00	38.22	-48%	30	-645	3,821.58
5,290,458																	

14.11 THARGOMINDAH WATER RATES

File Number: 161429
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider transitioning Thargomindah water charges from a unit-based charging structure to a consumption-based (per kilolitre) pricing model.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulations 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

This proposal is consistent with Council's Revenue Policy principles, including:

- Ensuring equity in the distribution of costs across users
- Promoting financial sustainability of essential infrastructure
- Encouraging efficient use of scarce resources through pricing mechanisms

A consumption-based pricing model supports a "user pays" approach while also providing a demand management mechanism to reduce excessive or unnecessary water usage.

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Plan

- Ensuring the sustainable and efficient delivery of essential services;
- Supporting responsible management of natural resources, including water; and
- Promoting financially sustainable service delivery models.

Operational Plan

- Maintain reliable and sustainable water supply services;
- Improve cost recovery and service efficiency; and
- Encourage community awareness and responsible use of water resources.

RECOMMENDATION

That

1. Endorses the transition from the existing unit-based water charging model to a consumption-based pricing structure for Thargomindah; and
2. Implements a per kilolitre (kL) tariff comprising:
 - A fixed access charge; and
 - A consumption charge based on water usage (per kilolitre)
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to incorporate the revised water charges into the 2026–2027 Revenue Statement.

BACKGROUND

Council provides a reticulated water supply to all properties within the serviced area of the township of Thargomindah.

Current Charging Structure

Current water charges comprise:

- Access Charge – applied to land with access to the water network but not connected
- Connected Charge – applied to residential properties and units connected to the water supply
- Commercial Unit Charge – applied based on units assigned to commercial premises

This structure is largely fixed and does not fully reflect actual consumption.

Proposed Change

Council is considering transitioning to a consumption-based pricing model comprising:

- A fixed access charge to recover infrastructure and service availability costs; and
- A consumption-based charge per kL of water used

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Models prepared by Mead Perry are attached for Council's consideration.

Key drivers for the proposed change include:

- Water Conservation: Increased water usage, particularly during summer months, indicates potential overuse and inefficient water consumption
- Equity: Ensures customers are charged in proportion to actual water consumption
- Demand Management: Consumption-based pricing can discourage excessive usage and reduce pressure on infrastructure

Consumption-based charging models are widely adopted to ensure fairness and efficient resource use, particularly in remote councils with limited water supply capacity.

The proposed model will be incorporated into the draft 2026–2027 Revenue Statement, to be adopted in July 2026, and will form part of Council's broader approach to sustainable service delivery.

MEAD PERRY MODELLING

Fixed Access Charges

- Residential Connected Charge of \$510.
- Commercial 1 Connected Charge of \$510. (Same as Residential Charge)
 - Other non-residential installations not mentioned in Commercial 2 or 3.
- Commercial 2 Connected Charge of \$797 (1.5625 x Commercial 1).
 - Roadhouse, Truck Stop, Parks, Council Office.
- Commercial 3 Connected Charge of \$2,040 (4 x Commercial 1).
 - Facilities such as School, Hospital, Pool, Hotel, Motel, Caravan Park.

Factor

The factor is associated with a meter size, with the assumption that installations with a larger demand will require a larger water meter to provide that demand.

Size	20	25	32	40	50	80	100
Factor πr^2	1	1.5625	2.56	4	6.25	16	25

Consumption Charges

- Consumption Charge Tier 1 of \$0.20 for each kl used.
 - Initially Tier 1 consumption charge, additional Tiers maybe introduced in the future.

Ratepayer Impacts

Based on the water meter readings provided, the largest increases for commercial ratepayers will be the Pool (+\$1,802), Pub (+\$702) and Oasis (+\$584).

Assessment Location	Desc. 25-26	Desc. 26-27	Name	Units 25-26	Units 26-27	25/26	26/27 Access	Est \$ kl	26-27 total	26-27 \$+
00111-10000-000	Water Commercial Uni	Commercial 3	School	30	1	\$2,821	\$2,040	\$720	\$2,760	-\$61
00102-00000-000	Water Commercial Uni	Commercial 3	Hospital	25	1	\$2,351	\$2,040	\$665	\$2,705	\$354
00115-00004-000	Water Commercial Uni	Commercial 3	Pool	25	1	\$2,351	\$2,040	\$2,113	\$4,153	\$1,802
00143-00000-000	Water Commercial Uni	Commercial 3	Pub	25	1	\$2,351	\$2,040	\$1,013	\$3,053	\$702
00186-00000-000	Water Commercial Uni	Commercial 3	Caravan Park	25	1	\$2,351	\$2,040	\$392	\$2,432	\$82
00316-10000-000	Water Commercial Uni	Commercial 3	Old Caravan Park	25	1	\$2,351	\$2,040	\$262	\$2,302	-\$49
00121-00000-000	Water Commercial Uni	Commercial 3	Oasis	20	1	\$1,880	\$2,040	\$425	\$2,465	\$584
00203-10000-000	Water Commercial Uni	Commercial 2	Roadhouse	12	1	\$1,128	\$797	\$289	\$1,085	-\$43
Total						\$17,582	\$15,077		\$20,954	\$3,372

Based on the water meter readings provided for Residential properties, those properties using less than 276kl per year, will not have a change in their water charges. Those using less than 276kl per year will have a reduction in their water charges. The average residential user, of 1,095kl per year, water charges will increase by \$165. The highest user (3,875kl / yr) would increase by \$721.

		2025/26		2026/27				
Description	Category	Annual kl	Dwelling	Access	Tier 1	kl total	26/27 total	26/27 \$+
Lowest	Residential	199	\$564	\$510	\$0.20	\$40	\$550	-\$14
\$0 Increase	Residential	276	\$565	\$510	\$0.20	\$55	\$565	\$0
Average	Residential	1,095	\$564	\$510	\$0.20	\$219	\$729	\$165
Av high 20	Residential	2,156	\$564	\$510	\$0.20	\$431	\$941	\$377
Av high 10	Residential	2,824	\$564	\$510	\$0.20	\$565	\$1,075	\$511
Highest	Residential	3,875	\$564	\$510	\$0.20	\$775	\$1,285	\$721

Shown below are the 55 assessments currently charged Commercial Water Units and then their conversion to the new Fixed Access Charge. Note there is missing meter reading data.

Assessment Location	Desc.26-27	Name	Column1	Units 25-26	Units 26-27	25/26	26/27 Access	Est \$ kl	26-27 total	26-27 \$+
00111-10000-000	Commercial 3	School	THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND	30	1	\$2,821	\$2,040	\$720	\$2,760	-\$61
00316-20000-000	Commercial 3	Sports Oval	RESERVE FOR RECREATION PURPOSES	30	1	\$2,821	\$2,040	\$0	\$2,040	-\$781
00102-00000-000	Commercial 3	Hospital	SOUTH WEST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SER	25	1	\$2,351	\$2,040	\$665	\$2,705	\$354
00115-00004-000	Commercial 3	Pool	BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	25	1	\$2,351	\$2,040	\$2,113	\$4,153	\$1,802
00143-00000-000	Commercial 3	Pub	SHIRLEY EILEEN GIRDLER	25	1	\$2,351	\$2,040	\$1,013	\$3,053	\$702
00186-00000-000	Commercial 3	Caravan Park	BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	25	1	\$2,351	\$2,040	\$392	\$2,432	\$82
00220-10000-000	Commercial 3	Depot	BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	25	1	\$2,351	\$2,040	\$32	\$2,072	-\$279
00220-10000-000	Commercial 3	Depot	BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	25	1	\$2,351	\$2,040	\$32	\$2,072	-\$279
00220-10000-000	Commercial 3	Depot	BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	25	1	\$2,351	\$2,040	\$32	\$2,072	-\$279
00316-10000-000	Commercial 3	Old Caravan Park	RESERVE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURP	25	1	\$2,351	\$2,040	\$262	\$2,302	-\$49
00121-00000-000	Commercial 3	Oasis	NKLEISURES PTY LTD	20	1	\$1,880	\$2,040	\$425	\$2,465	\$584
00149-00000-000	Commercial 3		BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	20	1	\$1,880	\$2,040	\$0	\$2,040	\$160
00159-10000-000	Commercial 3		BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	20	1	\$1,880	\$2,040	\$0	\$2,040	\$160
00117-00000-000	Commercial 3		BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	16	1	\$1,504	\$2,040	\$0	\$2,040	\$536
00220-10200-000	Commercial 2		PIKE & COLTD TTE &	12	1	\$1,128	\$797	\$0	\$797	-\$331
00120-00000-000	Commercial 2		TAIT INVESTMENTS PTY LTD TTE 1/1	12	1	\$1,128	\$797	\$30	\$826	-\$302
00203-10000-000	Commercial 2	Roadhouse	AMIKY PTY LTD AS TTE WARNER FAMILY TRU	12	1	\$1,128	\$797	\$289	\$1,085	-\$43
00220-50000-000	Commercial 2		BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	12	1	\$1,128	\$797	\$509	\$1,306	\$178
00253-50000-000	Commercial 2		ROBERT WILLIAM & TAMIE LOUISE WARNER	12	1	\$1,128	\$797	\$27	\$824	-\$304
00220-11010-000	Commercial 2		CZS CONTRACTING PTY LTD SP1/1	12	1	\$1,128	\$797	\$10	\$807	-\$321
00220-40000-000	Commercial 2		WILLIAM JAMES LOOF	12	1	\$1,128	\$797	\$9	\$805	-\$323
00220-09000-000	Commercial 2		GIGI CO PTY LTD AS TTE	12	1	\$1,128	\$797	\$0	\$797	-\$331
00114-00000-000	Commercial 2		BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	10	1	\$940	\$797	\$0	\$797	-\$143
00116-00000-000	Commercial 2		RESERVE FOR PUBLIC HALLS	10	1	\$940	\$797	\$153	\$950	\$10
00156-10000-000	Commercial 2		BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	10	1	\$940	\$797	\$0	\$797	-\$143
00174-00000-000	Commercial 2		BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	10	1	\$940	\$797	\$524	\$1,320	\$380
00230-50000-000	Commercial 2		BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	10	1	\$940	\$797	\$0	\$797	-\$143
00359-10000-000	Commercial 2		ECT HOLDINGS PTY LTD AS TTE	10	1	\$940	\$797	\$0	\$797	-\$143
00114-00000-000	Commercial 2		BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	10	1	\$940	\$797	\$0	\$797	-\$143
00220-11700-000	Commercial 1		IAN THOMPSON HATCH	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$43	\$553	-\$11
00105-00000-000	Commercial 1		BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$0	\$510	-\$54
00105-10000-000	Commercial 1		BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$0	\$510	-\$54
00106-00000-000	Commercial 1		BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$0	\$510	-\$54
00118-10000-000	Commercial 1		BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$0	\$510	-\$54
00133-10000-000	Commercial 1		ERGON ENERGY CORPORATION LIMITED	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$0	\$510	-\$54
00140-00000-000	Commercial 1		TELSTRA CORPORATION LIMITED SP1/1	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$0	\$510	-\$54
00144-00000-000	Commercial 1		SHIRLEY EILEEN GIRDLER	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$116	\$626	\$62
00147-00000-000	Commercial 1	Shop	HUMPHRS & CO PTY LTD AS TTE	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$68	\$578	\$13
00149-50000-000	Commercial 1		BRETT WILLIAM I & JACQUELINE D GREEN	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$0	\$510	-\$54
00220-55000-000	Commercial 1		ANDREW DWAYNE & ALISON MARGARET PE	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$0	\$510	-\$54
00220-02000-000	Commercial 1		KITSAL LOUISE WARNER	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$179	\$689	\$125
00220-50000-000	Commercial 1		BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$509	\$1,019	\$455
00222-50000-000	Commercial 1		ROBERT MICHAEL URQUHART	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$10	\$520	-\$44
00222-69000-000	Commercial 1		JOHN CHARLES & PEGGY LEE FERGUSON	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$9	\$519	-\$46
00315-00000-000	Commercial 1		CEMETERY RESERVE	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$0	\$510	-\$54
00220-57000-000	Commercial 1		G.V.KENNY, A.R.KENNY & T.KENNY	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$0	\$510	-\$54
00220-11400-000	Commercial 1		GIGI CO PTY LTD TTE	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$0	\$510	-\$54
00220-58000-000	Commercial 1		D. T.&R. JBrown & A.J.&K.M.Schlenert	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$0	\$510	-\$54
00139-00000-000	Commercial 1		THE STATE OF QLD (REPRESENTED BY PUB	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$313	\$823	\$259
00220-00000-000	Commercial 1		BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL TTE	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$0	\$510	-\$54
00220-12000-000	Commercial 1		IOR PROPERTY GROUP NO. 2 PTY LTD TTE	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$0	\$510	-\$54
00220-15000-000	Commercial 1		BRETT WILLIAM INNES &	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$0	\$510	-\$54
00220-11200-000	Commercial 1		CHRISTOPHER ROBERT WILLIAM &	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$0	\$510	-\$54
00111-00000-000	Commercial 1		BRUCE KEVIN & ELIZABETH RILEY	6	1	\$564	\$510	\$376	\$886	\$322
00145-00000-000	Commercial 1		CORPORATION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC	3	0.5	\$282	\$255	\$263	\$518	\$236
Total	55					\$61,583	\$53,518	\$9,119	\$62,637	\$1,054

There are 27 “Residential” assessments currently charged a Water Connected Charge or a Water Access Charge that will experience an increase of more than \$200 per year in their water charges. These properties use 1,319 kl or more of water per year.

Assessment Location	Desc. 26-27	Name	Column1	Units 25-26	Units 26-27	25/26	26/27 Access	Est \$ kl	26-27 total	26-27 \$+	kl
00128-00000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	DONNAMAYHOBBS	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$2,248	\$2,758	\$2,194	11,239
00112-10000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	ROBERTA & SHIRLEYEHILT	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$775	\$1,285	\$721	3,875
00113-00000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	MELINDALOUISEBYRNE	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$748	\$1,258	\$694	3,740
00102-00000-000	Water Connected Charge	Hospital	SOUTH WEST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$665	\$1,175	\$611	3,324
00222-34000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	DONALD KP GIRDLER & SHIRLEYEHILT	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$594	\$1,104	\$540	2,971
00212-00000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$589	\$1,099	\$535	2,946
00173-00000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	JOHN CHARLES & JACQUELINE MARY	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$542	\$1,052	\$488	2,711
00191-00000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	MICHAEL CBROCK & KAREN LDARE	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$484	\$994	\$429	2,418
00222-30019-500	Water Access Charge	0	KERRY-ANN FLEMING &	1	1	\$361	\$361	\$421	\$783	\$421	2,107
00201-50000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$466	\$976	\$412	2,329
00171-00000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	WILLIAM JAMES EASTON	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$463	\$973	\$409	2,315
00167-00000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	WILLIAM & JOAN ABEAVIS	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$424	\$934	\$370	2,121
00222-30019-500	Water Connected Charge	0	KERRY-ANN FLEMING &	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$421	\$931	\$367	2,107
00186-00000-000	Water Connected Charge	Caravan Park	BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$392	\$902	\$338	1,961
00168-00000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	PETER, JOHN LESLIE MCNAMARA	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$390	\$900	\$336	1,951
00165-00000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	CECIL EDWARD BEAVIS	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$383	\$893	\$329	1,916
00196-50000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	DARYL ANDREW BYRNE &	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$361	\$871	\$307	1,803
00196-50000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	DARYL ANDREW BYRNE &	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$361	\$871	\$307	1,803
00231-30000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	IRENE JOYCE & CHRISTOPHER ROBE	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$329	\$839	\$275	1,647
00118-20000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	CADE WILLIAM RYAN & JANE MARETT	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$329	\$839	\$275	1,643
00231-50000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$327	\$837	\$273	1,634
00109-10000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	PHILIP JULIAN & DONNAMARIE HUMPHREYS	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$316	\$826	\$262	1,582
00202-00000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$312	\$822	\$258	1,562
00109-00000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	ROBERT JOHN DAVID GIRDLER &	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$297	\$807	\$243	1,484
00172-00000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	GLYN DANIEL AND ROBYN JOYDARE	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$282	\$792	\$228	1,411
00188-90000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$266	\$776	\$212	1,328
00220-24000-000	Water Connected Charge	0	NORMAN & KAREN LESLEY TAYLOR	1	1	\$564	\$510	\$264	\$774	\$210	1,319
Total		27				\$15,030	\$13,621	\$13,450	\$27,071	\$12,042	

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council’s objective in transitioning to a consumption-based water pricing model is not to increase overall water revenue or impose additional costs on the community as a whole.

The proposed structure will incorporate a reduction in fixed access charges to offset the introduction of a per kL consumption charge. This approach is intended to maintain overall revenue neutrality while improving the alignment between water usage and cost.

Under the proposed model:

- Customers with average or lower water usage are expected to experience little to no change, and may in some cases see a reduction in costs;
- Customers with higher water consumption may incur increased costs, reflecting their level of usage; and
- The pricing structure provides a clear financial incentive to reduce excessive consumption, supporting more sustainable water use.

This approach ensures a more equitable “user pays” system, where costs are proportionate to demand, while also promoting responsible management of Council’s water resources.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISKStrategic Risks

- Transitioning to a consumption-based pricing model may impact customers differently, particularly higher water users, which may lead to community concern or resistance if not clearly communicated.
- Households with higher water needs (e.g. larger families, properties with gardens) may experience increased costs, which could affect equity perceptions if not appropriately balanced through tariff design.

Operational Risks

- Transitioning to a new pricing model requires updates to systems, billing processes, and internal procedures, increasing the risk of errors during the transition period.
- Reliance on consumption-based charging requires accurate metering and data collection. Faulty or inconsistent meter readings could result in incorrect billing outcomes.
- Customers may have limited understanding of the new charging model, leading to confusion, complaints, or increased administrative demand on Council staff.

Implementation Considerations and Controls

Implementation of the proposed model will be supported by the following controls:

- Verification of metering accuracy and data integrity prior to commencement;
- Updates of billing systems and processes to ensure correct application of charges;
- Staff training to support consistent administration and customer enquiries; and
- Targeted community communication to ensure customers understand the new pricing structure and its impacts prior to implementation.

CRITICAL DATES

1st July 2026 - Implementation aligned with commencement of 2026–2027 financial year billing cycle.

CONSULTATION

Mead Perry

Councillors

Admin & Finance Manager

14.12 T2025-2026-115 BITUMEN SEAL - THARGOMINDAH TOWN ST, WARRI GATE ROAD AND NOCCUNDR AIRSTRIP

File Number: 161607
Author: Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the tender responses from suitably qualified contractors to supply and deliver bitumen seal services for:

- Thargomindah Town Street;
- Warri Gate Road – CRC Project; and
- Noccundra Airstrip.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) accept the tender submitted by Austek for the value of \$2,140,346.29 excl GST; and
- b) delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise contract arrangements.

BACKGROUND

In May 2026, Council advertised for suitably qualified contractors to supply and deliver bitumen seal services for:

- a) Thargomindah Town Street project under TMR;
- b) Warri Gate Road under the CRC Program; and
- c) Noccundra Airstrip under the QMF Program.

The primary objectives of the Principal inviting the request for tender are:

- a) to obtain value for money;
- b) to ensure open and effective competition; and
- c) to ensure timely and efficient supply delivery.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THIS MATTER

Nil.

DISCUSSION

At the time of closing, Council received four (4) submissions and they were evaluated based on:

- Relevant Experience;
- Tenderers Resources;
- Demonstrated Understanding;
- Cost; and
- Local Content.

The Tenderer’s scores are as follows:

Tenderer	Relevant Experience 30%	Tenderers Resources 15%	Demonstrated Understanding 10%	Cost 35%	Local Content 10%	Total
Austek	23%	12%	8%	28%	5%	76%
Colas	17%	10%	5%	12%	3%	47%
Downer – TMR	22%	11%	7%	16%	7%	64%
Downer – AAA	22%	11%	7%	14%	7%	61%

Austek

Austek achieved a weighted score of 76%, with a tendered cost of \$2,140,346.29 excl GST.

Austek have the relevant experience, resources, understanding and value for money for the tendered works, Austek have completed works for Bulloo Shire Council previously with exceptional quality to standards.

Colas

Colas achieved a weighted score of 47%, with a tendered cost of \$2,845,343.58 excl GST.

Colas have a great knowledge and understanding of required works for this tender, they are experienced, however the cost factor contributed to this score.

Downer – TMR Specs

Downer submitted one (1) application for TMR specifications as per the advertised tender, tender documents stated “All works shall be carried out in accordance with TMR Technical Specification (MRTS) and/or a Specification (Measurement) (MRS) as listed below”.

Downer achieved a weighted score of 64%, with a tendered cost of \$2,434,303.17 excl GST.

Downer are highly experienced and have all required resources and experience, however the cost factor contributed to this score.

Downer – AAA Specs

Downer submitted one (1) application for AAA specifications, tender documents stated All works shall be carried out in accordance with TMR Technical Specification (MRTS) and/or a Specification (Measurement) (MRS) as listed below.

Downer achieved a weighted score of 61%, with a tendered cost of \$2,541,165.57 excl GST.

The only difference in the two (2) submissions received from Downer is a total cost of \$106,862.40 excl GST for AAA Specifications for Noccundra Airstrip. Tender documents stated “All works shall be carried out in accordance with TMR Technical Specification (MRTS) and/or a Specification (Measurement) (MRS) as listed below”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A summary of the tenderers’ costs is provided in the table below.

Areas	Austek	Colas	Downer - TMR	Downer - AAA
Thargomindah Town Streets	289,762	443,211	324,946	324,946
Warri Gate Road	1,322,145	1,576,904	1,410,940	1,410,940
Noccundra Airstrip	528,439	825,229	698,417	805,280
Total	2,140,346	2,845,344	2,434,303	2,541,166

All costs above are exclusive of GST.

The recommended Tenderer’s cost is within Council’s budget allocation for the Noccundra Airstrip and Thargomindah Town Street projects. The Warri Gate Road component exceeds its individual budget allocation by \$122,145; however, this overspend will be offset by underspends in other areas of the project, with the total tendered cost remaining within the overall project budget of \$2,200,000 excl. GST.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

30 November 2026

CONSULTATION

Evaluation Panel

- Acting Manager – Roads Coordinator
- RMPC Officer
- Technical Officer

14.13 T2025-2026-116 FULL SERVICE IN-SITU STABILISATION WORKS THARGOMINDAH

File Number: 161616
Author: Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the tender responses from suitably qualified contractors to supply plant and equipment for In-Situ Stabilisation for the Thargomindah Town Street project.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the tender from Everest Civil for the total amount of \$455,452.00 excl GST.

BACKGROUND

In May 2026, Council advertised for suitably qualified contractors to supply plant and equipment for full service In-Situ Stabilisation works within Thargomindah Town Street.

The primary objectives of the Principal inviting the request for tender are:

- to obtain value for money;
- to ensure open and effective competition; and
- to ensure timely and efficient supply delivery.

The proposed works are located in Thargomindah in the Bulloo Shire Council and works will require a traffic controller during the implementation of works.

Bulloo Shire Council has been awarded by TMR to deliver the Flood Damage Restoration works in the Town Street where the whole town has been under flooding last March 2025 flood event.

Damage has been significant in the town of Thargomindah where QRA and TMR has assess all the damage that was incurred during the flooding and provide funding to restored the damage section in the Town Streets.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THIS MATTER

Nil.

DISCUSSION

At the time of closing, Council received four (4) submissions and they were evaluated based on:

- Relevant Experience;
- Tenderers Resources;
- Demonstrated Understanding;
- Cost; and
- Local Content.

The Tenderer’s scores are as follows:

Tenderer	Relevant Experience 30%	Tenderers Resources 15%	Demonstrated Understanding 10%	Cost 35%	Local Content 10%	Total
Everest Civil	25%	12%	8%	27%	6%	78%
Stabilised Pavements Australia	25%	12%	8%	22%	7%	74%
Cooper McCullough Group	24%	12%	7%	14%	5%	62%
Stabilcorp	24%	11%	7%	22%	7%	71%

Everest Civil

Everest Civil achieved a weighted score of 78%, with a tendered cost of \$455,452.00 excl GST.

Everest Civil have the relevant experience, resources, understanding and value for money for the tendered works, Everest Civil have completed works for Bulloo Shire Council previously with exceptional quality to standards and without delays to works.

The panel recommend Council accept the tender from Everest Civil.

Stabilised Pavements Australia

Stabilised Pavements Australia (SPA) achieved a weighted score of 74%, with a tendered cost of \$517,684.37 excl GST. SPA have a great knowledge an understanding of required works for this tender, they are highly experienced and stabilisation is their area of expertise however the cost factor contributed to this score.

Cooper McCullough Group

Cooper McCullough Group (CMG) achieved a weighted score of 62%, with a tendered cost of \$765,750.00 excl GST. CMG have the knowledge and understanding of the required works, they had resources and personnel as per the Request for Tender specifications, however the cost factor contributed to this score.

Stabilcorp

Stabcorp achieved a weighted score of 71%, with a tendered cost of \$491,469.88 excl GST. Stabilcorp are experienced and have completed stabilisation works for neighbouring shires, they have all the required resources and demonstrated understanding, however the cost factor contributed to this score.

Everest Civil	Stabilised Pavements Australia	Cooper McCullough Group	Stabilcorp
\$455,452.00 excl GST	\$517,684.37 excl GST	\$765,750.00 excl GST	\$491,469.88 excl GST

The evaluation panel therefore recommends that Council accept the tender submitted by Everest Civil based off value for money.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The recommended tender cost is within Council’s budget allocation of \$770,000 for this project.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Evaluation Panel

- Acting Manager - Roads Coordinator
- RMPC Officer
- Technical Coordinator

14.14 RENEWAL OF LEASES FOR COUNCIL SHEDS

File Number: 161095
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Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider the renewal of the lease arrangements for:

- the shed located on Lot 2 SP106864, Stafford Street, Thargomindah; and
- the shed located on Lot 32 RP2055077, 13 Speedy Street, Thargomindah.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulations 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Approve the renewal of the lease to Alison and Andy Petty for the shed located at Stafford Street, Thargomindah (Lot 2 SP106864) on the following terms:
 - a. Lease term of two (2) years;
 - b. Rent set at \$47.76 per week for the 2026-2027 FY;
 - c. Rent set at \$49.19 per week for the 2027/2028 FY, subject to annual review in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges;
 - d. Revised rent to apply from 22 June 2026, invoiced by Council;
 - e. Electricity usage to be met by the lessee;
 - f. Use of the building at the lessee's risk, noting its age and condition;
 - g. Council accepts no liability for damage to stored equipment;
 - h. The lessee is required to maintain appropriate insurance and indemnify Council against any claims;
 - i. Council may terminate the lease with one (1) month's notice should the building be required for Council purposes; and
 - j. Option to renew at the conclusion of the lease term, subject to Council approval.
2. Approve the renewal of the lease to Deborah Czislowski for the shed located at 13 Speedy street, Thargomindah known as Lot 32 RP2055077 on the following terms:
 - a. Lease term of two (2) years;
 - b. Rent set at \$47.76 per week for the 2026-2027 FY;
 - c. Rent set at \$49.19 per week for the 2027/2028 FY, subject to annual review in

- accordance with Council's Fees and Charges;
- d. Revised rent to apply from 22 June 2026, invoiced by Council;
 - e. Electricity usage to be met by the lessee;
 - f. Use of the building at the lessee's risk, noting its age and condition;
 - g. Council accepts no liability for damage to stored equipment;
 - h. The lessee is required to maintain appropriate insurance and indemnify Council against any claims;
 - i. Council may terminate the lease with one (1) month's notice should the building be required for Council purposes; and
 - j. Option to renew at the conclusion of the lease term, subject to Council approval.

BACKGROUND

Andy and Alison Petty have leased a the shed on Councils property on Stafford Street, Thargomindah known as Lot 2 SP106864 since 26 February 2019 with conditions including:

- The Shed on Lot 2 SP106864, Stafford Street, Thargomindah is available for \$40 a week for a 12-month period.
- Rent will be due from the date that you start operating on the lot. (Council will issue an invoice which can be paid by using BPAY).
- Any power costs used will be passed to the renter.
- The building is old and accordingly storing equipment is at your own risk.
- Council will not take liability for any damage or insurance for the equipment.
- Council expects the renter to carry insurance for the equipment and will not accept liability for any claims.
- Council will provide 1 month notice to vacate if the building is required for Council use.
- There will be an option to renew agreement at the end of the 12-month trial period

Debbie Czisowski has leased the former SES Shed located at 13 Speedy Street, Thargomindah since 23 November 2018 under similar conditions:

- Any power costs used will be passed to the renter.
- The building is old and accordingly you store equipment at your own risk.
- Council will not take liability for any damage or insurance for the equipment.
- Council expects the renter to carry insurance for the equipment and will not accept liability for any claims.
- There will be an option to renew agreement at the end of the 12-month trial period.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

- **Resolution 2018/2** – Approved the lease of the SES shed (Lot 32 RP205077) to Debbie Czisowski under the above conditions.
- **Resolution 2019/1** – Approved the lease of the shed at Stafford Street (Lot 2 SP106864) to Andy and Alison Petty under the above conditions.
- **Resolution 2020/291** –
 - a. Declined the sale of 13 Speedy Street (Lot 32 RP205077)
 - b. Resolved to continue leasing the former SES shed to Debbie Czisowski, with annual review
 - c. Noted Council would consider an application for a roof extension

DISCUSSION

The Petty lease (Lot 2 SP106864) has remained in place since 2019 and has not undergone a formal review since commencement, instead continuing on a rolling annual basis without adjustment to lease fees.

Similarly, the Czislowski lease (Lot 32 RP205077) was last formally reviewed in 2020 and has since continued on a rolling basis without an increase to the lease fee.

A recent review by Council’s Finance Team identified that lease fees for both properties have not been indexed in line with Council’s adopted Fees and Charges increases. Applying a consistent annual increase of 3% (with the exception of one year to reflect flood impacts), the indicative weekly rent would now be approximately \$47.76, increasing to \$49.19 in the following year.

The proposed adjustment aligns the leases with Council’s standard approach to annual indexation and ensures consistency across Council-controlled leases.

Fees & Charges Increase		3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	0%	3%	3%
Year (FY)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Weekly Rate	\$40.00	\$41.20	\$42.44	\$43.71	\$45.02	\$46.37	\$47.76	\$47.76	\$49.19	\$50.67

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Proposed lease fee of \$47.76 per week for the 2026–2027 financial year
- Indicative increase to \$49.19 per week for the 2027–2028 financial year (subject to annual review)

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

14.15 COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACES REPORT

File Number: 161646
Author: Tamie Warner, Community, Culture & Places
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Community, Culture & Places report for the month of May 2026

CORPORATE / HUMAN RESOURCES ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY

New Starters

Nil

Resignations

Nil

Positions Advertised

Executive Assistant

HEADCOUNT

Employment Type	Opening Balance	New Starters	Terminated	April Balance
Full Time	47	3	-	50
Part Time	1	-	-	1
Casual	6	-	-	6
Fixed Term	-	-	-	-
Apprentice	-	-	-	-
Totals	54	3	-	57

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

SWQROC Tourism Group

Working with “Fun Over 50’s” bus tour group and Anita Clark Tourism, there is now three fully booked confirmed tours through the entire area that have an overnight stay in Thargomindah. This is an extra 105 people to the region.

From the Tour Operators “Our first group has now travelled, and the receipts from their total regional spend have been tallied. The total spend across the regions came to an incredible \$59,861.37. Our second group departed 11 June with a mission to exceed this figure, so it has now become a friendly competition between the groups.”

RAB Funding 2025-2028 (Submission Approval)

The SWQROC submission for the new Drive Tourism Product Development for SWQ was submitted on the 28th November 2025 has been approved and SWQROC is currently working with the Department to finalise the Funding Financial Agreement (FFA) for formal sign-off to commence the project. Revised deliverable will be 4th December 2026.

Preferred project consultant, Krista Hauritz has confirmed her availability to undertake project deliverables as proposed in the application and will be invited to present at the 23 June meeting (post FFA finalisation) to discuss the next steps of commencing the Drive Tourism Product Development project for SWQROC.

Music In the Mulga

Music In the Mulga brought in the long-awaited visitors to our region, I have not confirmed attendance at this event yet however, will endeavour to have a report to Council at the next Council meeting.

Channel Country Music Muster

400 people are already booked in for the Muster, this does not include numbers from the Caravan Park which is booked out. Everything is progressing nicely.

STATISTICS

VIC		Facebook – Explore Bulloo		Instagram	
Visitors	455	Interactions	1.4K	Views	5.7K
Phone calls	325	Comments	-	Interactions	56
Email enquirers	162	Views	117K	Reach	268
		New followers	74	New followers	8
		Total Followers	9,078K	Total followers	1412

LIFESTYLE AND RECREATION

- The Theatre Production Fractured Fairy tales was received well at the Primary school. Our next theatre production, Pram Kickers, will be held on the 22nd June.
- Ticket for Ladies Day are selling well, this event will be held at the Golf Club on the 27th June.
- Book Club continues and meet the first Wednesday of every month.
- F5F was held at the Shearers Shindig and has been requested to attend the Thargomindah Polox carnival in June.
- Silver in the Sticks conducted a silversmithing workshop on the 30/31 May this workshop was attended by 10 locals this workshop was funded by State Library Wage subsidy funding.
- Upcoming workshops are Leather Work – 6/7 June, Quilting - 20/21 June, Wire Work – 11/12 July, Upholstery – 15/16 July.
- Plan are in progress to once again hold the Thargo Triathlon in October. This was a very popular community event in the past.
- Playgroup continues every Thursday at the Library and there will now also be RAFS Playgroup every 2nd Tuesday in the park commencing the 16th June.
- Fishing Comp to be held in first half of July pending river conditions.

Activity –			Users
Total Library Visits	March	April	May
Tourists		18	3
Local Adults	4	11	9
Local Children		30	31
First 5 Forever (Parents and Children)	6	8	35
F5F On the Road (Seasonal) – Shearers Shindig	-	-	15
Book loans	6	64	
WQPHN Activities – Healthy Ageing Program			
Water Aerobics (Seasonal)	2	-	-
Massage/Beauty Treatments/Hairdresser (55yrs & Over) Thargo	6	15	
Luncheon (1)	8	14	-
InBody Scans	1	-	2
Teelow court visits	64	28	38
Workshops/Community Events/School Holiday			
Book Club	8	5	4
Anzac Day	-	75	
Theatre Production – Fractured Fairytales - @ school	-	-	32

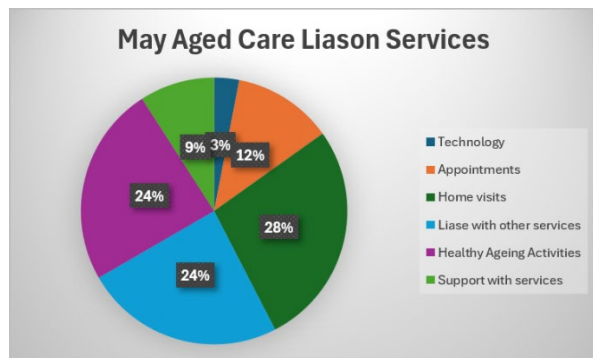
Healthy Ageing Liaison Officer Report

May Report

- Continued to provide support and help to residents via phone calls, center and home visits to address their concerns and assisted with filling out forms, telehealth, travel and technology issues
- Fortnightly meetings with Nurse navigator, RFDS clinical coordinators and local community care collective staff to update on clients and organize appointments
- Supported and liaised with visiting services
- Vital Health Physiotherapist visited fortnightly in May
- Optometrist used Teelow Court which had 20 attendees. He will visit again later in the year.

Monthly Rec Centre Totals

Healthy Ageing activities 55 and over	PHN Funded Visiting Therapists	Vital Health	Use of Centre Equipment	Visiting Services (Lifeline, other)	BSC Staff
8	9>55	14	4	20	10



14.16 SHEARERS SHINDIG RECAP 2026

File Number: 161652
Author: Tamie Warner, Tourism & Economic Development Manager
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

2026 Shearers Shindig

Overview

The Shearers Shindig 2026, despite a date change, was successfully held and attracted strong community support. The event maintained its tradition of celebrating outback life and shearing culture while promoting social connection and mental health awareness.

Attendance Summary

- **Total Attendance:** 616 (including nominations)
- **Shearing Nominations:** 66
- **Stall Holders:** 25

Contractors and Key Personnel	Joel & Faith Selmes	Event set-up and pack-down (Everything Shearing)
	Chloe Selmes & Samantha Narracott	Score table and bookkeeping
	Graeme Robberds	Shearing Commentator
	Bobby Nick	Shearing Judge
	Jody & Terry Garnham	Shearing lights & Clocks
	Gillian Strong	Master of Ceremonies
Support from Local Businesses	Bulloo River Hotel	Alcohol supply & Shearers Smoko
	Turnouts	Hay for pig races
	Foodworks	Soft drinks (bar)
	Half Hitch	Firewood
	Cross Country Fusion	Cleaning Supplies
	Explorers Rest	Fuel Vouchers
	Oasis Motel	Accommodation
	Explorers Caravan Park	Accommodation
Paid	Steven Brown / Brown Snake	Two nights and one day of entertainment including DJ sets, live

Entertainment	Studios	music, and sponsorship reels
	Eljays Freestyle Entertainment	Pushbike & Motorbike Comedy act
	Noah’s Pig Racing	Live pig racing shows
No-Cost Entertainment	Inaugural Dachshund Races	Amity & Dylan Andrews, Jordyn Ferguson
	Shearers Smoko	Glyn Dare, Andrew Selmes, Graeme Robberds, Imran Sullivan
	Wool Bale Races	Ardoch Pastoral Co.
	Tom King	Friday night fish races, Saturday morning MC
Local Community Groups Supported	Coordinating, Organising & Operating the Bar	Thargo Bulls Rugby League
	A portion of the pig racing proceeds traditionally goes to a community or not-for-profit group. The Hospital Auxiliary requested assistance to buy a new trauma X-ray stretcher valued at \$13,861.	Thargomindah Hospital Auxiliary – received \$11,811.00
	A share of the Open Shears Calcutta is required to go to a not-for-profit, and since someone was airlifted by RFDS from the event on Friday, Council decided to donate to RFDS.	Royal Flying Doctors Service – received \$2,500
Volunteers and Community Assistance	Crissy Selmes	Music for Shearing
	Music in the Mulga Team	(David & Carmel) – Supported pack-down of MITM and assisted with Shindig set-up
	RACQ & Volunteer QLD (15 Volunteers)	Assisted with gate, merchandise, Pig Races, and general support
	Gillian Strong	Friday MC
	Jamie Girdler & Hayden Ferguson	Sheep handling behind shearing stand

Event Highlights and Feedback

This year saw an increase in general admission numbers, reflecting strong community interest and engagement. However, nominations for the shearers were lower than previous years. Several competitors shared that attendance has been down at all quick shears recently, attributing this trend mainly to rising fuel costs, which have made travel more expensive for participants.

Logistics and Weather Impact

The rain that arrived on Sunday and Monday prior to the event presented a significant challenge. Moving everything from MITM and setting up again at the oval was no easy task. With the help of

a dedicated team, the process was completed successfully. Concerns about wet sheep were alleviated thanks to Anthony Glasson's reassurance that all would be well, allowing focus to shift to other matters.

Evening Activities Between MITM and the Shindig

Having events scheduled on all four nights between MITM and the Shindig encouraged attendees to stay longer and enjoy the full program. Activities included:

- First Night: Glyn (Dogga) Dare hosted a free BBQ at the golf club, with guests invited to bring a plate to share.
- Second Night: A sausage sizzle at the polocrosse ground accompanied by live music from Jacinta Byrne and Adam Kilpatrick, held at the Hydro Power BBQ area.
- Third Night: Outdoor movie night at the Caravan Park, with catering provided by Dogga's team.
- Fourth Night: Live music at the Bulloo River Hotel, organised directly by the pub.

Sponsorship Announcements

The use of a pre-recorded reel listing sponsorship levels proved highly effective. This ensured that all sponsors were acknowledged, with the reel played during breaks in the program so no one was overlooked.

Market Stalls

This year featured the highest number of market stalls to date, with a total of 25 stalls providing a diverse range of offerings and contributing to the vibrant atmosphere.

Security

Casey Listen and her team from Charleville were engaged again this year to assist with crowd control at the Shindig. With only two team members, costs were reduced to around \$6,000. Discussions with local police will continue to determine security needs for next year's event.

Conclusion

Overall, the event faced some logistical challenges due to weather, but with teamwork and planning, these were overcome. The expanded evening program and increased stallholder participation contributed to a successful and enjoyable experience for all. Future considerations include monitoring shearer nominations and ongoing discussions about security arrangements.

Future Events - Volunteers

It is noted that the increased compliance requirements of the Child Safe Organisations Act 2024 (Qld) will increase the compliance requirements associated with volunteer participation at Council-supported events with children in attendance. Council will be required to implement a range of policies and procedures to ensure compliance, including child safety and reporting frameworks. Individuals will also be required to meet specified prerequisites prior to volunteering, including holding relevant screening clearances (e.g. Blue Cards) and any other required certifications where applicable. This may affect our ability to accept / find volunteers.

14.17 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

File Number: 161589
Author: Donna Hobbs, Rural & Town Services Manager
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Rural Services Department Report for May 2026.

BIOSECURITY**Landholders**

Phone, email, and face-to-face consultations were conducted with landholders throughout the month regarding baiting programs, pig numbers and road openings, in particular for stock trucks.

Properties consulted included: Nappa Merrie, Omicron, Epsilon, Orientos, Tickalara, Bulloo Downs, Dynevor Downs, Thargomindah Station, Wiralla, Autumnvale, Yakara, Boodgherree, Kilcowera, Moombidary, Nockatunga, Naryilco, Durham Downs, Picarilli, Bingara, Besm, Nooyeah, and Wombula, Willara, Waverley Downs.

THARGOMINDAH TOWN COMMON

Feed has freshened up on the Common with the consistent small rainfall totals. The faulty float valve was replaced in the Beekeeper's Tank during the month by Council staff.

WILD DOG MANAGEMENT

Landholders continue to report high levels of wild dog activity. Enquiries regarding manufactured baits were referred to retail suppliers including Nutrien Ag, Elders, and Western Rural. The disrepair of the Wild Dog Barrier Fence is contributing to this increased activity.

Wild Dog Barrier Fence – Department of Primary Industries – May update

- Annual Capital Works job has been relocated as a priority to repair the recent flood damage incurred on the Picarilli/Bulloo Downs boundary. 10km of new fence is planned for this section which will take in the most damaged area, this will be installed by a contractor.
- Patrol Officers are expected to commence work next week on other lost floodways outside the 10km capital works area, there are approximately 5 major floodgates to reinstate and numerous smaller jobs. Machinery and materials were relocated to Thyangra.
- Inspections have been conducted across the Bulloo Shire fence when staff have been available and off rotation from attending to flood recovery work in the north. The fence has been generally in reasonable condition apart from damage incurred from the recent rain event mainly effecting Picarilli/Bulloo Downs fence.

- Although outside the Bulloo Shires protected area, materials for the Bulloo/Quilpie Shires damaged flood fence between Nockatunga and Mount Margret are being delivered into west over the next couple of weeks, contractors will be engaged to reinstate this section with new materials.

Wild Dog Barrier Fence Review Consultation

The Department of Primary Industries is reviewing funding and capitalisation models for the Wild Dog Barrier Fence (WDBF), with KPMG engaged to lead consultation. The review aims to develop a transparent, equitable, and sustainable cost-sharing model to address ongoing budget pressures and future landholder needs.

Key focus areas include:

- Assessing the current methodology for calculating Local Government contributions via the Land Protection Fund (LPF)
- Developing a fair and sustainable cost-sharing model
- Recommending a consistent apportionment model across Local Governments

Bulloo Shire Council, as an LPF contributor, was consulted on current arrangements, sustainability, and local impacts. Stakeholders involved include nine Local Governments, the WDBF Oversight Group and Panel, and Department of Primary Industries staff.

Rural Services staff attended the consultation session on 30 April 2026, which also referenced previous consultation materials and reports. Council's annual contribution to the WDBF for the 2025/26 financial year was \$76,023.

South West Queensland Regional Drought Resilience Plan (RDRP) – Progress Update

The University of Southern Queensland, in partnership with Regional Development Australia, is progressing the Southwest Queensland Regional Drought Resilience Plan (RDRP). Following formal approval of the RDRPs by both State and Australian Governments, work has commenced on the development of an Implementation Plan to translate broad initiatives into actionable and fundable projects.

A regional roundtable was held in Quilpie on Friday, 24 April, hosted by the University of Southern Queensland (Centre for Rural Economies), the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR), and Regional Development Australia – Darling Downs South West. The session brought together key stakeholders to identify critical steps required to effectively deliver projects across the Darling Downs region, and to provide input on regional priorities to strengthen drought resilience.

Consultation materials and information on the SWQ RDRP have been distributed to Bulloo Shire landholders. At this early stage, one formal response has been received.

The University of Southern Queensland has advised that the draft RDRP document is nearing completion; however, a confirmed public release date has not yet been provided.

MEETINGS, TRAININGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED DURING THE MONTH

5	Capital Works Program Meeting
7	Audit Committee Meeting
12	Executive Leadership Team WHS Meeting
13	Executive Leadership Team Meeting
18	Consultation with Maree Tulley (Exclusion Fence Recovery Project)
20	Council Budget Workshop
21	Council Meeting
21	Meeting with Farms Angels
23	Consultation with RACQ Foundation

TOWN SERVICES**Airport**

- Airport operations continued smoothly throughout the reporting period with no disruptions.
- Aviation fuel supply remained reliable, with no shortages or issues recorded, ensuring uninterrupted service delivery.
- Six RFDS aeromedical retrievals were successfully facilitated, supporting critical health service delivery to the region.
- BKR Town Maintenance maintained consistent oversight and management of operations at the Thargomindah Aerodrome including inspection of airstrip prior to each REX and RFDS landing and take-off as per CASA Regulations.

Facilities and Housing

Routine maintenance and minor repairs were carried out as required. Blinds continued to be progressively installed in Council housing by Town Services Coordinator.

Parks and Gardens

Staff maintained kerbside waste collection, skip bin servicing, and general grounds maintenance, including upkeep of the Council Administration Office and VIC grounds, Leahy House, Truck Stop, Teelow Court and Senior Units. Event pack-up activities (Shearer's Shindig and Music in the Mulga) progressed where possible, with some delays due to wet weather and tourism staff availability.

Parks and Gardens also completed Rest Area Servicing at five locations:

- BESM rest area – whippersnipped; bins emptied
- Lake Bindegolly – bins emptied
- Ambulance Bay on the Cunnamulla Road – bins emptied.
- Jackson T – skip bin emptied
- Noccundra amenities – whippersnipped and faulty solar lights replaced

14.18 COMMUNITY RECOVERY & RESILIENCE OFFICER REPORT

File Number: 161605
Author: Gillian Strong, Community Recovery & Resilience Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

INTRODUCTION

May has been a real month of discovery, highlighting both the opportunities available and the gaps that exist for our community in accessing recovery and resilience programs across Queensland.

Through ongoing engagement with organisations and service providers, it has become clear that while a wide range of excellent programs exist, such as Birdie Tree children’s resources, Red Cross Pillowcase workshops, and community resilience initiatives being delivered across other regions, Bulloo Shire often misses out due to location and provider capacity constraints.

This has been both an eye-opening and challenging process, reinforcing the importance of advocating for our community to ensure we are not overlooked. Significant effort has been placed on identifying opportunities, following up with providers, and developing practical workarounds to bring these resources into our community.

This approach is gaining traction, with organisations showing strong interest in supporting Bulloo. Outcomes to date include access to Birdie Tree resources for children and active discussions with TRACC to deliver the film “Just a Farmer” and associated resources locally.

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

- Increased community engagement through phone contact and face-to-face consultation, particularly with seniors and non-digital participants.
- Progressed the Growing Leaders – Growing Stronger program, with a provider now confirmed and costings and program details pending.
- Established the Community Recovery & Resilience Hub at the VIC as a central point for engagement and access to recovery support, with agencies engaged to provide resources.
- Strengthened partnerships and secured Council’s approval as a GIVIT Agent, supporting access to resources, services and recovery programs.
- Progressed planning for grant writing, social media and AI workshops, with a provider selected to deliver AI training including one-on-one business support. Additional training opportunities, including Psychological First Aid and RediPlan access, are being explored.
- Commenced the Walk & Talk program (5 at 5 / 5 at 9), supporting community connection and gathering direct feedback.

LOOKING AHEAD

June will focus on implementing key activities and increasing on-ground engagement, including:

- Community visits to Hungerford and Noccundra
- Engagement with landholders on “Animals in Emergencies”
- Community clean-up and SES engagement event
- Continued Walk & Talk program
- Progression of AI workshops (provider secured)

14.19 SPECIAL PROJECTS**File Number:** 161606**Author:** Chris Woodland, Projects Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Special Projects Schedule 2025-2026**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Special Projects report for the month for May 2026.

GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS**Residential Activation Fund (RAF) - Replacement of Thargomindah Sewerage Treatment Plant**Preliminary Design – GHD

- A meeting was held with GHD on 4 June to discuss the preliminary design direction and identify additional information required from Council.
- A response is being prepared for GHD to progress the preliminary design.
- Fortnightly progress meetings with GHD are proposed.

Geotechnical Investigation – Douglas Partners

- The evaluation has been completed, with the project to be awarded to Douglas Partners.
- Douglas Partners is planning to complete fieldwork in Thargomindah on 19 June 2026.
- The geotechnical report on the fieldwork samples is expected in early to mid-July and will inform the preliminary design.

Commencement of Site Works

- Desilting works commenced on 4 June at the golf course catchment pond and drains.
- Dan Czislawski has commenced desilting works in the lower dam and drain area of the golf course, including associated drainage. Progress is satisfactory, with works expected to be completed by approximately 24 June.

Residential Activation Fund (RAF) - Frew and Sams St Trunk InfrastructureFrew and Sam Streets Town Water Extension Project

- AgoVires has commenced preliminary groundworks on site and is currently undertaking active works.
- A meeting is to be scheduled with the contractor to discuss extending the water supply along Moore Street to service the middle lots, which were not included in the original tender documents.

Frew and Sam Streets Sewer Extension Project

- Tender documents are nearing completion for this project.
- The proposed project completion date is 20 November 2026.

Community Energy Upgrade Fund (CEUF)

Northern Renewable Group is scheduled to arrive on 22 June to inspect the proposed locations for the solar installations and confirm their suitability. The visit will also include an assessment of whether the existing river pump, which currently supplies water to the sports ground, can be converted to a solar-powered system with electric backup to maintain a reliable water supply.

Once the assessment is complete and the preferred rooftop solar locations are confirmed, quotations will be sought. The successful provider will then be able to submit the required connection applications through the Electrical Contractor portal on the Energy Queensland website. Once approval to connect is received, the project can proceed to commencement.

Sport and Recreation Recovery Grant (SRRG)

Received grant funding approval for the following Thargomindah township projects:

Memorial Park

- Replace the rubber soft-fall playground surface.
- Repair the park area to pre-flood condition, including re-levelling and turf reinstatement.
- Reinstatement electrical cabling and replace the two-burner barbecue.
- Undertake weed treatment and apply fertiliser, herbicides, and wetting agents as required.
- Complete topdressing of lawn areas.

Sport Oval

- Repair and upgrade field lighting.
- Undertake field turf improvements and repair irrigation systems.
- Repair flood-damaged electrical systems.
- Repair or replace the irrigation pump as required.
- Repair electrical systems servicing the canteen and ablution block.

Community Centre

- Remove and replace the squash court floor, including line marking and tin trim.
- Prepare and repaint the squash court side walls and line markings.
- Replace the flood-damaged gymnasium treadmill and step machine.
- Supply and install height-adjustable tin.

Rodeo Grounds Facility Upgrade

- Replace the effluent disposal system and reinstate the sewerage system.
- Undertake ground restoration works.
- Replace flood-damaged fencing.
- Replace the underground sprinkler system.
- Replace flood-damaged electrical and hot water systems.
- Reinstatement the container toilet block, including re-levelling and drainage repairs.

- Make the grandstand structure safe.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Golf Club Proposed PWD Facility

Design drawings are nearing completion. Once finalised, full project cost estimates will be prepared to support the next stage of the project, including submission for building approval.

Provision has been included in the draft 2026/2027 Budget for consideration.

Thargomindah Swimming Pool

The scope of works is currently being prepared to enable quotations to be obtained for the required painting of the showers and change rooms. The project is planned to be completed prior to the opening of the pool season.

Provision has been included in the draft 2026/2027 Budget for consideration.

Town Walking Path - Solar lighting

A light numbering system is being implemented for all town solar lights to improve monitoring and reporting of light failures. This will help identify whether failures are due to battery life, individual light faults, or poor longevity of replacement units from specific brands. Once implemented, the system is expected to reduce maintenance costs for this asset.

Explorers Caravan Park – Amenities Building

Scope of work and costing have been completed for the important maintenance to the amenities.

- Replace cracked toilet pan
- Upgrade PWD facilities to meet code requirements
- Replace lighting
- Fix shower partitions
- Provide extraction fans to rooms
- Provide correct amenities signage to meet PWD code

Provision has been included in the draft 2026/2027 Budget for consideration.

Housing Maintenance

Full housing inspections are scheduled to commence in late July. These inspections will provide a complete scope of works for required housing maintenance across Council properties. The resulting reports will allow maintenance works to be programmed and prioritised for each property based on urgency and importance.

Provision has been included in the draft 2026/2027 Budget for consideration to commence maintenance work.

Thargomindah Town water cooling system

Due to ongoing breakdowns and maintenance requirements, We have engaged Leigh Fowkes from Northern Renewable Group to undertake a full site investigation and system audit of the

Thargomindah town water cooling system. They are scheduled to arrive on 22 June to carry out the following.

- Complete a detailed site inspection of the water-cooling system.
- Review the solar generation system, battery energy storage system, inverters, controls, switchboards, and associated electrical infrastructure.
- Review system operating modes and control strategies.
- Assess equipment condition and operational status.
- Investigate system faults, alarms, operational limitations, and reliability concerns.
- Assess integration between the cooling plant and power generation systems.
- Consult with relevant Council personnel and operators to gather information on historical system performance, maintenance history, operational practices, and recurring faults.
- Review seasonal performance issues, including known summer operational challenges.
- Prepare a technical assessment report outlining findings and recommendations.

Bulloo Shire Council - SPECIAL PROJECTS - 2025-26

Project	Project number			Funding by	Start Date (Grant)	Completion Date (Grant)
QRRRP						
Flood Study and levee concept design	3000	2009	0	Grant		
SRRG						
Memorial Park	8000	426	0	Grant	14-06-26	30-06-27
Sport Oval	8000	427	0	Grant	14-06-26	30-06-27
Golf Course	8000	428	0	Grant	14-06-26	30-06-27
Community Center	8000	429	0	Grant	14-06-26	30-06-27
Rodeo Grounds Facility Upgrade	8000	430	0	Grant	14-06-26	30-06-27
RAF (STP)						
STP Design and desludg/desilt	8000	5004	0	Grant	25-06-26	30-06-27
New STP Construction and Commissioning	8000	5004	0	Grant	25-06-26	30-06-27
CEUF						
Solar installations (Solar and Pumping)	8000	330	0	Grant/BSC	31-01-26	31-10-26
RAF (Frew and Sams St Trunk Infrastructure)						
Frew and Sams St Town Water	8000	5005	0	Grant		TBA
Frew and Sams St Sewerage tender docs	8000	5005	0	Grant		TBA
Frew and Sams St Town Stormwater - K&C	8000	5005	0	Grant		TBA
Explorers Caravan Park						
New Multi Room Cabin	8000	380	0	BSC		
Full park maintenance inspection	5700	2004	4000	BSC		
Produce 10yr design layout of park						
New Housing						
4 x 2 bedroom houses				BSC		
1 x 3 bedroom house				BSC		
Residential Sheds						
News shed - 91 Frew St				BSC		
News shed - 88 Sams St				BSC		
Nipunya Caravan Park						
Cabin deck maintenance	5700	2001	4000	BSC		
Memorial Park						
New Cenotaph (Future Grant)	TBA			TBA		
Leahy House						
Building inspection, cost estimate for repairs and renovation				BSC		
PM building repairs (new floor, skirting and refit doors)				BSC		
Thargo Walking Track - Solar lights						
Solar Light Maintenance Program	5310	2644	0			
Thargo Golf Club						
New PWD facility				BSC		
Carpark Solar lights				BSC		
Sports Oval						
New change room design (Mayors request future grant)				BSC		
Thargo Pool						
Painting of pool showers and change rooms				BSC		
Town Hall and Retail- Design and Estimate						
Preliminary design				BSC		
Preliminary estimate				BSC		

14.20 REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND - THARGOMINDAH

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to enable Council to consider a request to purchase freehold land within Thargomindah which was previously offered for sale via tender.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Growth to support a strong and diverse Economy.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Accept the offer from Leanne & Darryl Smith for the purchase of Lot 3 on SP325117 for the sum of \$4,000 (including GST).
- b) Apply Council’s standard conditions of sale, including:
 - payment of a \$5,000 building bond; and
 - a requirement that construction of a dwelling commence within 24 months of settlement, failing which the bond may be forfeited.

BACKGROUND

Council offered five (5) residential lots for sale via Request for Tender in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012. The lots are located along Sams and Frew Streets, Thargomindah.

Council received four (4) offers, with one subsequently withdrawn.

Lot 3 on SP325117 (34 Moore Street, Thargomindah) remained unsold following the tender process. Council has since received an offer to purchase this lot.

Property Details:

Address	Description	Area	Zoning
34 Moore Street, Thargomindah	Lot 3 SP325117	816m ²	General Residential

The land is zoned General Residential, which supports urban development and a mix of uses serving the local community.

DISCUSSION

Council has received an offer from Leanne and Darryl Smith to purchase Lot 3 SP325117 for \$4,000.

The applicants have advised they do not intend to construct a dwelling on the land, and instead propose to maintain the land in a tidy and presentable condition.

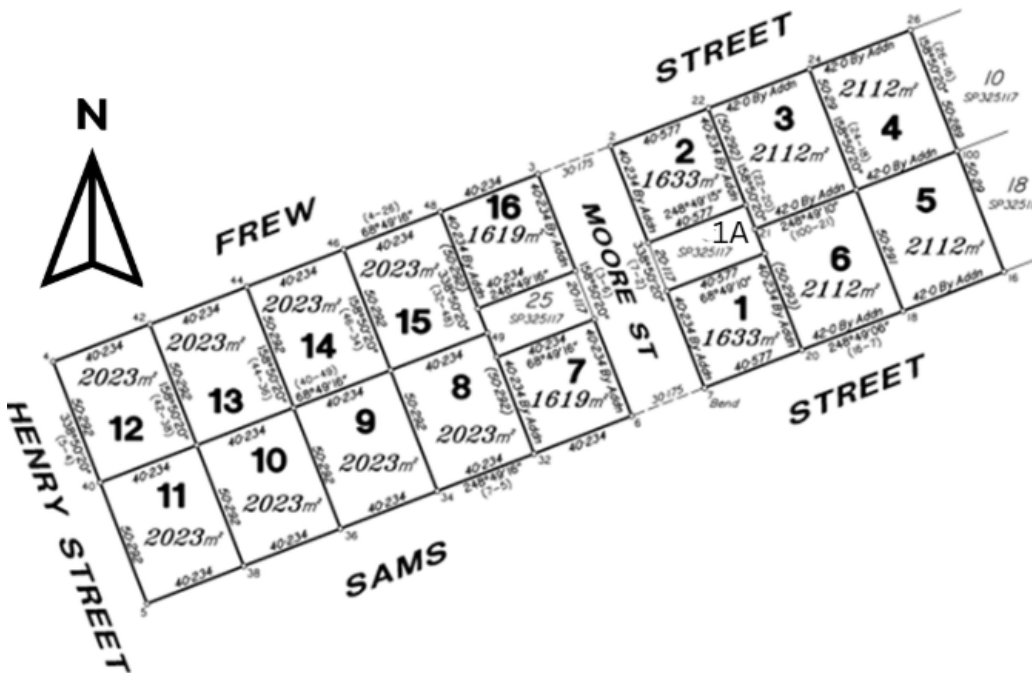
Council's standard condition for the sale of residential land includes a \$5,000 building bond to ensure timely development. Consistent with previous sales, it is proposed that this requirement be applied to this sale, with a requirement that construction of a dwelling commence within 24 months of settlement.

Council may wish to consider whether the applicants' stated intentions align with Council's residential activation objectives, noting the infrastructure investment and funding conditions associated with the subdivision.

Infrastructure and Services

Council has secured funding under the Residential Activation Fund to deliver trunk infrastructure (water, sewerage, stormwater, kerb and channel) for the Sams and Frew Street subdivision. Works are scheduled to commence in early 2026, with completion anticipated in late 2026.

- Water: Connection to the reticulated water supply will be available upon application and payment of applicable fees.
- Sewerage: Connection to Council's vacuum sewerage system will be available upon application and payment of applicable fees.
- Kerb and Channel: To be delivered under the Residential Activation Fund works. Timeframes remain indicative.
- Electricity and Telecommunications: Connection is the responsibility of the purchaser.
- Rates: Standard Council rates and charges will apply upon transfer of ownership.



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with the sale include contract preparation, lodgement and registration with the Department of Resources.

The current land valuation is \$6,400 for a 2,030m² lot. On a proportional basis, the offered price of \$4,000 for an 816m² lot is considered reasonable.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

15 LATE ITEMS

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

17 NEXT MEETING

18 CLOSURE