



**Bulloo**  
Shire

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

**Date:** Thursday, 19 March 2026  
**Time:** 9:00 AM  
**Location:** Council Chambers, 68 Dowling Street  
Thargomindah Queensland 4492

# **BUSINESS PAPER**

**Ordinary Council Meeting**

**19 March 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 - 19 FEBRUARY 2026**

**File Number:** 160166

**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** 1. Minutes of Council Meeting - 19 February 2026

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 19 February 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.



**Bulloo**  
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# **MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council Meeting**

**19 February 2026**

**MINUTES OF BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 68 DOWLING STREET THARGOMINDAH QUEENSLAND 4492  
ON THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 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 (Chief Executive Officer)

**1 OPENING OF MEETING**

The Mayor welcomed all Councillors and guests and declared the meeting open at 9:10am

**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**

Council observed a minute's silence in respect of the passing of Mr Brock Bruton.

**5 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**6.1 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 22 JANUARY 2026**

**RESOLUTION 2026/16**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 22 January 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 2026/17**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

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

**CARRIED**

**12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT**

**RESOLUTION 2026/18**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's report for the month of January 2026.

**CARRIED**

**13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

**14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS****14.1 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/19**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the Administration &amp; Finance Services Report for January 2026.

**CARRIED****Adjournment**

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

Council resumed the meeting at 10:25am

**Attendance**

Kate Humphris, Administration &amp; Finance Manager, attended the meeting at 10:25am.

**14.2 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/20**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council adopt the Financial Performance Report for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.**CARRIED****14.3 BUDGET PROCESS TIMETABLE PARAMETERS 2026-27****RESOLUTION 2026/21**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council endorse the Budget Parameters and Timetable 2026-2027, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**14.4 STORE INVENTORY WRITE-OFF****RESOLUTION 2026/22**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council endorse a Store adjustment to write off 777.11 litres of diesel at \$1,313.32 previously held at Nappa Merrie sub-store.

**CARRIED**

**14.5 T2025-2026-211 - NOCCUNDRA AIRSTRIP FENCE - SUPPLY & INSTALLATION****RESOLUTION 2026/23**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council request additional information regarding fencing materials from tenderers for the exclusion barrier fence at Noccundra Airstrip and resubmit the matter to the March Ordinary Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**14.6 SHEPHERD SERVICES PTY LTD - QRA FLOOD DAMAGE - PROJECT MANAGEMENT****RESOLUTION 2026/24**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council approve the engagement of Shepherd Services under Local Buy contract LB279 for the provision of resources to manage the delivery of flood damage projects for road works under submissions BSC.0081 for a total cost of \$537,012.50, GST exclusive.

**CARRIED**

**Attendance**

Kate left the meeting at 11:18am.

Tamie Warner, Community, Culture & Places Manager, attended the meeting at 11:19am

**14.7 COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACES REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/25**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

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

**CARRIED**

**14.8 MUSIC IN THE MULGA SUPPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/26**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the request for in-kind support for Music in the Mulga 2026 to be held in Thargomindah in May 2026; and
2. Approves the relocation of the Music in the Mulga 2026 event from the Thargomindah Rodeo Grounds to the Thargomindah Golf Course; and
3. Notes that sufficient budget provision exists within the 2025/26 adopted budget to support the requested in-kind assistance, with no additional funding required; and
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve and provide in-kind support for the event in accordance with the 2025/26 budget.

**CARRIED**

**Attendance**

Tamie left the meeting at 11:45am

Cr Stewart Morton left the meeting at 12:00pm

**Adjournment**

Council adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:00pm.

Council resumed the meeting at 12:24pm.

**14.9 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/27**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

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

**CARRIED**

**Attendance**

George Inocentes, Engineer, attended the meeting at 12:25pm

**14.10 OPERATIONAL SERVICES REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/28**

Moved: Cr John Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council

1. receive and note the Operational Services Report for January 2026, and
2. remove the second-hand dozer from the 2025/26 Budget, noting that the budget allocation of \$160,000 is insufficient based on current market prices received.

**CARRIED****14.11 BUNDILLA CREEK UPGRADE (BESM ROAD)****RESOLUTION 2026/29**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council

- a) Approve the engagement of D and D Concrete Services from Council's Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers for the installation of concrete culverts at Bundilla Creek on Besm Road, in accordance with section 232 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Council's Procurement Policy; and
- b) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract and issue the official order for the works.

**CARRIED****14.12 GRIDS ON SHIRE ROADS****RESOLUTION 2026/30**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council

1. Reaffirm Council Policy 3.05.1 – Grids on Shire Roads, noting that responsibility for cleaning grids rests with the benefiting landholder unless it can be demonstrated that the grid has been filled as a result of Council road maintenance activities; and
2. 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.

**CARRIED**

**15 LATE ITEMS**

Nil

**16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

Nil

**17 NEXT MEETING**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

**18 CLOSURE**

**The Meeting closed at 1:00pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 March 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:** 159788  
**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 February 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**

5/6 DDSWCoM; Toowoomba  
9 Air Services Meeting with Air T & TMR; online  
17 Regional Air Services with Minister Leahy & TMR; Thargomindah  
19 Ordinary Council Meeting; Thargomindah  
23 SWQROC, SWRRTG, SWQWSA Meeting; online  
24 Kullilli People Meeting; Thargomindah

#### **Media**

- 2WEB
- ABC Longreach

#### **Correspondence**

Nil

## 12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORTS

### 12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

**File Number:** 160043  
**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer  
**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachments:** Nil

<p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. receive and note the Chief Executive Officer’s Report for the month of January 2026, and</li> <li>2. endorse proceeding with the demolition of the Thargomindah Town Hall.</li> </ol>
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### 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.	Plans finished. Confirming addresses to send consent documents to send to owners and lessees.
September 2024	Res 2024/215 Hamilton, James Estate - Voluntary Transfer of Unencumbered Land in Full for Overdue Rate or Charges	That Pursuant to sections 120(1)(c), 121(c) and 122(1)(a) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> (the Regulation), the Council resolves to grant a concession to the stated ratepayer	<a href="#">Council has commenced renegotiation with PT to finalise this matter.</a>
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.	<a href="#">Tender closed and included in Report for assessment.</a>
November	Res 2025/205 - Property Protection Cover 2025/2026	That Council increase the flood cover limit under Council’s Property Protection Insurance from \$250,000 to \$2,000,000.	Council is liaising with JLT to arrange additional flood cover.
December	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. Council is finalising site locations and will provide a copy to the Quilpie Shire Engineer. <a href="#">Waiting on Councillor Ferguson to provide Mapping.</a>
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**Meetings attended**

- 1 APA Planning Meeting
- 5/6 DDSWCoM; Toowoomba
- 9 Air Services Meeting with Air T & TMR
- 12 Pre QFMG Meeting with Rural Fire
- 17 Peak Services / Bulloo Grants Meeting  
Regional Air Services with Minister Leahy & TMR
- 19 Ordinary Council Meeting
- 20 Meeting with QPS & State Dept. RE FSG Towers
- 23 SWQROC, SWRRTG & SWQWSA Meeting
- 24 Kullilli People Meeting  
QRA Meeting – Flood Study/Levee Design Funding Discussion  
Telstra Meeting – Connectivity plan

**Thargomindah Town Hall**

The Thargomindah Town Hall sustained damage during the March 2025 flood event, with prolonged closure contributing to further deterioration and the presence of asbestos complicating any restoration.

QRA REPA funding is limited to like-for-like repairs and does not support demolition; however, Council can utilise the 2025/26 Flood Recovery Budget to remove the building this financial year.

Given that Council intends to demolish the existing hall and construct the new hall and multipurpose centre on the same site, it is more practical and cost-effective to proceed with demolition now rather than undertake repairs that would ultimately be redundant.

Quotes were sought from three contractors, with two responses received and only one suitably available to undertake asbestos-related demolition. The quoted value falls within the CEO’s financial delegation, and approval is sought to proceed with demolition.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Date	Meeting	Locations	Council Representative
10 March	Bulloo Audit Committee Meeting	Thargomindah	Cr Glyn Dare Cr Russell Ferguson
19 March	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
22-24 March	SWQROC Federal Deputations	Canberra	Mayor with Cr Glyn Dare as Proxy
25-26 March	LGAQ Civic Leaders Summit	Brisbane	
15 April	LGAQ Elected Member Update	Thargomindah	All
15 April	LDMG Meeting	Thargomindah	Mayor

			Cr Maurice Parker
16 April	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
29 April	QRA Insurance Roundtable No. 2	St George	
30 April	SWQROC Meeting	St George	Mayor with Cr Glyn Dare as Proxy
7 May	Bulloo Audit Committee Meeting	Thargomindah	Cr Glyn Dare Cr Russell Ferguson
8 May	BROC Meeting	Cunnamulla	Cr Russell Ferguson Cr Stewart Morton
20 May	Disaster Management Guidelines Review Workshop	Quilpie	Mayor Cr Maurice Parker
21 May	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
26-28 May	Bush Councils Convention	Longreach	
18 June	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
23-25 June	ALGA National General Assembly	Canberra	
29 June	SWQROC Meeting	Online	Mayor with Cr Glyn Dare as Proxy
9-10 July	SWQROC + SWRRTG & SWQWSA	Thargomindah	Mayor with Cr Glyn Dare as Proxy
16 July	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
30-31 July	DDSWQCoM Meeting		Mayor
14 August	BROC Meeting	Brewarrina	
20 August	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
31 August	SWQROC Meeting	Brisbane	Mayor with Cr Glyn Dare as Proxy
1-2 September	WQAC Assembly 2026		
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 with Cr Glyn Dare as Proxy
19-21 October	LGAQ Annual Conference	Cairns	
13 November	BROC Meeting	St George	Cr Russell Ferguson Cr Stewart Morton
19 November	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
23-24 November	SWQROC + SWRRTG & SWQWSA	Roma	Mayor with Cr Glyn Dare as Proxy
14 December	SWQROC Meeting	Online	Mayor with Cr Glyn Dare as Proxy
17 December	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All

**13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING****13.1 MINUTES OF PEST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 24 FEBRUARY 2026****File Number:** 160162**Author:** Donna Hobbs, Rural & Town Services Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Pest Management Meeting Minutes 24 February 2026**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to receive the Bulloo Shire Pest Management Committee Meeting Minutes from the meeting held on 24 February 2026.

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION**

Biosecurity Act 2014

Stock Route Management Act 2002

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

4.11.1 Aerial 1080 Baiting Expenses Policy

**CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

ENV 1.4 Ongoing commitment to biosecurity and pest management

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

ENV 1.4.2 Support Bulloo Shire Pest Management Committee

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive the minutes from the Bulloo Shire Pest Management Committee meeting held on 24 February 2026.

**BACKGROUND**

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

**Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter**

Nil

**DISCUSSION**

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

- Upcoming April 2026 Coordinated aerial baiting program
- Wild Dog activity
- Feral Pig Activity
- Bulloo Biosecurity Plan

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK**

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

**CRITICAL DATES**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Bulloo Shire Pest Management Committee



## BULLOO SHIRE PEST MANAGEMENT GROUP

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### MEETING MINUTES

**WHEN:** Tuesday 24 February 2026

**WHERE:** TELECONFERENCE – MESSENGER GROUP CALL

#### 1.0 Apologies

Cr Stewart Morton, Stephen Blore, Stewart Dodds

#### 2.0 Attendance

Donna Hobbs, Alison Petty, Sam Luckraft, Karen Luckraft, Chris Harrison, Lucy Hordern, Anthony Glasson.

#### 3.0 Committee Membership

**3.1 Chair** – Donna Hobbs Acting in the absence of Cr Stewart Morton

**3.2 Committee Members**

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

#### 4.0 Minutes from Previous Meeting

Members received and noted the minutes from the previous Pest Management Meeting held on 8 October 2025.

#### 5.0 Bulloo Shire Biosecurity Plan 2022 Onwards

The Biosecurity (Pest Management) Plan is available on Council's website for landholders for review. No changes have been received from landholders or staff.

#### 6.0 Wild Dog Control

**6.1 1080 Baiting  
Inside WDBF**

The April baiting program is scheduled for the 28 & 29 April 2026. There is no funding available for this campaign to assist landholders with meat costs.

Wiralla, Yakara and Wathopa have ordered 1 plane load each and Picarilli has ordered 2 plane loads

#### 7.0 General Business

**Dog activity** – Boodgherree staff have shot 5 dogs this year, plenty of tracks about close to the house and wondered if anyone was doing trapping or where he could get traps. Council still has a couple of traps purchased under funding that can be provided.



## BULLOO SHIRE PEST MANAGEMENT GROUP

**Pig activity** – landholders are seeing massive number of pigs, approx. 200 have been trapped and shot at Boodgherree/Wathopa over the last few months, Picarilli have reported large numbers (seeing mobs of 20 -50).

Southern Queensland Landscapes are going to do another chopper shoot on the National Park for pigs in the next couple of months.

Rural Services staff will contact Southern Queensland Landscapes and Desert Channels as to weather they may be able to help landholders with reducing pig numbers.

**Wild Dog Barrier Fence** – Picarilli and Bulloo Downs and Picarilli and Nooyeah have lost WDBF after storm rains in the last few weeks. Anthony has spoken with Paul Grey from the WDBF as to when repair may be able to happen.

**Cattle Agistment** – Anthony has been contacted regarding any agistment available in the area

### 8.0 Next Meeting

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

### 9.0 Closure of Meeting

Meeting was closed at 7:20pm

**13.2 MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING - 5 MARCH 2026**

**File Number:** 160165

**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** 1. Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting - 5 March 2026

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5 March 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.



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# **MINUTES**

**Audit Committee Meeting**

**10 March 2026**

**MINUTES OF BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL  
AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 68 DOWLING STREET THARGOMINDAH QUEENSLAND 4492  
ON THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2026 AT 9:00 AM**

**PRESENT:** Mrs Donna Humphris, Cr Glyn Dare (Deputy Mayor), Cr Russell Ferguson, Cr Shirley Girdler, Cr Tiffany Dare, Cr Donna Hobbs

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Tiffany Dare (CEO), Kate Humphris (Admin & Finance Manager), Leanne Smith (Accountant), Tom Ortiz (Accountant), Megan Manuel (QAO), Steve Stavrou & Bash Jawaid (RSM), John Zabala (Crowe).

**1 OPENING OF MEETING**

The Mayor welcomed all Councillors and guests and declared the meeting open at 9.04am.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

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

**3 ATTENDANCE INCLUDING APOLOGIES**

Cr Glyn Dare & Cr Russell Ferguson

**4 CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Nil

**5 BUSINESS ARISING**

**6 REPORTS**

**6.1 QAO BRIEFING PAPER**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/138**

Moved: Mrs Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Ms Donna Hobbs

That the information in the QAO Briefing Paper dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 be received and noted.

**CARRIED**

Megan presented the report and noted:

- Key issues that Council needs to be aware of
- Matters outstanding from last year
- Focus on fraud control and using AI in government
- Recent legislative changes affecting Council

- Cybersecurity risks relating to Council assets
- Reports on major projects and information systems
- Council should focus on closing security gaps and finalising outstanding IT issues

## 6.2 2026 EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/139

Moved: Mrs Shirley Girdler

Seconded: Ms Donna Hobbs

That the Committee endorse the Queensland Audit Office External Audit Plan for the financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**CARRIED**

Bash presented the report and covered:

- A summary of the significant risks for the 2025/26 financial year (areas of audit focus), including:
  1. Grants
  2. Valuation of property, plant and equipment
  3. Procurement, project management and contract management principles
- Key audit milestones for the upcoming audit cycle.

## 6.3 SHELL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING 30 JUNE 2026

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/140

Moved: Cr Donna Hobbs

Seconded: Cr Shirley Girdler

That the Committee endorse the 2025/2026 Shell Financial Statements as presented.

**CARRIED**

Tom presented the shell financial statements as at 28 February 2026.

Megan noted that the tropical conference will be held soon, with an updated version of the shell statements to be released afterwards.

QAO has reviewed the statements and reported no issues to date.

## 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

### Internal Audit

John Zabala advised that the ICT Internal Audit Review has been completed and will be released soon, with a presentation planned for the next Audit Meeting.

They are finalising the scope for the State and Regulators Compliance Audit, which is scheduled to commence next month.

**8 NEXT MEETING**

7<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**9 CLOSURE**

**The Meeting closed at 9:22am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Audit Committee Meeting held on 7 May 2026.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**

## **14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS**

### **14.1 LOCAL RESILIENCE ACTION PLANS (LRAPS)**

**File Number:** 160047  
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**Attachments:** 1. Bulloo LRAP 2.0 (under separate cover)

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Councils feedback on the Bulloo Shire Local Resilience Action Plan (LRAP).

#### **APPLICABLE LEGISLATION**

Nil

#### **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil

#### **CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the draft Bulloo Shire Local Resilience Action Plan (LRAP).

#### **BACKGROUND**

Local Resilience Action Plans (LRAPs) were developed under the Resilient Queensland Program (2018–2021) as part of Australia’s commitment to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. LRAPs are strategic tools created in consultation with Councils and informed by Regional Resilience Strategies. They help Councils identify, prioritise, and align resilience-building projects with broader regional and state strategies. The Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) also uses LRAPs to identify resilience gaps across Queensland and guide future funding priorities.

In August 2025, QRA advised Council of upcoming changes to the LRAP framework, including the introduction of a new template—LRAP 2.0. This required transferring information from the original LRAP into the updated format, with the opportunity to refine content by adding new information and removing items considered business-as-usual or more appropriately funded through other programs.

Council undertook this review, with input and feedback provided by Council’s QRA Liaison Officer. QRA has made it clear that Councils must have an up-to-date LRAP to remain eligible for resilience funding, as future funding rounds will prioritise projects identified within the LRAP.

**Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter**

N/A

**DISCUSSION**

Local Resilience Action Plans (LRAPs) support Councils and communities to proactively identify and prioritise actions that strengthen resilience to natural hazards such as floods, bushfires, and drought. They provide a structured, forward-looking approach to disaster risk reduction and long-term community resilience.

Going forward, it is essential that any projects for which Council seeks resilience funding are clearly identified within the LRAP or another recognised strategic document. This alignment strengthens funding applications and increases the likelihood of successful outcomes.

As part of the review process, the project list has been refined by removing business-as-usual (BAU) activities and initiatives that would typically be funded by other agencies. The updated list now focuses specifically on projects that may be eligible for QRA funding—risk reduction, resilience, betterment, and related works.

Councillors are asked to review the existing projects and advise if there are any comments or if additional suitable projects should be considered.

Example of items removed:

**Business-as-Usual (BAU)**

- Update risk assessments and develop management plans
- Update Council's existing continuity plan for a range of situations
- Participate in the Get Ready Queensland Grants program annually.
- Continue advocacy for the Warri Gate Road project

**Non-QSDR Projects**

- Proceed with the implementation of the Independent Living Facility
- Continue to provide funded traineeships
- Expand the Information Centre and Museum
- Prepare and implement a heritage plan for local heritage assets to enhance cultural and built heritage

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK**

LRAPs help Councils proactively identify and prioritise actions that build resilience to natural hazards, reducing long-term risk to the community and Council operations.

If Council does not maintain an up-to-date LRAP, there is a significant risk that future resilience funding opportunities will be unavailable.

**CRITICAL DATES**

- 1. Priority Identification and Plan Development October 2025 – February 2026
- 2. Endorsement March 2026 – June 2026
- 3. Submission By July 2026

**CONSULTATION**

Queensland Reconstruction Authority  
 Bulloo LDMG

Resilience Project Title	Resilience Project Description/Scope	Resilience Project Outcomes
Title of project	High level description and outline of the proposed project and scope (1-2 paragraphs for each project)	List potential resilience outcomes and benefits if the project was supported
Thargomindah Flood Study	<p>Project description                      Undertake a holistic flood study for Thargomindah to enhance to better understand the flood risks and to inform improvements to the flood gauge network and levee infrastructure.</p> <p>Project scope                      The current understanding of flood risks within the Thargomindah area relies strongly on historical information and local knowledge with very limited technical data or future modelling of the local river network and potential future flood risks. A detailed and holistic flood study for the Thargomindah area would support Council and other relevant stakeholders in planning future risk mitigation strategies and actions such as flood gauge network, levee and road betterment project identification. Include floor heights.</p>	<p>Enhanced Safety: Reduces risks to residents during extreme weather events.</p> <p>Reduced Flooding: Protects homes, businesses, and infrastructure from storm impacts.</p> <p>Improved Road Access: Ensures safer, reliable transport during heavy rainfall.</p> <p>Lower Maintenance Costs: Extends the lifespan of roads and infrastructure.</p>

<p>Thargomindah Flood Levee - Construction</p>	<p>Project description - Thargomindah Flood Levee Bank Infrastructure - Construction                  Thargomindah faced record breaking floodwaters in 2025 as the Bulloo River rose to a peak of 7.65 metres. Local residents constructed a levee bank around the town to minimise the impact. This temporary levee failed and the township was inundated with water flooding 90% of the building/structures. Bulloo Shire Council and the community wish to construct a permanent levee to mitigate the risks of future flooding, particularly as government modelling predicts more frequent and more severe storms and rain events across Western Queensland.</p> <p>Project scope                  The second stage of the project - Construction - involves all works associated with the construction of the agreed levee design, including site preparation, obtaining regulatory approvals, preliminary works, preparing for and implementing temporary road closures and traffic and other local disturbance measures, construction, testing, acceptance and site cleanup.</p>	<p>enhanced Safety: Reduces risks to residents during extreme weather events.</p>
<p>Hungerford Flood Levee - Design</p>	<p>Project description - Hungerford Flood Levee Bank Infrastructure - Design                  Hungerford faced record breaking floodwaters in 2025 as the Paroo River rose to a peak of 3.15 metres. Local residents constructed a levee bank around the town which helped to reduce the level of damage. Bulloo Shire Council and the community wish to construct a permanent levee to mitigate the risks of future flooding, particularly as government modelling predicts more frequent and more severe storms and rain events across Western Queensland.</p> <p>Project scope                  The Hungerford Flood Levee project involves two stages - Design and Construction. The first stage of the project - Design - involves engaging specialist expertise to determine the best location for the levee and the most appropriate type of levee, with work to include analysis and comparison of options, producing detailed designs, providing advice on construction methodology, completion of engineering and other required studies, assisting with community consultation and producing construction cost estimates.</p>	<p>Enhanced Safety: Reduces risks to residents during extreme weather events.                  Reduced Flooding: Protects homes, businesses, and infrastructure from storm impacts.                  Improved Road Access: Ensures safer, reliable transport during heavy rainfall.                  Lower Maintenance Costs: Extends the lifespan of roads and infrastructure.</p>

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<p>Thargomindah Evacuation Centre - Design</p>	<p><b>Project description</b> The project seeks to assess the feasibility of modifying the Thargomindah Shire Hall as an evacuation centre and, if feasible, to design and implement an upgrade to the Thargomindah Shire Hall to enable it to serve a dual role as town hall and evacuation centre. The town lacks a suitable evacuation centre and the Shire Hall requires an upgrade, and Council seeks a sustainable solution in combining the two critical functions.</p> <p><b>Project scope</b> The first stage of the project involves assessing the feasibility of the Shire Hall as an evacuation centre, including assessing the town's and area's requirements for an evacuation centre; researching regulatory, building and emergency service requirements, standards and specifications; commissioning suitable designs; assessing the building's capacity to meet the requirements (including building resilience, size, facilities, capacity, site constraints); assessing the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of any required modifications; producing detailed designs and assisting with required consultation. This stage of the project also requires making recommendations for the most appropriate and cost effective evacuation centre, including an comparison of modifications to the Shire Hall and constructing a standalone purpose build centre.</p>	<p>Enhanced Safety: Reduces risks to residents during extreme weather events. Increased Community Wellbeing and Resilience: Boosts community wellbeing and resilience by both providing an accessible and local 'safe haven' while preserving a community meeting place</p>
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<p>Hungerford Town Hall generator</p>	<p><b>Project description</b>                  Installation of emergency back-up generators for the Hungerford Town Hall to provide power redundancy during power outages. The Hungerford Town Hall is a key community centres that can be utilised as places of refuge during emergency events, however these key facilities do not currently have a back up generator to provide power during power interruptions.</p> <p><b>Project scope</b>                  Determine appropriate size and models required, purchase install and test generator.</p>	<p>Increased Community Wellbeing and Resilience: Boosts community wellbeing and resilience by both providing an accessible and local 'safe haven' while preserving a community meeting place</p>
<p>Bulloo River Crossing Upgrade -Design</p>	<p><b>Project description</b>                  The Bulloo River Crossing outside of Thargomindah is the primary access into town and connects Thargomindah to the rest of South West Queensland. It is a vital road in the regional road network. The river crossing is very low and susceptible to flooding, which can isolate the community and disrupt supply chains and access for extended periods. The project seeks government support, agreement and funding to elevate and upgrade the Crossing to make it flood resilient and enable safe access and crossings during flood events.</p> <p><b>Project scope</b>                  The first stage of the project involve a feasibility study, engineering and flood pattern and other required studies, options analysis, stakeholder consultation, regulatory compliance assessment, detailed design production and costings of a more flood resilient river crossing.</p>	<p>Enhanced Safety: Reduces risks to residents during extreme weather events.                  Improved Road Access: Ensures safer, reliable transport during heavy rainfall.                  Lower Maintenance Costs: Extends the lifespan of roads and infrastructure.</p>

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<p>Automated Flood Signage for Key River Crossings</p>	<p><b>Project description</b>                  A number of river crossings on the Bulloo River are subject to flooding and do not have permanent warning signs. The lack of permanent signage means that community or Council staff are required to travel long distances to manually erect road closure signage, often in dangerous conditions. These signs must then be manually removed. This practice is inefficient, high risk for staff and community members and sudden, severe weather may prevent access and leave some crossings unsigned. The project seeks to establish permanent automatic road signage at x crossings.</p> <p><b>Project scope</b>                  The project involves the identification of the key crossings, siting of signage, selection and procurement, installation and testing of signage.</p>	<p><b>Enhanced Safety:</b> Reduces risks to residents, staff and travellers during extreme weather events.  <b>Improved Road Access:</b> Ensures safer, reliable transport during heavy rainfall including by highlighting unsafe routes.  <b>Lower Maintenance Costs:</b> Extends the lifespan of roads and infrastructure by avoiding travel on inundated roads and crossings.  <b>Improves efficiency:</b> Reduces time and travel for staff and community members in erecting and removing signage.</p>

<p>Town stormwater upgrade for Thargomindah - Design</p>	<p><b>Project Description</b> Thargomindah’s current stormwater drainage system is experiencing significant challenges due to more frequent and intense rainfall events. The compromised network is unable to adequately drain water, leading to flooding, road access issues, and damage to local infrastructure. The project will focus on upgrading and enhancing the stormwater drainage network within Thargomindah to improve capacity, reliability, and resilience. Works will address existing deficiencies in the system, ensuring effective water flow and reducing risks of road closures, infrastructure damage, and community disruption during intense storm events.</p> <p><b>Project Scope</b> Work is currently underway to scope and develop a whole-of-town stormwater design, which will also identify problem areas and ensure essential transport and service connections remain accessible during severe weather events. This stage will involve developing detailed designed for a whole-of-town stormwater network, capable of being delivered in stages; undertaking the required flow analysis, engineering and other studies; assessing construction and delivery options and developing cost estimates.</p>	<p><b>Reduced Flooding:</b> Protects homes, businesses, and infrastructure from storm impacts. <b>Improved Road Access:</b> Ensures safer, reliable transport during heavy rainfall. <b>Lower Maintenance Costs:</b> Extends the lifespan of roads and infrastructure. <b>Enhanced Safety:</b> Reduces risks to residents during extreme weather events. <b>Environmental Protection:</b> Minimises erosion and safeguards local ecosystems.</p>
<p>Town stormwater upgrade for Thargomindah - Construction</p>	<p><b>Project Description</b> Thargomindah’s current stormwater drainage system is experiencing significant challenges due to more frequent and intense rainfall events. The compromised network is unable to adequately drain water, leading to flooding, road access issues, and damage to local infrastructure. This project will deliver critical stormwater upgrades to strengthen the town’s resilience, safeguard public safety, and ensure essential transport and service connections remain accessible during severe weather events.</p> <p><b>Project Scope</b> The construction phase of the project may be delivered in stages, based on critical need. It will involve site preparation; obtaining all regulatory approvals; removing old infrastructure if required; constructing new drainage; testing; completion; site clean up and handover.</p>	<p><b>Reduced Flooding:</b> Protects homes, businesses, and infrastructure from storm impacts. <b>Improved Road Access:</b> Ensures safer, reliable transport during heavy rainfall. <b>Lower Maintenance Costs:</b> Extends the lifespan of roads and infrastructure. <b>Enhanced Safety:</b> Reduces risks to residents during extreme weather events. <b>Environmental Protection:</b> Minimises erosion and safeguards local ecosystems.</p>

<p>Warri Gate Road sealing - Stage 3</p>	<p><b>Project description</b> Approximately 110 kilometres of the Warri Gate Road remains unsealed. The remaining unsealed section connects south-west Queensland to New South Wales and is a major inland trucking route. Sealing this last section of the Road would increase connectivity, improve road safety, boost outback towns and rural economies, save money in transport, fuel and repairs/maintenance (maintenance savings estimated to be approximately \$240,000 per annum, with freight costs expected to reduce by approximately \$12 per tonne). An upgraded Warri Gate Road could provide a new strategic road link from Darwin to Adelaide via Mount Isa and Broken Hill, increasing tourism and economic growth and providing an alternative freight route.</p> <p><b>Project scope</b> A number of sections of the Warri Gate Road have been sealed or are in the process of being sealed. The focus of this project is on the <b>10 kilometre section from x to x.</b></p>	<p><b>Enhanced Safety:</b> Reduces risks to residents during, particularly during extreme weather events. <b>Reduced Flooding:</b> Reduces road flooding and closures. <b>Improved Road Access:</b> Ensures safer, reliable transport at all times including during heavy rainfall. <b>Increased Community Wellbeing and Resilience:</b> Boosts community wellbeing and resilience by ensuring ready transport access. <b>Increased Efficiency and Productivity:</b> increases Council and business efficiency and productivity by reducing travel time and freight costs. <b>Lower Maintenance Costs:</b> extends the lifespan of roads and infrastructure. <b>Economic Gains:</b> boosts the local economy and business returns through increased productivity, increased tourism and reduced costs.</p>
<p>Warri Gate Road sealing - Stage 4</p>	<p><b>Project scope</b> A number of sections of the Warri Gate Road have been sealed or are in the process of being sealed. The focus of this project is on the <b>10 kilometre section from x to x.</b></p>	<p><b>Enhanced Safety:</b> Reduces risks to residents during, particularly during extreme weather events. <b>Reduced Flooding:</b> Reduces road flooding and closures. <b>Improved Road Access:</b> Ensures safer, reliable transport at all times including during heavy rainfall. <b>Increased Community Wellbeing and Resilience:</b> Boosts community wellbeing and resilience by ensuring ready transport access. <b>Increased Efficiency and Productivity:</b> increases Council and business efficiency and productivity by reducing travel time and freight costs. <b>Lower Maintenance Costs:</b> extends the lifespan of roads and infrastructure. <b>Economic Gains:</b> boosts the local economy and business returns through increased productivity, increased tourism and reduced costs.</p>

<p>Warri Gate Road sealing - Stage 5</p>	<p>Project scope A number of sections of the Warri Gate Road have been sealed or are in the process of being sealed. The focus of this project is on the <b>10 kilometre section from x to x.</b></p>	<p>Enhanced Safety: Reduces risks to residents during, particularly during extreme weather events. Reduced Flooding: Reduces road flooding and closures. Improved Road Access: Ensures safer, reliable transport at all times including during heavy rainfall. Increased Community Wellbeing and Resilience: Boosts community wellbeing and resilience by ensuring ready transport access. Increased Efficiency and Productivity: increases Council and business efficiency and productivity by reducing travel time and freight costs. Lower Maintenance Costs: extends the lifespan of roads and infrastructure. Economic Gains: boosts the local economy and business returns through increased productivity, increased tourism and reduced costs.</p>
<p>Warri Gate Road sealing - Stage 6</p>	<p>Project scope A number of sections of the Warri Gate Road have been sealed or are in the process of being sealed. The focus of this project is on the <b>10 kilometre section from x to x.</b></p>	<p>Enhanced Safety: Reduces risks to residents during, particularly during extreme weather events. Reduced Flooding: Reduces road flooding and closures. Improved Road Access: Ensures safer, reliable transport at all times including during heavy rainfall. Increased Community Wellbeing and Resilience: Boosts community wellbeing and resilience by ensuring ready transport access. Increased Efficiency and Productivity: increases Council and business efficiency and productivity by reducing travel time and freight costs. Lower Maintenance Costs: extends the lifespan of roads and infrastructure. Economic Gains: boosts the local economy and business returns through increased productivity, increased tourism and reduced costs.</p>

<p>Warri Gate Road sealing - Stage 7</p>	<p>Project scope A number of sections of the Warri Gate Road have been sealed or are in the process of being sealed. The focus of this project is on the <b>20 kilometre section from x to x.</b></p>	<p>Enhanced Safety: Reduces risks to residents during, particularly during extreme weather events. Reduced Flooding: Reduces road flooding and closures. Improved Road Access: Ensures safer, reliable transport at all times including during heavy rainfall. Increased Community Wellbeing and Resilience: Boosts community wellbeing and resilience by ensuring ready transport access. Increased Efficiency and Productivity: increases Council and business efficiency and productivity by reducing travel time and freight costs. Lower Maintenance Costs: extends the lifespan of roads and infrastructure. Economic Gains: boosts the local economy and business returns through increased productivity, increased tourism and reduced costs.</p>
<p>Warri Gate Road sealing - Stage 8</p>	<p>Project scope A number of sections of the Warri Gate Road have been sealed or are in the process of being sealed. The focus of this project is on the <b>20 kilometre section from x to x.</b></p>	<p>Enhanced Safety: Reduces risks to residents during, particularly during extreme weather events. Reduced Flooding: Reduces road flooding and closures. Improved Road Access: Ensures safer, reliable transport at all times including during heavy rainfall. Increased Community Wellbeing and Resilience: Boosts community wellbeing and resilience by ensuring ready transport access. Increased Efficiency and Productivity: increases Council and business efficiency and productivity by reducing travel time and freight costs. Lower Maintenance Costs: extends the lifespan of roads and infrastructure. Economic Gains: boosts the local economy and business returns through increased productivity, increased tourism and reduced costs.</p>

<p>Warri Gate Road sealing - Stage 9</p>	<p><b>Project scope</b> A number of sections of the Warri Gate Road have been sealed or are in the process of being sealed. The focus of this project is on the <b>30 kilometre section from x to x.</b></p>	<p><b>Enhanced Safety:</b> Reduces risks to residents during, particularly during extreme weather events. <b>Reduced Flooding:</b> Reduces road flooding and closures. <b>Improved Road Access:</b> Ensures safer, reliable transport at all times including during heavy rainfall. <b>Increased Community Wellbeing and Resilience:</b> Boosts community wellbeing and resilience by ensuring ready transport access. <b>Increased Efficiency and Productivity:</b> increases Council and business efficiency and productivity by reducing travel time and freight costs. <b>Lower Maintenance Costs:</b> extends the lifespan of roads and infrastructure. <b>Economic Gains:</b> boosts the local economy and business returns through increased productivity, increased tourism and reduced costs.</p>
<p>Local Road Betterment Priority List</p>	<p><b>Project description</b> Local and state roads are critical infrastructure for community and emergency services access, tourism and economic activity including employment and freight. Many of these roads across the Shire are impacted by natural hazards, particularly floods and heavy rainfall, leading to hazardous conditions, long closures and lengthy detours. This project aims to identify and prioritise the local roads most vulnerable to natural hazard impact in order of significance to the Shire and region, volume of usage and level of impact. Specifically, the project will develop a local road 'problem spot' program that identifies and prioritises local roads across the Shire for causeway upgrade or replacement.</p> <p><b>Project scope</b> The project involves physical and desktop audit, review and analysis of past and projected weather impacts, traffic volumes and road closures or detours. Council records and asset management systems will be interrogated, together with other systems including police and community reports, road closure data and physical inspections. Where possible, economic data will be included such as income loss, additional freight costs, tourism decline and project delays. Community and emergency services impacts will also be included where recorded. The outcome will be a prioritised list of local roads requiring works to make them more hazard resilient.</p>	<p><b>Enhanced Safety:</b> Reduces risks to residents during, particularly during extreme weather events. <b>Reduced Flooding:</b> Reduces risks relating to road flooding and closures. <b>Improved Road Access:</b> Ensures safer, reliable transport at all times including during heavy rainfall. <b>Increased Community Wellbeing and Resilience:</b> Boosts community wellbeing and resilience by ensuring ready transport access and better access to information. <b>Increased Efficiency and Productivity:</b> increases Council and business efficiency and productivity by reducing travel time and freight costs. <b>Lower Maintenance Costs:</b> extends the lifespan of roads and infrastructure. <b>Economic Gains:</b> boosts the local economy and business returns through increased productivity, increased tourism and reduced costs.</p>

<p>Improving digital connectivity</p>	<p><b>Project description</b>                  Digital connectivity is increasingly critical to the future of rural communities and individuals, enabling emergency communications, business operations, Council business, study and social connections. The Bulloo Shire suffers from poor connectivity, with unreliable connections and poor or no signal across the Shire. The South West Regional Resilience Strategy emphasises the importance of digital connectivity to the region, for economic growth and during emergencies and flags the need for support from infrastructure providers in 'recognising challenges where redundancy is limited, and alternatives even less' (p35), with a key action being 'Advance digital connectivity' (p45). This project involves working with regional representative bodies, Councils, governments (Australian and State) to prioritise the upgrade of digital connectivity in the Shire and across South West Queensland.</p> <p><b>Project scope</b>                  This project is a regional priority that involves working with regional representative bodies, Councils, governments (Australian and State) to prioritise the upgrade of digital connectivity in the Shire and across South West Queensland. For Bulloo, the first stage of the project involves commissioning a connectivity audit, needs and gaps analysis including a business and community survey and identifying potential partners and solutions, with costings. Depending upon the outcomes of the audit and needs analysis/solutions, the second stage potentially focuses on confirming that additional towers are the appropriate solution and, if so, identifying the number of additional towers required, location and size. It involves working with the region, providers and both levels of government to develop a digital infrastructure priority list and implementation program.</p>	<p><b>Enhanced Safety:</b> Reduces risks to residents during, particularly during extreme weather events.</p> <p><b>Increased Community Wellbeing and Resilience:</b> Boosts community wellbeing and resilience by ensuring better access to information.</p> <p><b>Increased Efficiency and Productivity:</b> increases Council and business efficiency and productivity by ensuring accessible and reliable digital connections.</p> <p><b>Economic Gains:</b> boosts the local economy and business returns through increased productivity, increased tourism and reduced costs.</p>
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<p>Solar powered, satellite-enabled remote road signage</p>	<p><b>Project description</b>                  A number of remote roads in the region are subject to flooding and other significant changes in condition. Solar powered, satellite-enabled road signs will enable Council to update road condition and closure information remotely via satellite, facilitating quicker responses to changing conditions; improving safety for travellers and reducing risks to Council staff by avoiding travel in hazardous conditions.</p> <p><b>Project scope</b>                  The first stage of the project involves the identification of sites and suitable technology compliant with standards and regulations, including consultation with stakeholders, emergency services and State authorities. The second stage involves procurement, installation, testing and communicating with stakeholders about changes.</p>	<p><b>Enhanced Safety:</b> Reduces risks to residents, travellers and Councils staff during, particularly during extreme weather events.</p> <p><b>Increased Community Wellbeing and Resilience:</b> Boosts community wellbeing and resilience by ensuring better access to information.</p> <p><b>Increased Efficiency and Productivity:</b> increases Council and business efficiency and productivity by ensuring accessible and reliable digital connections.</p>
<p>Regional Emergency Dashboard Upgrade</p>	<p><b>Project description</b>                  Effective disaster dashboards have the capacity to store and record significant volumes of emergency related information such as weather forecasts and warnings, flood cameras and river data and road safety and closure information. They should also include efficient back end interoperability and practitioner access and should be used as much as possible as a one stop during disasters allowing all stakeholders to access information needed to manage situations effectively. The current dashboard requires an upgrade to improve its functionality and useability and promote its use as a local and regional source of reliable information relating to all aspects of natural and other disasters and events.</p> <p><b>Project scope</b>                  The first stage of the project involves assessing Council and community information needs, State Government and emergency services requirements and best practice available systems and determining the most appropriate system for Council, including a cost benefit analysis. The second stage involves procurement, installation, testing and community education.</p>	<p><b>Enhanced Safety:</b> Reduces risks to residents, staff and travellers during extreme weather events.</p> <p><b>Improved Emergency Planning:</b> enables Council and emergency services staff to access critical information quickly and enables storage for historical analysis and review.</p> <p><b>Increased Community Wellbeing and Resilience:</b> Boosts community wellbeing and resilience by ensuring ready access to information to allow them to plan for emergencies.</p>

**14.2 PRIORITY PROJECTS LIST 2026**

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**Attachments:** Nil

**PURPOSE**

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

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION**

Nil

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil

**CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

OP - Council maximises external grants which are in line with corporate aims.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse the *Priority Project List 2026*, for grant opportunities and Council investment.

**High Priority**

- Thargomindah Levee Construction
- Hungerford Levee Design
- Seal Warri Gate Road
- Evacuation / Multi-Purpose Centre
- Thargomindah Town Hall, Meeting Room and Office Space
- Housing Development
- New Cabins & additional Powered Sites at Council Owned Caravan Parks
- New Industrial Subdivision - Essential Infrastructure
- Redevelopment of Memorial Park Cenotaph
- Memorial Park Playground Upgrade
- Stage for Events

**Medium Priority**

- Kerb and Channel - Thargomindah Streets
- Thargomindah Footpath Construction
- Independent Living Units Stage 2
- Spa Gazing
- Skate Park Upgrade
- Memorial Walk

- Thargomindah Streetscaping
- Leahy House and Old Hospital Heritage Preservation Plan

**Low Priority**

- New Park area at Eccles/Frew intersection
- Redesign of Fish Farm
- Expand the Information Centre and Museum

**BACKGROUND**

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

**DISCUSSION**

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

The current Project list below was endorsed as part of the 2025/2026 Budget.

Projects 2025/2026	Proposed Project List 2026
<p><b>High Priority</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seal Warri Gate Road</li> <li>• Thargomindah Flood Study Including Analysis of Gauge Network and Levee Bank Infrastructure</li> <li>• Thargomindah Precinct including new Town Hall, Meeting Room and Office Space</li> <li>• Replacement of the Thargomindah Sewerage Treatment Plant</li> <li>• Housing Development</li> <li>• New Residential Subdivision - Essential Infrastructure</li> <li>• New Industrial Subdivision - Essential Infrastructure</li> <li>• Thargomindah Footpath Construction</li> <li>• Kerb and Channel - Thargomindah Streets</li> <li>• Redevelopment of Memorial Park Cenotaph</li> <li>• Memorial Park Playground Upgrade</li> </ul>	<p><b>High Priority</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Thargomindah Levee Construction</i></li> <li>• <i>Hungerford Levee Design</i></li> <li>• Seal Warri Gate Road</li> <li>• <i>Evacuation / Multi-Purpose Centre</i></li> <li>• Thargomindah Town Hall, Meeting Room and Office Space</li> <li>• Housing Development</li> <li>• New Cabins &amp; additional Powered Sites at Council Owned Caravan Parks</li> <li>• New Industrial Subdivision - Essential Infrastructure</li> <li>• Redevelopment of Memorial Park Cenotaph</li> <li>• Memorial Park Playground Upgrade</li> <li>• <i>Stage for Events</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Medium Priority</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thargomindah Swimming Pool Upgrade</li> <li>• New Cabins &amp; additional Powered Sites at Council Owned Caravan Parks</li> <li>• Independent Living Units Stage 2</li> <li>• Spa Gazing</li> <li>• Skate Park Upgrade</li> </ul>	<p><b>Medium Priority</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kerb and Channel - Thargomindah Streets</li> <li>• Thargomindah Footpath Construction</li> <li>• Independent Living Units Stage 2</li> <li>• Spa Gazing</li> <li>• Skate Park Upgrade</li> </ul>

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- Thargomindah Streetscaping
- Leahy House and Old Hospital Preservation Plan

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**Low Priority**

- Redesign of Fish Farm

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- New Park area at Eccles/Frew intersection
- Redesign of Fish Farm
- Expand the Information Centre and Museum

Items Removed:

- New Residential Subdivision - Essential Infrastructure – *funded by RAF*
- Replacement of the Thargomindah Sewerage Treatment Plant – *funded by RAF*
- Thargomindah Flood Study and Levee Design – *funded by QRRRP*
- Thargomindah Swimming Pool Upgrade – *funded by LRCI*

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK**

Nil

**CRITICAL DATES**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Councillors

Executive Management Team

**14.3 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT**

**File Number:** 160040  
**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 February 2026.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Customer Service Requests**

Listed below is a summary of the 7 External Service Requests received for the month of February 2026.

Department - Type	Number
Rates Enquiry	4
Hire of Plant & Equipment	2
Road Conditions	1

**TENDERS**

Item	Department	Status
T2025-2026-106 Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers	Admin & Finance	Report to Council
T2025-2026-209 Artesian Water Bore Drilling – Warri Gate Road	Executive	Report to Council
T2025-2026-211 Noccundra Airstrip Fence - Supply & Installation	Engineer	Report to Council
T2025-2026-208 Turkey Nest Dam Constructions – Warri Gate Road	Executive	Closing 4 March 2026 at 12:00pm
T2025-2026-2XX Flood Damage Road Restoration – Various Roads	Executive	Closing 11 March 2026 at 12:00pm
T2025-2026-108 Supply & Delivery of One (1) New Truck GVM 12 Ton with Tip Tray & 5 Ton Crane	Engineer	Closing 12 March 2026 at 5:00pm
T2025-2026-109 Supply & Delivery of Two (2) New Large SUV's	Engineer	Closing 12 March 2026 at 5:00pm
T2025-2026-110 Supply & Delivery of One (1) New Medium SUV	Engineer	Closing 12 March 2026 at 5:00pm

## **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 **\$17,191,332** to local contractors and businesses for all goods and services procured from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 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 Diane Montgomerie.

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

- Extension previously granted for the Hungerford Tennis Club cladding and Medical Centre until end of February 2026, with a further extension granted to the end of April 2026 for Phases 3 and 4 to manage underspend
- 2024-25 Annual Reports for all phases submitted
- Final acquittal report to be submitted after last two projects completed

#### ***Projects approved in Phase 1's extension:***

- Community Centre – New Gym Floor & Other Necessary Works – **Complete**
- Hungerford Tennis Club Building – Cladding – **Complete**
- Extension of Concrete Pad – Canteen Standing Area, Thargomindah Sports Oval – **Complete**

#### ***Projects approved in Phase 3's extension:***

- Hungerford Medical Centre Backup Generator – **Complete**
- Thargomindah Golf Club House – Install Split Systems & Down Pipes – **Complete**
- Memorial Park – New Shade Sail Over Playground – **Complete**

- River Walk – Replace Solar Lights – **Complete**
- Install shade structure in Memorial Park – **To be completed by end of April 2026**

***Projects approved in Phase 4's extension:***

- Install BBQ in memorial park – **To be completed by end of April 2026**
- Advice is being sought from the Department in relation to using an underspend from Phase 4

**Remote Roads Upgrade Program**

- Works complete. Floodway signs will be completed under Council's maintenance budget.

**QRA Crucial Access Links**

- Noccundra Airport - Soil sample and survey work completed. Final design is being drafted based off these results. Council staff will commence work in April 2026. Fence will be installed prior to 30 June 2026.

**Residential Activation Fund**

- Council successful on both applications:
  - Thargomindah Sams and Frew Street Trunk Infrastructure Investment - \$3,000,000 (inc. \$300,000 Council Contribution)
  - Replacement of Thargomindah Sewerage Treatment Plant - \$8,000,000 (inc. \$800,000 Council Contribution)
- Project plans submitted, some changes requested by Department. Variation granted for STP on basis original designs not adequate. Variation seeks to re-allocate Council contribution to designs and reduce contingency funding. Overall funding and timeframes remain as per the original application. Department monitoring closely and looking for 'sod turning announceables'. The first progress reports have been submitted and approval sought for signage.
- Preliminary design works now being organised. Tender currently advertised on Vendor Panel as work is specialised, inviting Local Buy suppliers the opportunity to tender. GBA Consulting Engineers will assist with the evaluation after the closing date and a report presented to Council.

**Country Roads Connect Program**

- Application successfully approved for Warri Gate Road Stage 2 – Seal Works, \$5,502,520. Project to commence in April 2026.

**Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program**

- Application for Connecting Thargomindah: Active Footpath Network Project submitted for Tranche 3 – **Unsuccessful**
- Application for Warri Gate Road Stage 3 submitted for Tranche 4

**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. Recruitment commenced. Departmental approval granted to fund the Spirit

of the Bush event and to defer the development of the mandatory Recovery and Resilience Plan until CRRO has been appointed.

### **Supply Scheme Fund**

Council has been approved for funding of \$100,000 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. The Department has requested to view the RFT or other engagement documentation prior to contract signing.

### **Works for Queensland Grants**

Final acquittal report to be submitted.

### **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.

- Sport and Recreation Recovery Grants – funding sought for Community Centre, Football Oval, Golf Club, Memorial Park, Rodeo Grounds and Noccundra Sports Grounds. Community Centre, Golf Club and Memorial Park applications submitted.
- Western Queensland Events Boost Funding – applications to support the Shearers Shindig and Channel Country Music Muster submitted. Advised application for Channel Country Music Muster unsuccessful.

### **Grant applications in development include:**

- Passenger Transport Accessible Infrastructure Program – potential projects to be agreed – note 50% co-contribution.
- Council exploring options for 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

**14.4 THARGOMINDAH PONY CLUB - REQUEST FOR INKIND SUPPORT**

**File Number:** 160117  
**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer  
**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachments:** Nil

**PURPOSE**

That Council consider a request from the Thargomindah Pony Club to waive plant and equipment hire fees for the use of the Council tractor for approximately five hours to complete maintenance at the Thargomindah Rodeo Grounds.

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION**

N/A

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

3.02.1 Hire of Council Plant and Equipment Policy

**CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

Operational Plan:

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the request from the Thargomindah Pony Club and waive plant hire fees for the Council tractor for five hours to perform maintenance work at the Thargomindah Rodeo Grounds.

**BACKGROUND**

Council has received correspondence from the Thargomindah Pony Club Inc. requesting the use of the Council tractor to plough the arenas and seeking a waiver of the associated hire fees for approximately five hours to undertake maintenance of the arena surfaces.

**Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter**

Nil

**DISCUSSION**

The Thargomindah Pony Club Inc. has advised that they have a suitably licensed operator available to drive the tractor.

Council can determine an appropriate time for the tractor to be made available to ensure there is no impact on Council operations, and will liaise with the Club regarding collection and return of the equipment.

**Rodeo Grounds:**

The Club has been advised that there is currently no power or functioning septic system at the Rodeo Grounds. A grant application has been submitted to address these issues; however, the grounds remain suitable for use for the upcoming event.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Plant Hire Rates (Dry Hire) (as per 2025-26 fees and charges)

<b>Plant</b>	<b>Hrly Rate</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Total</b>
Tractor	\$142.00	5 hours	\$710.00

**STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK**

Nil

**CRITICAL DATES**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Chief Executive Officer

**14.5 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**File Number:** 160048  
**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 28<sup>th</sup> February 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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026, are included for the information of Council.

**Financial Sustainability Indicators**

Some key performance indicators are showing lower than Council’s target guidelines due to Council’s high contract liabilities and revenue not yet received/recognised. These ratios are expected to gradually improve as Council’s operations continue and contract liabilities decrease, resulting in more favourable ratios.

**Key Local Government Performance Indicators**

Indicator		Target	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026	Comment
<p><b>Current Ratio</b> 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>2.36%</p>	<p>Lower than target. Grant funds received before works complete.</p>
<p><b>Operating Surplus Ratio</b> 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>2%</p>	<p>Within Target</p>
<p><b>Unrestricted Cash Expense Ratio</b> 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>3.86 months</p>	<p>Lower than target. High contract liabilities and revenue not yet received / recognised</p>

<b>Bulloo Shire Council</b>				
<b>Operating Statement (Income Statement)</b>				
<b>Period Ending 28th February 2026</b>				
	<b>Feb-26</b>	<b>Actual - YTD</b>	<b>Amended Budget 2025/2026</b>	<b>Variance %</b>
<b>Operating Revenue</b>				
Rates and Charges	3,083,069	6,174,752	6,236,385	99%
Less: Discount, Rebate & Remissions	-4,409	-91,957	-180,171	51%
	<b>3,078,660</b>	<b>6,082,795</b>	<b>6,056,214</b>	
Fees and Charges	11,278	138,262	176,910	78%
Interest	139,427	1,080,660	1,563,710	69%
Rental Income	30,211	295,369	316,713	93%
	<b>180,916</b>	<b>1,514,291</b>	<b>2,057,333</b>	
Recoverable Works	462,411	6,469,857	3,469,786	186%
Other Income	0	165,389	250,000	66%
Contributions	0	0	0	
Subsidies and Grants	4,114,368	25,778,841	64,062,640	40%
	<b>4,576,779</b>	<b>32,414,087</b>	<b>67,782,426</b>	
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>7,836,355</b>	<b>40,011,173</b>	<b>75,895,973</b>	
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>				
Administration and Governance Cost	237,277	7,930,105	8,466,903	94%
Corporate Services Costs	84,288	1,143,659	4,441,510	26%
Town Service Costs	148,138	1,400,727	9,442,497	15%
Net Plant Operating Costs	-71,471	-1,329,819	-2,174,170	61%
Rural Service	30,295	316,874	812,906	39%
Finance Services	4,236	34,422	44,967	77%
Depreciation	498,877	4,358,264	6,462,186	67%
Road Services	2,959,527	25,425,823	50,858,207	50%
<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>3,891,167</b>	<b>39,280,055</b>	<b>78,355,006</b>	
<b>OPERATING CAPABILITY BEFORE CAPITAL</b>	<b>3,945,188</b>	<b>731,118</b>	<b>-2,459,033</b>	
<b>Capital Items</b>				
Sale of non-current assets	0	0	-829,273	
Contributions	0	0	6,856,660	
Subsidies and Grants	3,600,000	7,026,684	20,036,289	35%
Capital Expenditure	0	0	-26,063,676	
<b>INCR / (DECR) IN OPERATING CAPABILITY INCL CAPITAL</b>	<b>7,545,188</b>	<b>7,757,802</b>	<b>-2,459,033</b>	

<b>Bulloo Shire Council</b>			
<b>Financial Position</b>			
<b>As at 28th February 2026</b>			
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Amended Budget 2025/2026</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Equivalents	11	43,907,818	37,634,000
Trade and Other Receivables	12	7,090,890	6,110,000
Prepayments		0	184,000
Inventories	13	4,149,557	4,154,000
Contract Assets	12	6,816,800	8,029,000
Other Current Assets		0	0
		<b>61,965,065</b>	<b>56,111,000</b>
Land Held for Development /Sale	15	0	0
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>61,965,065</b>	<b>56,111,000</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Trade & Other Receivables		0	0
Property, Plant and Equipment	18	307,957,620	327,540,000
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>307,957,620</b>	<b>327,540,000</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>369,922,685</b>	<b>383,651,000</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and Other Payments	20	770,020	5,634,000
Contract Liabilities		24,428,110	22,644,000
Borrowings	21	0	0
Provisions	23	1,085,298	1,150,000
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>26,283,428</b>	<b>29,428,000</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	20	0	0
Contract Liabilities		0	0
Borrowings	21	0	0
Provisions	23	86,561	34,000
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>86,561</b>	<b>34,000</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>26,369,989</b>	<b>29,462,000</b>
<b>NET COMMUNITY ASSETS</b>		<b>343,552,696</b>	<b>354,189,000</b>
<b>Community Equity</b>			
Asset Revaluation Reserve	25	190,196,560	190,179,000
Accumulated Surplus	26	153,356,136	164,010,000
Shire Capital		0	0
Other Reserves	28	0	0
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY</b>		<b>343,552,696</b>	<b>354,189,000</b>

**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	881,040	3.70%		881,040
Explorers Caravan Park	8,000	0.00%		8,000
QTC - 22039	6,929,619	4.32%		6,929,619
QTC - 22040	32,594,036	4.32%	27,054,323	5,539,713
QTC - 23766	3,493,620	4.32%		3,493,620
Float Money	1,503	0.00%		1,503
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,907,818</b>		<b>27,054,323</b>	<b>16,853,495</b>

Bulloo Shire Council			
Statement of Cash Flows			
Period Ending 28th February 2026			
	Notes	YTD - Feb 26	Amended Budget 2025/2026
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>			
Receipts from Customers		7,521,506	9,359,000
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		-37,481,813	-69,709,000
		<b>-29,960,307</b>	<b>-60,350,000</b>
Interest Received		1,080,660	1,564,000
Rental Income		292,489	298,000
Non-Capital Grants and Contributions		28,754,908	60,237,000
Borrowing Costs		0	0
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	35	<b>167,750</b>	<b>1,749,000</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>			
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment		-5,035,504	-26,721,000
Payments for Intangible Assets		0	0
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	5	0	829,000
Capital Grants and Contributions		7,034,350	20,036,000
Other Cash Flows from Investing activities		0	0
<b>Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities</b>		<b>1,998,846</b>	<b>-5,856,000</b>
<b>Cash Flow from Financing Activities</b>			
Proceeds from Borrowings		0	0
Repayment of Borrowings		0	0
<b>Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held</b>		<b>2,166,596</b>	<b>-4,107,000</b>
Cash at Beginning of Reporting Period 30 June 2025		41,741,222	41,741,222
<b>Cash at End of Reporting Period</b>	11	<b>43,907,818</b>	<b>37,634,222</b>

**PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PROFITABILITY**

The table below shows actual vs budget BSC Plant Profitability for the period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Job Cost	Description	Feb-26 Inc / Exp	YTD Inc / Exp	%	Budget
<b>Revenue</b>					
7100-1905	Plant Hire	237,664	2,653,871	59%	4,510,688
7100-1100	Fuel Rebate Subsidy	3,289	45,776	64%	71,786
7100-1900	Flood Truck Revenue	0	0		0
7100-1917	Other Income - Plant	0	19,421		0
7100-1918	Profit/Loss on Disposal of Assets	0	0		0
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>240,953</b>	<b>2,719,067</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>4,582,474</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
7100-2005	Plant Maintenance - Parts & Labour	81,034	570,199	66%	868,586
7100-2010	Plant Maintenance - Tyres & Batteries	19,765	97,000	49%	198,470
7100-2015	Plant Maintenance - Fuel & Oils	51,640	359,737	42%	863,041
7100-2020	Plant Rego. & Insurance	792	198,872	99%	200,000
7100-2025	Workshop Consumables	929	12,361	38%	32,690
7100-2030	Workshop Operating Costs	11,730	81,651	48%	169,611
7100-2035	Radio & T.V. Maintenance	303	4,233	103%	4,120
7100-2600	Depreciation-Plant & Depot	95,050	851,857	68%	1,243,820
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>261,243</b>	<b>2,175,909</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>3,580,338</b>
<b>Profit (Loss)</b>		<b>-20,289</b>	<b>543,158</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>1,002,136</b>

**CONSULTANT REPORT – 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

Consultant	Feb 2026 Expenditure	YTD Expenditure 2025/2026	Comments
Acumentis Pty Ltd		2,210	Land Valuation Services
AMB Geotech SQS Pty Ltd	814	6,138	Soil Testing Services
Ashurst Australia		2,277	Legal Services
Australis Advisory Group Pty Ltd	-	8,250	Asset Valuation Services
Brandon & Associates Pty. Ltd.	-	30,267	Engineering Services
C Alexander and Associates	-	68,765	Accounting Services
Findex (Aust) Pty Ltd, Crowe Australia	-	29,451	Audit Services
Forge Solutions QLD Pty Ltd	860,034	9,847,959	Disaster Management Services
GBA Consulting Engineers	44,669	97,761	Consulting Engineers
King & Company Solicitors	-	10,835	Legal Services
Moray & Agnew Lawyers	-	832	Legal Services
Ochre Community Consulting	-	14,703	Cultural Heritage Consulting
Peak Services	26,578	87,925	Grant Support
Perks & Associates Pty Ltd		3,465	FBT Tax Accounting Service
Safe As Gold Consulting	-	83,160	WHS Consultancy Service
Shepherd Services Pty Ltd	268,906	2,166,615	Road Consultancy Service (Claimable)
Statewide Building Design Solutions Pty	9,680	33,786	Building Design
Stephen Kenneth Mizen	-	46	Building Inspector
Viridis Consultants Pty Ltd	-	6,864	Audit Services
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,210,681</b>	<b>12,501,309</b>	

**DEBTORS SUMMARY – 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

Debtors Category	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	Balance
Sundry Debtors	199,288.54	0.00	0.00	20,404.25	219,692.79
Housing	3,973.50	389.80	0.00	2,673.11	7,036.41
Aerodrome Fuel	948.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	948.27
Common	214.50	0.00	0.00	1,039.90	1,254.40
Qld Government	3,637,939.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,637,939.00
Federal Government	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,842,363.81</b>	<b>389.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>24,117.26</b>	<b>3,866,870.87</b>

**RATES SUMMARY – 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

Rates	
Brought forward arrears including Interest	74,681.10
Interest current year	6,145.09
Rates Levied in 2025-26	6,425,075.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,505,901.35</b>
Less Rates Collected during 2025-26	3,276,227.70
Govt & Council pensioner subsidy 2025-26	4,417.52
Discount on rates collection during 2025-26	87,591.74
Write-Offs	79.69
Credit supplementary notices	0.00
<b>Total Outstanding Balance *</b>	<b>3,137,584.70</b>
Unallocated Receipts	-21,227.14
<b>Current Outstanding Balance</b>	<b>3,116,357.56</b>

**14.6 Q3 BUDGET REVISION - 2025/2026**

**File Number:** 160138  
**Author:** Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager  
**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachments:** Nil

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present the Q3 2025/2026 Budget Revision. The proposed revision most likely reflects the financial outcome as at the end of the 2025/2026 financial year.

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION**

Local Government Act 2009  
Local Government Regulation 2012

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil

**CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse the Quarter Three 2025/2026 Budget Revision, as presented.

**BACKGROUND**

The Administration and Finance Manager, in consultation with Council's Executive Team and Accountant, has undertaken a review of current operating revenue and expenditure, along with capital projects where costs have varied. The purpose of this budget revision is to realign budgeted costs between accounts to more accurately reflect Council's operational requirements, and to update grant funding income and associated expenditure to reflect the most current figures received from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) and various Government departments, noting that QRA project submissions are subject to ongoing change.

**Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter**

Res 2025/85 - Adoption of 2025/2026 Budget and Ten-Year Financial Forecast  
Res 2025/227 – That Council endorse the 2025/2026 Budget Revision, as presented

**DISCUSSION**

These proposed amendments were presented and discussed with each member of the Executive Leadership Team and Accountant.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The budget amendments presented result in a total cash reduction of \$7,799,263 from the 2025–2026 Amended Budget. This includes a net increase of \$8,068,297 in grant-related cash outflows, primarily associated with Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) projects, and a net decrease in Council cash outflows of \$269,034.

The adjustment to QRA grant revenue reflects the remaining total income expected to be received for approved submissions, while the associated expenditure represents the remaining works required to complete those projects. While the revenue and expenditure are expected to offset each other on an accrual basis, the timing of cash receipts and project delivery may differ, with some works not expected to be completed or expended until the following financial year.

Appropriate adjustments will be made as at 30 June 2026 to ensure that grant revenue is recognised in line with project progress and expenditure incurred, consistent with accounting standards. As at 28 February 2026, Council holds total cash at bank of \$43,907,818, of which \$27,054,323 is restricted cash held for mostly QRA projects and other grant-funded purposes.

In addition, Council-related cash outflows have decreased by \$269,034, mainly due to the sale of Council assets and the removal of the planned plant purchase to replace Plant 5080 - Loader Waste Compactor.

Refer to the tables below for a summary of the changes to the FY2026 budget in relation to Council, recoverable works and grant changes.

Summary of Changes Grant   Recoverable Works   Council	
<b>Increase in Operational Income</b>	
Grants	29,801,345
Recoverable Works	3,966,792
Council	150,916
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,919,053</b>
<b>Increase in Operational Expenditure</b>	
Grant Funded	37,920,276
Recoverable Works	3,966,792
Council (new)	42,178
Council (approved by previous resolution)	12,240
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,941,486</b>
<b>Operating Profit (Loss)</b>	
	<b>(8,022,433)</b>
<b>Increase in Capital Expenditure</b>	
Grant Funding	- 50,634
Council (new)	- 34,636
Council (approved by previous resolution)	- 137,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>- 223,170</b>
<b>Net Change in Council Amended Budget</b>	
	<b>(7,799,263)</b>

Summary of Net Changes Grant   Recoverable   Council	
Net Change in Grant Cash	(8,068,297)
Net Change in Recoverable	-
Net Change in Council Cash	269,034
<b>Net Change in Council Amended Budget</b>	<b>(7,799,263)</b>

Refer to the below table for the changes in Council’s unrestricted cash.

Change in Unrestricted Cash	
Unrestricted Cash as at 28 February 2026	16,853,494
Add Change in Net Profit from Operating Expenditure	96,498
<b>Unrestricted Cash after Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>16,949,992</b>

Refer to the below table for the Summary of Amendment Budget 2025-2026.

<b>Bulloo Shire Council</b>				
<b>Summary of Amended Budget 2025-2026</b>				
Account Description	Proposed Amended Budget FY2026	Amended Budget FY2026	% Change	\$ Change
<b>Operating Income</b>				
Rates and Utility Charges	6,236,385	6,236,385		
Less: Rates Discounts and Write Offs	(180,171)	(180,171)		
Fees and Charges	66,059	32,839		33,220
Interest Income	1,563,710	1,563,710		
Other Income	414,072	394,072		20,000
Rental Income	414,409	316,713		97,696
Sales and Other Recoverable Works	7,436,578	3,469,786		3,966,792
Operating Grants and Subsidies	93,863,985	64,062,640		29,801,345
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>109,815,027</b>	<b>75,895,974</b>	<b>145%</b>	<b>33,919,053</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Employee Benefits	5,888,296	5,859,118		29,178
Councillor Remuneration	378,379	378,379		
Materials and Services	107,522,544	65,610,236		41,912,308
Depreciation	6,462,186	6,462,186		
Finance Costs	45,087	45,087		
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>120,296,492</b>	<b>78,355,006</b>	<b>154%</b>	<b>41,941,486</b>
<b>Operating Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>(10,481,465)</b>	<b>(2,459,033)</b>	<b>426%</b>	<b>(8,022,432)</b>
<b>Capital Funding</b>				
Capital Grants and Subsidies	19,985,656	20,036,289		50,633
Council Cash Reserves	6,748,760	6,856,660		107,900
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	(893,908)	(829,272)		64,636
Capital Expenditure	(25,840,508)	(26,063,677)		
<b>Net Change in Capital Expenditure</b>				<b>223,169</b>
<b>Net Change in Council Amended Budget</b>				<b>(7,799,263)</b>

**STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK**

Finance Risk - The amended budget most likely reflects the financial outcome as at the end of the 2025/2026 financial year to ensure Council can achieve its outcomes. Adjustments will be made 30 June 2026 to recognise income to ensure that grant revenue is recognised in line with project progress and expenditure incurred, consistent with accounting standards.

**CRITICAL DATES**

19 March 2026

**CONSULTATION**

Executive Leadership Team

Accountant

**14.7 SOLE SUPPLIER ARRANGMENTS**

**File Number:** 159715  
**Author:** Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager  
**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachments:** Nil

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to approve the review of the Sole Supplier Arrangements, including the additions and removals, in accordance with sections 235(a) and 235(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld).

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION**

*Local Government Act 2009*

*Local Government Regulation 2012*

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Procurement Policy

**CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

GOV2.2 Deliver effective strategic management and governance that provides sound organisational management and complies with relevant legislation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

- a) approve the review of the Sole Supplier Arrangements list, pursuant to sections 235(a) and 235(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), by endorsing the proposed additions:
  - I. Department of Transport & Main Roads;
  - II. Queensland Water Directorate;
  - III. Starlink;
  - IV. St. George Freightliners;
  - V. Warrego Couriers (Charleville); and
- b) approve the removal of:
  - I. Smart Services Queensland.

**BACKGROUND**

Council may enter into a medium-sized contractual arrangement or large-sized contractual arrangement without first inviting written quotes or tenders if Council resolves that there is:

- only one (1) supplier who is reasonable available; or
- because of the specialised or confidential nature of the services that are sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for the local government to invite quotes or tenders.

**Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter**

2025/51 - Undertake a review of the Sole Supplier Arrangement on an annual basis with a report provided to Council.

**DISCUSSION**

Council currently maintains a Sole Supplier Arrangement, as outlined in the table below. This arrangement identifies suppliers who provide goods or services that are either specialised in nature, or where they are the only supplier reasonably available, such that it would be impractical or disadvantageous for Council to seek quotes and/or tenders.

The tables below present the current Sole Supplier Arrangement, together with the proposed additions and proposed removals for Council’s consideration. Adoption of the updated Sole Supplier Arrangement will allow Council to continue to procure goods and services directly from these suppliers where appropriate, in accordance with Council’s procurement requirements.

**Current Sole Supplier Arrangement**

Supplier Name	Scope of Sole Supplier Arrangement	Exception
<b>ACMA</b>	Apparatus Licence	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Air Services</b>	Specialised airport services and support - Notam Facilitator	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Airport Plus</b>	Specialised airport services and support - Airport Manual Validations, Airport Inspections	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Airport Surveys</b>	Specialised airport services - OLS Specialist	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Australia Post</b>	Sole supplier of postage	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available
<b>Aviation Components</b>	Specialised airport goods, services, and support - Tank Inspections, equipment services	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Aviation ID Australia</b>	Specialised airport services and support - ASIC card Issuer	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Changing Ways Psychology</b>	The only supplier who will personally deliver EAP services exclusively to Council staff, including two on-site visits p.a..	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Civica</b>	Annual licence for Finance Software	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Department of Agriculture &amp; Fisheries</b>	Precept payment – barrier fence	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available; Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Department of Resources</b>	Expenditure related to annual fee	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available; Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Electoral Commission of Queensland</b>	Independent statutory authority responsible for the impartial conduct of local government	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available;

	elections in Queensland	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Environment and Science</b>	Environment Protection Authority License Fee	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available; Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Ergon Energy</b>	Sole supplier of electricity to Council	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available
<b>Formbird</b>	Geotab Program	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>InfoCouncil</b>	Annual licence for Agenda & Minutes Software	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Invasive Plant &amp; Animal Services</b>	Invasive Plant & Animal Services are the sole supplier of 1080 concentrate in Queensland	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available
<b>LGMA</b>	Asset Insurance Renewal Service	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available; Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Local Government Association Queensland</b>	LGAQ is the peak body for local government Queensland. Expenditure related to membership fees and specific LG training	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available; Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>MAGIQ</b>	Annual licence for Recordkeeping Software	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>N-Com Pty Ltd</b>	Specialised satellite television services	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>NRG Services</b>	Specialised water services and support - Cooling Plant	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>QLD Audit Office</b>	Audit Fees	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available; Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>QLD Information Centres Association</b>	QICA Membership	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available; Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>QLD Local Government Mutual</b>	QLD Local Government supplier of Public Liability Insurance	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available; Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>QLD Local Government Workcare Scheme</b>	QLD Local Government supplier for Workers Compensation Insurance	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available; Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>QLD Tourism Industry Council</b>	Tourism Association	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available; Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>QLEAVE</b>	Dwelling Levies	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Queensland Audit Office</b>	Expenditure related to external audit of Council’s annual financial statements and other	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available;

	audit services	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Regional Express Airlines</b>	Air Freight	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available
<b>Shepherd Services</b>	Asset Management Services for Flood Damage Events.	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Smart Services Queensland</b>	Plant Registration	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>South West Air Services</b>	Aerial distributors (approved person) to carry out aerial distribution of low-risk fluoroacetic acid baits (LRFABs)	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>South West QLD Regional Organization of Councils</b>	SWQROC Membership, joint services and support	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Telstra Corporation Limited</b>	Provision of telecommunications and internet services to Council including service and repairs to telecommunications infrastructure.	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available
<b>Thargomindah State School</b>	Teacher Support Payment	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>TT Fuels</b>	Specialised airport goods, services, and support - Card Payments remote facilities	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>West Tech Systems</b>	Printer are under warranty	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service

**Proposed Additions**

<b>Department of Transport &amp; Main Roads</b>	Plant registration (formerly procured under Smart Service Queensland)	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Queensland Water Directorate</b>	Water and sewerage advisory group	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>Starlink</b>	Satellite Internet Telecommunications Provider	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
<b>St. George Freightlines</b>	Freight service	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available
<b>Warrego Couriers (Charleville)</b>	Freight service	Section 235(a) - one (1) supplier reasonably available

**Proposed Removals**

<b>Smart Services Queensland</b>	Plant Registration – now procured under Department of Transport and Main Roads	Section 235(b) – specialised goods and/or service
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This recommendation complies with Council legislative obligations to make these exceptions by Council resolution.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK**

Financial Risk: Non-compliance to requested goods/services

**CRITICAL DATES**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Admin & Finance Officer

Senior Finance Officer

**14.8 T2025-2026-106 REGISTER OF PREQUALIFIED SUPPLIERS 2026**

**File Number:** 159716  
**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 tenders submitted from suppliers to be included onto Bulloo Shire Council's Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (RoPS).

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION**

*Local Government Act 2009*

*Local Government Regulation 2012 - section 232*

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

**CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

- a) accept the tenders from the following suppliers and include them onto Council's Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (RoPS):
  - Accurate Pest Management;
  - BKR Town Maintenance;
  - Duff's Mechanical Pty Ltd (under the condition their public liability COC is processed and valid as of 1/04/2026);
  - Quantum Crushing Pty Ltd;
  - McKellar Contractors; and
- b) remove the following suppliers from Council's Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (RoPS):
  - Charleville Constructions; and
  - Haynes Mechanical.

**BACKGROUND**

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

- a) Provision of electrical, plumbing, and building trade services;
- b) Provision of mechanical and air-conditioning trade services;
- c) Provision of catering services;
- d) Provision of embroidery and fabric repair services;
- e) Provision of painting services;
- f) Provision of labour hire services;
- g) Provision of gravel crushing services;
- h) Provision of concreting services;
- i) Supply of goods and materials;
- j) Provision of small fleet vehicles; and
- k) Provision of plant hire services.

Tenderers are to take into consideration:

- a) Inclusion onto the RoPS does not provide any guarantee of work with Council;
- b) Council may, at its sole discretion, by Public Tender re-advertise the Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (RoPS) during the term of this arrangement; and
- c) The request for tender was advertised by Public Tender and closed at 4:00pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS REPLATED TO THIS MATTER**

Nil

#### **DISCUSSION**

The evaluation took place at Bulloo Shire Council's Kullilli Room at 8:30am on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The evaluation was based on the following criteria:

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

The tender was opened for existing pre-qualified suppliers to update their prices and insurances only, to remain on the register. Suppliers were advised that failure to provide updated rates and current insurances would result in their removal from the register.

Council received responses from seven (7) new suppliers, two (2) of which were non-conforming. The panel recommend that the following suppliers are added to the RoPS 2026:

- a) Accurate Pest Management;
- b) BKR Town Maintenance;
- c) Duff's Mechanical Pty Ltd (under the condition their public liability COC is processed and valid as of 1/04/2026);
- d) Quantum Crushing Pty Ltd; and
- e) McKellar Contractors.

Duff's Mechanical is presently registered as a sole trader and is transitioning to a proprietary limited company. As the required public liability insurance will not be effective until 1 April 2026, inclusion on the Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers is recommended subject to this requirement being met by that date.

The panel received tenders from BHJ Transport and Hamil Contracting; however, these tenders were assessed as non-conforming due to the omission of required tender information.

Council received responses from thirty-nine (39) of the forty-one (41) existing pre-qualified suppliers. It is recommended that the two (2) non-responding suppliers, listed below, be removed from the register.

- a) Charleville Constructions – no tender submitted.
- b) Haynes Mechanical – no tender submitted.

The above existing pre-qualified suppliers were given extensions to provide the required documentation and failed to do so.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

- (3) A local government may establish a register of pre-qualified suppliers of particular goods or services only if—
  - a) the preparation and evaluation of invitations every time the goods or services are needed would be costly; or
  - b) the capability or financial capacity of the supplier of the goods or services is critical; or
  - c) the supply of the goods or services involves significant security considerations; or
  - d) a precondition of an offer to contract for the goods or services is compliance with particular standards or conditions set by the local government; or
  - e) the ability of local business to supply the goods or services needs to be discovered or developed.

### **STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK**

Nil

### **CRITICAL DATES**

**NIL**

### **CONSULTATION**

Evaluation Panel

- Admin & Finance Manager
- Senior Finance Officer
- Finance Officer
- Store Person

**14.9 T2025-2026-211 - NOCCUNDR AIRSTRI P FENCE - SUPPLY & INSTALLATION**

**File Number:** 160042  
**Author:** Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager  
**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to engage a contractor for the supply and installation of fencing at Noccundra Airstrip.

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION**

Local Government Act 2009  
Local Government Regulations 2012

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

## 2.74.1 Procurement Policy

The procurement has been undertaken in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy, ensuring an open and competitive tender process that achieves value for money.

**CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the tender received from Cross Country Fusion for \$349,840.00 (excluding GST) for the supply and installation of the exclusion barrier fence at Noccundra Airstrip.

**BACKGROUND**

Council invited tenders from suitably qualified contractors to supply and install approximately 4.967 kilometres of 6-foot chain mesh anti-climb security fencing at Noccundra Airstrip, similar to the image shown in Figure 1, including an entry gate either:

- a) 1 x largest possible double gate at road entry location leading from Noccundra Pub to Airstrip; or
- b) 1 x 8m or larger sliding gate matching fence specification, non-powered.

The proposed works are intended to improve safety, protect aviation infrastructure, and reduce risks associated with animal incursions onto the airstrip.

The contract is proposed to commence upon award of tender, with practical completion required by 30 June 2026.

The primary objectives of calling tenders were to:

- Achieve value for money;

- Ensure open and effective competition; and
- Secure timely and efficient delivery of the works.



Figure 1. Proposed boundary fence.

Following completion of the evaluation and submission of the recommendation to Council at the February 2026 meeting, Council determined that further clarification was required regarding the fencing materials proposed by tenderers. Additional information was therefore requested from those tenderers whose submissions were within, or close to, Council’s approved project budget.

**Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter**

2025/85 – Adoption of 2025/2026 Budget and Ten-Year Financial Forecast

2026/23 – That Council request additional information regarding fencing materials from tenderers for the exclusion barrier fence at Noccundra Airstrip and resubmit the matter to the March Ordinary Meeting.

**DISCUSSION**

Council requested more information from the below tenderers regarding their fencing materials, in particular:

- Fencing material brand (e.g. Waratah);
- Corner post, inline post and stay diameters, including confirmation that all components are galvanised; and
- Post installation depth, with a minimum depth of 3.5 feet.

Tenderer	Cost ex GST	Relevant Experience	Tenderer's Resources	Demonstrated Understanding	Local Content	Total	Within Budget (Y/N)
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<b>Cross Country Fusion</b>	349,840	34%	18.75%	20%	9.5%	<b>82.25%</b>	Y
<b>dFence Security Fencing</b>	442,690	30%	13.75%	20%	3%	<b>66.75%</b>	Y
<b>Shiner Fencing</b>	400,000	35%	21.25%	17.5%	6%	<b>79.75%</b>	Y
<b>A &amp; D Rural Contracting</b>	471,865	24%	18.75%	15%	2.5%	<b>60.25%</b>	N
<b>Half Hitch</b>	508,898	34%	19.38%	20%	9.5%	<b>82.88%</b>	N

Their responses are as follows:

Tenderer	Material Brand	Corner Post	Inline Post	Stay Diameters	Galvanised (Y/N)	Post Installation Depth (min 3.5ft)
Cross Country	Waratah	75x75 x 4mm	40mm @ approx. 3.3m spacing All capped	115mm cattle rail	Y	Yes
dFence Security	SupaGuard	50NB Medium Pipe (≈60.3 mm OD) @ 3250mm Cranked	40NB Light (≈48.3 mm OD) @ 3250mm Cranked	32NB XL (≈42.4 mm OD) @ 3250mm (100m/Corner/angle change)	Y	Yes
Shiner Fencing	Southern Wire	80mm	80mm	40mm	Y	Yes

A D Rural Contracting	Waratah	100mm NB (≈114.3 mm OD), 6mm wall	50mm NB (≈60.3 mm OD) @ 3.1m centres, 4mm mm wall	50mm NB (≈60.3 mm OD), 4mm	Y	Yes
Half Hitch	Waratah	80NB straight Galv Pipe (≈88.9 mm OD), 4.0mm (end assembly posts)	40NB straight Galv Pipe (≈48.3 mm OD), 3.2mm	40NB Galv Pipe (≈48.3 mm OD), 3.2mm	Y	Yes

With the additional information above, it is recommended that Council approve the tender from Cross Country Fusion, as the tender is compliant with the specifications outlined in the Request for Tender.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The approved funding allocation is broken down across the following project components:

- Site establishment
- Earthworks
- Seal
- Lighting, line marking and testing
- **Fencing (budget allocation: \$450,000)**

Following assessment of all tenders received, Council excluded submissions that exceeded the allocated fencing budget to ensure sufficient funds remain available to complete the remaining components of the project, including sealing and associated works. The recommended tender is therefore considered affordable within the approved funding envelope and does not compromise delivery of the full scope of works.

**STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK**

The Noccundra Airstrip is currently unfenced, presenting a significant operational and safety risk due to the potential for wildlife and stock incursions onto the airstrip. Such incursions increase the likelihood of animal strikes involving aircraft, posing risks to passenger safety, aircraft operations, and potential liability exposure for Council.

Installation of the security fencing will substantially mitigate this risk by preventing animal access to the airstrip, thereby improving the safety, reliability, and operational integrity of aviation activities at the facility.

**CONSULTATION**

Evaluation Panel:

- Admin and Finance Manager
- Engineer
- Rural and Town Services Manager
- Senior Finance Officer

**14.10 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**File Number:** 160153  
**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 February 2026.

**BIOSECURITY****Landholders**

Phone, email and face to face consultations with landholders during the month on topics including baiting, pig numbers, Kulki pipeline, road conditions/river heights and flood truck operating hours. Properties consulted during the month include Nappa Merrie, Omicron, Epsilon, Orientos, Tickalara, Bulloo Downs, Dynevor Downs, Thargomindah Station, Wiralla, Autumnvale, Yakara, Boodgherree, Kilcowera, Moombidary, Nockatunga, Naryilco, Durham Downs, Picarilli, Bingara, Besm, Nooyeah, Wombula, Waverley Downs.

Council received 1 request from a landholder to be repatriated from Broken Hill back to their station via aerial service after becoming isolated due to road closures. This request was outside the Queensland Reconstruction Authority Resupply to flood isolated properties guidelines; however, the NSW SES provided a helicopter to transport them home.

Landholders in the far west of the shire will continue to be contacted in relation to resupply given the large volume of water still to come through the Cooper Creek system.

Bulloo Shire Pest Management Meeting was held on 24 February to discuss the April 1080 baiting program, wild pig control programs, SQ Landscape funding and WDBF. A separate report is attached for Council's information.

**Meetings, training and events attended during the month**

- 3 Bulloo Local Recovery Meeting
- 12 Pre AFMG Meeting
- 13 BROCC Meeting
- 17 Regional Aviation Engagement Session
- 23 Executive Leadership Team Monthly Meeting
- 24 Executive Leadership Team Workplace Health and Safety Meeting
- 24 Pest Management Committee Meeting

**Bulloo Local Recovery**

Bulloo Local Recovery meeting was held on 3 March with Lifeline still on the ground in Thargomindah 3 days a week until 31 March 2026. Below is a summary of the minutes:

- 16 caravans and 1 cabin still in use in Thargomindah, with 4 caravans scheduled to be returned by end of the month.
- The remaining Council houses (6) and Council Admin building have been completed as of 02.03.26

- Community recovery event featuring Lee Kernaghan is being held Sunday 29 March 4pm-8pm – would service providers be available?
- CRRO (Community Recovery and Resilience Officers) position commences on 13 April, with Council's request for extension sitting with NEMA now.
- Remaining Council houses and Administration Building will be completed by end of February 2026.
- Farms Angels have not received any requests for support during Feb
- QRA busy responding to the disasters in Western Qld
- GIVIT indicated that the last request for vouchers from Lifeline was in November 2025. Requests to be submitted through Lifeline.
- Rural Aid have not received any requests since the last meeting.
- Insurance Council of Australia has not received any queries since the last meeting.
- Lifeline Darling Downs and Southwest Queensland are engaged to provide Human and Social support to the community until the end of the year. Council asked if this service model can be extended until 31 March 2026 as the CRRO funded position won't be in place until end of March due to housing restrictions.

### **Thargomindah Town Common**

Saturday evening 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026, two horses registered to the Thargomindah Town Common were killed by a motor vehicle on the bitumen section of the Bypass Road – approx. 500m from the town boundary grid. The owner was called and attended the site and buried the horses that evening as further rainfall was forecast and subsequently received the next day.

The Thargomindah Town Common Cattle Muster is being held on 21 & 22 March 2026.

### **Stock route inspection**

Daly Bros Drilling have been engaged by the Department of Natural Resources to inspect the Numalla (10 Mile) Water Facility including using the camera. A report will be prepared and shared with Council in relation to the condition of the bore. They are planning conduct the inspection on 12 March 2026.

## **TOWN SERVICES**

### **Airport**

- Airport operations are back to normal with the Outdoor Payment Terminal (OPT) now fully functional again. There has been an increase of planes refuelling in Thargomindah due to the lack of fuel at Moomba Airport (due to inaccessible roads)

### **Facilities and Housing**

- Powell Street Flats are the final accommodation to be repaired under the REPA program, with just a few minor items to be completed in a couple of houses.
- Housing maintenance is continuing including air conditioning servicing and minor repairs.

**Parks and Gardens**

- Parks and Gardens staff are busy keeping up with the lawns maintenance and clean up of the Council Administration Office gardens and lawns.

**Rural and Town Services Staffing**

- 1 Rural Services Officer on medial leave until 20 March 2026 (review date)
- 1 Town Services staff member on medical restrictions until 9 April (review date)

**14.11 COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACES REPORT**

**File Number:** 160185  
**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 February 2026

**CORPORATE / HUMAN RESOURCES ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY**

**New Starters**

Nil

**Resignations**

Nil

**Positions Advertised**

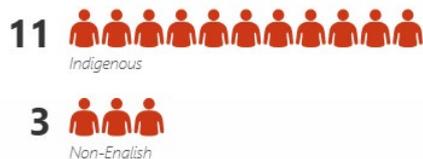
1 Executive Assistant

**HEADCOUNT**

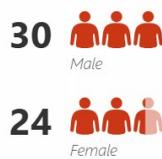
Class	Opening Balance	New Starters	Terminated
Full Time	47	-	
Part Time	1	-	-
Casual	6	-	-
Fixed Term			
Apprentice			
Totals	54		

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**EEO TARGET GROUPS**



**GENDER RATIO**



**DIVERSITY DEMOGRAPHICS**

Department	Total	Full Time		Part Time		Casual		Trainee/Apprentice	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Executive Services	7	1	4			2			
Admin & Finance Services	8	3	3				2		
Rural & Town Services	4	2	2						
Road Services	25	21	4						
Community, Culture & Places	10		7		1	1	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>		

Department	Total	Age Group								
		<20	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55+
Executive Services	7				1	1	1	1	1	2
Admin & Finance	8	1				1	1	2		3
Rural & Town Services	4				2				1	1
Road Services	25	1	1	3	1	2	1	3	4	9
Community, Culture & Places	10				1	1	1	2	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>

**VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE****SWQROC Tourism Group**

Staff recently represented the SWQROC Tourism Group at the Moreton Bay and Adelaide Caravan and Camping Shows. Both events were highly successful, attracting excellent attendance figures. The Adelaide show recorded 24,475 attendees and the Moreton Bay event saw 9,160 attendees over the 3 days, both events saw significant engagement from the public. Across both shows, 960 Explore Bulloo brochures were distributed.

Participation in these events, in collaboration with the SWQROC group, continues to deliver outstanding results. This partnership strengthens our networking capabilities and enhances our understanding of neighbouring councils, their attractions, and the diverse experiences available in each region.

This year marked our debut at the Adelaide show. Quilpie and Bulloo have been advocating for this opportunity, particularly as we've observed a substantial increase in visitors from South Australia over the past two to three years. The positive response at the event, with many attendees either having visited or planning trips to our region within the next 12–18 months, reinforced our decision. The outcome was exceptionally positive and bodes well for future tourism growth.

**Music In the Mulga**

MITM event has secured funding from the Western Queensland Events Boost Fund, which will greatly support the success of the Music in the Mulga event planned for 2026. This funding is a significant boost and will contribute immensely to the overall quality and reach of the event.

**Lee Kernaghan Event**

The upcoming Lee Kernaghan concert will be a BYO (Bring Your Own) event, scheduled to run from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Sports Oval. Complimentary dinner will be provided for all Bulloo Shire residents attending the event. Council will continue to collaborate closely with Lee's manager, to ensure that this event is a memorable and enjoyable occasion for our community and the surrounding areas.

**Shearers Shindig**

Planning for the Shearers Shindig is progressing well. Some of the event merchandise has already been received and stored. Alana and Kaylene have demonstrated excellent organisational skills in managing the preparations, ensuring that everything remains on track.

**Channel Country Music Muster**

VIC staff have been working diligently with all attendees to ensure their bookings are processed efficiently through the designated booking system. The majority of participants have responded positively and cooperated well throughout the process.

All entertainment for the Channel Country Music Muster has been successfully booked, and preparations are progressing smoothly.

**STATISTICS**

VIC		Facebook – Explore Bulloo		Instagram	
Visitors	41	Interactions	639	Views	229
Phone calls	52	Comments	-	Interactions	12
Email enquirers	26	Views	16,978	Reach	130
		New followers	91	New followers	0
		Total Followers	8,853	Total followers	1417

**EXPLORERS CARAVAN PARK**



**LIFESTYLE AND RECREATION**

- A meeting was conducted with Sheridan Hammet to discuss the future of PHN funding. While Ms Hammet was unable to provide confirmation, it is anticipated that the PHN Healthy Ageing Funding will continue, albeit at an expected level of 50–60% of the current allocation. Despite this reduction, it is believed that Council will be able to deliver the majority of existing services. Once funding is confirmed, new contracts for the upcoming year will be issued accordingly.
- Theatre performance, "Queens of Country," was held at Memorial Park and attracted over 30 local attendees, making for a highly successful evening. The next scheduled event, "Fractured Fairy Tales," will take place at the primary school in May.
- Organisation is underway for nine free community workshops to be delivered between now and August. These workshops will be supported through the RADF Allocation and the State Library Wages Subsidy.
- The library is transitioning back to standard operations, with Council office staff returning to the main office building. It is anticipated that all activities will be fully resumed by April.
- Funding is currently being sought from State Library Queensland for the refurbishment of the library, including painting and the installation of new floor coverings.
- Entertainment has been secured for the upcoming Ladies Night in June, and planning for the event continues as scheduled.

<b>Activity –</b>			<b>Users</b>
<b>Total Library Visits</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>
<b>Tourists</b>		2	-
<b>Local Adults</b>	-	5	-
<b>Local Children</b>	-	-	-
<b>First 5 Forever (Parents and Children)</b>	10	6	12
<b>F5F On the Road (Seasonal)</b>	-	-	-
<b>Book loans</b>	-	8	2
<b>WQPHN Activities – Healthy Ageing Program</b>			
<b>Water Aerobics (Seasonal)</b>	-	1	4
<b>Massage/Beauty Treatments/Hairdresser (55yrs &amp; Over) Thargo</b>	-	1	15
<b>Luncheon (1)</b>	23	11	17
<b>InBody Scans</b>	-	4	2
<b>Teelow court visits</b>	56	27	17
<b>Workshops/Community Events/School Holiday</b>			
<b>Book Club</b>	-	7	6
<b>Australia Day</b>	-	12	-
<b>Theatre Production</b>	-	-	30+

**Healthy Ageing Liaison Officer Report**

**Resident Support Services**

Ongoing support was provided to residents through a range of channels, including phone consultations, centre-based assistance, and home visits. This support focused on addressing individual concerns and offering guidance with completing forms, accessing telehealth services, managing travel arrangements, and resolving technology-related issues.

**Collaborative Engagement and Meetings**

Fortnightly meetings were held with the Nurse Navigator, Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Clinical Coordinators, and staff from the local Community Care Collective. These meetings facilitated client updates, appointment scheduling, and planning for the upcoming Thargomindah Health Day Expo, scheduled for March.

**Allied Health Support**

The Vital Health Physiotherapist visited the centre on a fortnightly basis, ensuring residents had consistent access to physiotherapy services.

**Rec Centre Operations**

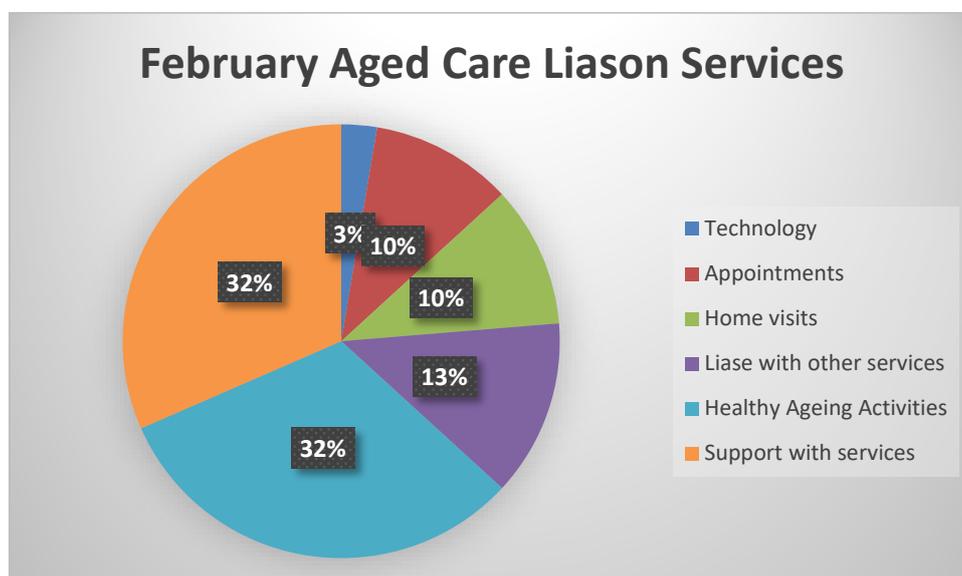
The centre has played a critical role in supporting older residents during periods of ongoing power outages, serving as an essential hub for community care and comfort.

**Aged Care Advocacy**

Assistance was provided to two residents in applying for MyAged Care reassessments, prompted by recent changes to their health status. Support included guidance throughout the application process and coordination with relevant healthcare services.

**Monthly Rec Centre Totals**

Healthy Ageing activities 55 and over	PHN Funded Professionals or Therapists	Visiting	Vital Health	Visiting Services
17	15		11	17



**THARGOMINDAH SWIMMING POOL**

General Attendance		Lap Swimmers		Swimming Lessons	Healthy Ageing	Other	Monthly Total
Children	Adults	Children	Adults	Children	Seniors	School Carnival	
225	78		22	57	6	27	415

**LITTLE ECHIDNA'S FAMILY DAYCARE**

Week 1	2nd to 6th February 2026					
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<b>Week Total</b>
No. Children in Care	3	4	3	4	4	18
Week 2	9th to 13th February 2026					
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<b>Week Total</b>
No. Children in Care	3	4	3	4	4	18
Week 3	16th to 21st February 2026					
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<b>Week Total</b>
No. Children in Care	4	3	4	3	4	18
Week 4	23rd to 27th February 2026					
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<b>Week Total</b>
No. Children in Care	4	3	4	3	4	18
<b>Month Total</b>						<b>54</b>

**14.12 OPERATIONAL SERVICES REPORT**

**File Number:** 160088  
**Author:** George Inocentes, Engineer  
**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**Roadworks and Maintenance Progress Update:****R.R.U.P. Section 2 – Warri Gate**

- Floodway signage installation has been completed.
- Works are now 100% complete.

**TMR RMPC (Routine Maintenance Performance Contract)**

- Heavy Formation Grading has commenced on Eulo–Hungerford Road, with Crew 2 currently undertaking works and camping at Currawinya.
- Council has been awarded funding from TMR for the replacement of two minor culverts on Bundeena Road at Ch. 86.29 and Ch. 86.44. Works include construction of a detour.

**TMR FLOOD DAMAGE RESTORATION**

Council has been awarded Flood Damage Restoration works across the following TMR road network sections:

- Eulo–Hungerford Road (7001): Heavy Formation Grading with top-up gravel.
- Quilpie–Thargomindah Road (7003): Shoulder damage repairs.
- Bundeena Road (94B) & Cunnamulla–Thargomindah Road (94A):
  - Stabilisation works
  - Sealing from the grid past the bridge to the truck stop on 94B

Council REPA works will be delivered in conjunction with TMR Flood Damage works.

**TMR TIDS (Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme)**

- Remaining pavement preparation has been completed. Council is now awaiting the sealing contractor’s availability to complete the final section and meet this financial year’s TIDS allocation.
- Upgrades to the Soonah Crossing T-intersection on Bundeena Road have been completed and are ready for sealing.

**Roads to Recovery (RTR)**

- Works have been suspended for the past three weeks due to the recent rain event.

**Country Road Connect (CRC)**

- Construction was originally scheduled to commence in April 2026.
- Due to ongoing wet conditions, commencement is expected to be delayed by approximately one month.

**Drill of Bore**

- Tender evaluation has been completed.
- Awaiting Council approval to award the contract to the selected contractor.

**Bundilla Culvert Installation**

- A Purchase Order has been issued to D and D Concrete for culvert installation.
- Concrete mattress for slope protection has been ordered by D and D in preparation for the works.
- Water remains in the creek, preventing construction of the side track until levels subside.
- Council will supply the required culverts for the project.
- Sealing is excluded from the contractor's pricing and will be delivered under Council's existing sealing program.

**Council Maintenance**

- Patching works have commenced on Innamincka Road following significant pothole formation during the recent rain event. These works also form part of preparations for the upcoming tourist season.
- A contractor has commenced Medium Formation Grade on Hungerford Road.

**Repair for Damage at Ballera Bridge**

- Repairs to the damaged guardrail have been completed by D and D Concrete.

**Sealing Noccundra Airstrip**

- Tender evaluation for the construction of the airstrip perimeter fence has been extended, as Council has requested further detail on specifications and materials.
- Airstrip design is nearing completion, including lighting layout and line marking.

## **SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE**

GBA Consulting Engineers have been engaged to facilitate the STP Upgrade project.

### **Testing & Data Collection**

- Irrigation Modelling, Wastewater and Soil Investigation
- Request for Quotations were released on 28 Jan 2026
- All Contractor quotation submissions were received by 13 Feb 2026
- Quotations were assessed and approved for award to Bio-Track Pty Ltd. Letter of Successful quotation with Contract for signing sent to Contractor.
- Contractor to perform field tests between 14-16 March 2026.
- Laboratory test results and report will be delivered before 30 April 2026 Contract completion date

### **Sludge Characterisation**

- Request for Quotations were released on 28 Jan 2026
- All Contractor quotation submissions were received by 13 Feb 2026
- Quotation assessed and approved for award to CDM Smith Australia Pty Ltd.
- Contractor planning to arrive to perform field tests/sampling between 23-25 March 2026
- All laboratory test results ready up to 4-6 weeks after field work. Testing turnaround for parameters is 7-10days with exception of the biosolids analysis process requiring 4-6 week
- Final laboratory results projected to be complete between period of 23 April to 14 May 2026. One week for the report projects a delivery date of 30 April to 22 May. Possible up to three-week delay from 30 April 2026 for final report with all test results. Draft report with all parameters except biosolids analysis can be produced by 30 April 2026.

### **Site Survey**

- Quote accepted on 10 March 2026 for GBA to conduct the site survey
- Survey planned for week starting 16 March 2026
- Survey data estimated to be ready by end of first week of April 2026

### **Preliminary Design**

- Request for Quotations for all three Preliminary Design options were released on 28 Jan 2026
- Quotations closed on 20 February 2026 with two submissions received for Preliminary Designs
- Quotation was assessed and approved for award to GHD Pty Ltd for a combined Contract for all three Preliminary Design options
- Meeting with GHD planned 20 March 2026 for project kick-off and discussion of Contract departures before signing
- GHD to provide a program for Preliminary Design completion by 12 June 2026
- Correspondence between Council and DETSI is to be ongoing during the design process
- Multicriteria Analysis (MCA) to be performed on the three preliminary designs options

**WATER:**

**Thargomindah Town Water Supply**

- Cooling Plant:
  - Due to recharging issues with the BESS unit, a permanent bridge to the Mains Power Supply was installed to ensure continuous operations of the Cooling Plant.
  - Diagnostics are currently underway to determine the issue with the HVAC system on the BESS unit.
  - February has seen a significant reduction in water usage, most likely due to the amount of rainfall Thargomindah has received with a total of 14 wet days during the period.
- Bore 02:
  - The Thargomindah Town Water Supply is currently being supplied by Bore 02 only due to a failure of the pressure reduction valve at Bore 01. Bore 01 will be reinstated to operate in conjunction with Bore 02 once the valve has been repaired.

**Usage**

The following readings were recorded for February 2026:

February water supply usage	13,023KL
Average daily water usage	465.1KL
Water supply usage for 2025/2026 (July to February)	160,153KL
Council’s annual allocation (Licence No. 618478)	345,000KL
% of allocation used	46.4%
Maximum Air Temperature	42.7°C
Minimum Air temperature	19.8°C
Average Maximum Air Temperature	34.7°C
Average Minimum Air Temperature	25.2°C
Recorded rainfall for February 2026	100.6mm

**Hungerford (Non-potable & Raw Water Supplies)**

- There were no incidents reported for the raw water supply during February 2026.
- There has been significant flow in the Paroo River which has permitted the storage dams to be replenished.

**Usage**

The following readings were recorded for February 2026 for water usage in Hungerford:

Bore Water – Town Usage	
February water supply usage	77.0KL
Average daily water usage	2.8KL
Water supply usage for 2025/2026 (July to February)	1,054.0KL

Extracted from Bore	
No Bore Meter reads were recorded during February 2026 as access	
to the bore was restricted due to flooding in the Paroo River.	

Raw Water – Town Usage	
February water supply usage	277.0KL
Average daily water usage	9.9KL
Water supply usage for 2025/2026 (July to February)	9,687.0KL

Extracted from Paroo River	
Total water extracted in February	2,874.0KL
Total water extracted for 2025/2026 (July to February)	2,874.0KL

**Noccundra (Raw Water Supply)**

- There were no incidents reported for the raw water supply during February 2026.

**SEWERAGE**

**Sewerage Pump Station:**

- There were no incidents reported at the Sewerage Pump Station during February 2026.
- Flovac were engage to perform a mechanical service of 3 x vacuum pumps, 2 x discharge pumps and the water separator which are all located at the Sewerage Pump Station.

**Sewerage Treatment Plant:**

- There were no incidents reported at the Sewerage Treatment Plant during February 2026.

**Usage**

The calculated volume of effluent pumped and processed by the sewerage treatment plant is ongoing with the following results recorded. The flow through the Thargomindah Sewerage Treatment plant for February 2026 was:

Total discharge pumped to wastewater treatment plant	2,765.99KL
Total volume of effluent discharge from the Wastewater Plant	631.0KL
Average daily discharge to wastewater plant	89.23KL
Total discharge from Wastewater Plant 2025/2026 (July to February)	6,631.0KL

**WASTE**

- Rubbish collection services for both wheelie bins and skip bins were carried out without incident throughout February.
- A contractor was engaged to compact and cover the landfill pits with Council staff now scheduled to perform these works on a weekly basis.

**WORKSHOP REPORT**

**Previous Plant Damaged /Sitting Down**

**Ongoing:**

- **All Generators** – monthly checks all around town – have been carried out by Staff
- **Various machines** – replacement of new batteries, Tyres & services – as required

**New Month of February**

- **387 Generator** Key won't turn unit off, lights on panel flutter
- **559 Skid Steer** 4000hr Service
- **562 Loader** 5500hr Service
- **5007 Cat Multi Roller** 4000hr Service
- **5007 Cat Multi Roller** Aircon is leaking from vents and roof
- **5008 Roller** Front rh scraper needs replacing
- **5072 Grader Cat** Grease line broken on front
- **5075 Komatsu Grader** 3000hr Service
- **6076 Komatsu Grader** Bottom shims on mouldboard
- **6041 Toyota Hilux** Beacon switch needs replacing
- **6041 Toyota Hilux** Flashing lights not working
- **6041 Toyota Hilux** Hand break requires
- **6065 Toyota Prado** Replace windscreen wipers front and back
- **6065 Toyota Prado** Replace battery in key
- **7006 Fuso Truck** Light coming on dash (engine system-stop in safe place)
- **7042 Prime Mover Mack** Windscreen wiper not working
- **7042 Prime Mover Mack** Play in jaws in fifth wheel
- **7047 Prime Mover Kenworth** Aircon not working
- **9007 Kubota Mower** LHF deck guide wheel missing

**Plant Defects Register**

**STATUS**

**DEFECTS**

DATE	MONTH DEFECTS REPORTED	DEFECTS REPAIRED	TOTAL DEFECTS (OUTSTANDING)
24-Dec	3	0	3
30-Dec	74	41	33
January	19	11	8
February	31	12	19
March	3	0	3
April			
May			
June			
	<b>130</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>66</b>

**Comments:**

- The above provides a summary of plant defects that have been reported for repair.
- Additional works are undertaken that are not recorded as defects, including routine inspections of vehicles and generators, as well as unplanned emergency breakdowns attended to on site.
- Some outstanding defects relate to servicing and minor repairs, which will be completed as they are able to be scheduled within existing workloads.

**CURRENT INSURANCE CLAIMS**

- **5553 Komatsu Grader M00082646** Damage to rear RH side mud guard and rear of loader
- **1196 Fuel Trailer M00087422** Damage to RH and LH side mud guard and rear, tow hitch, rear axle, pump box and pump/hose

**Waiting on Insurance Transport to collect**

- **Claim Number M00084612** Bomag Roller.
- **Claim Number M00084613** Compactor.

**PURCHASE OF COUNCIL NEW PLANT MACHINE****Budget Approved Plant:**

- 12-tonne Truck Crane / Tipper – Tender closed 12 March 2026.
- Large SUV – Tender closed 12 March 2026.
- Medium SUV – Tender closed 12 March 2026.
- Pedestrian Roller – Procurement process underway.

**New Arrivals:**

- Nil

**14.13 T2025 2026 209 - ARTESIAN WATER BORE DRILLING – WARRI GATE ROAD**

- File Number:** 160167
- Author:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
- Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
- Attachments:**
1. Attachment 1 – Tender Evaluation Summary
  2. Attachment 2 – Tender Evaluation Report

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to outline the background to the tender process and subsequent evaluation undertaken for Tender T2025-2026-209 - Artesian Water Bore Drilling – Warri Gate Road. The report also seeks Council’s consideration of the Tender Evaluation Panel’s recommendations arising from this process.

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION**

*Local Government Act 2009*

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

**CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Drill Engineering & Pastoral Co Pty Ltd for the sum of \$714,150.00 ex GST to complete T2025-2026-209 Artesian Water Bore Drilling – Warri Gate Road; and
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer as Contract Superintendent to vary the value of the Contract based on the depth of the bore at which artesian free flowing water is encountered up to the approved QRA budget; and
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the contract in the form proposed.

**BACKGROUND**

In February 2025 Council received approval from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) to construct an artesian water bore on Warri Gate Road. The bore is intended to provide water for road construction and maintenance activities in the south western area of the Shire.

The bore will provide water for a proposed 50ML turkey nest dam which will be co-located with the bore and provide a consistent and reliable water source for the region. The bore will be located on the south-western corner at the intersection of Warri Gate Road and Orientos Road.

The QRA is a State Government authority responsible for assisting local government authorities repair damage to their assets resulting from natural disaster events. Due to the specialist nature

of the bore procurement and construction, Council engaged Shepherd Services Pty Ltd (Shepherd) to assist Council Officers deliver this project.

Council Officers have worked closely with Shepherd to identify the appropriate location and obtain approval from QRA to install the bore. Funding of this type of infrastructure is not traditionally provided by QRA. It is, however, recognised by all parties that provision of a reliable water source at this location will provide immediate benefits to flood recovery works, along with long term benefit to the Bulloo community for road construction and maintenance works.

Funding to complete the contracted work will be provided by QRA, however, the funding is contingent upon a successful water supply being obtained.

#### *TENDER PROCESS*

The request for tenders was advertised for a four-week period on Wednesday 28 January 2026. Tenders closed at 12 noon on Wednesday 25 February 2026.

Council received Tender responses from four companies. The Tenders were assessed by a Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) comprising of Council and Shepherd personnel.

#### *PRE-TENDER MEETING*

No Pre-tender Meeting was held as part of the Tender process.

#### *CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS*

The contractor is required to supply all necessary labour, plant, equipment and materials to successfully complete the specified works.

The contractor will be appointed as the Principal Contractor in accordance with Queensland Work Health and Safety Act 2009 requirements. The contractor will be responsible for all aspects of Work Health and Safety along with providing and maintaining the necessary documentation and ensuring legislative compliance. Shepherd personnel and Council Officers will complete regular inspections and approve all contract works.

The Contractor will be responsible for all aspects of temporary traffic management and ensuring Warri Gate Road and Orientos Road are safe for all vehicles using the roads during the works delivery period.

#### *CONTRACT PRICING MODEL*

The Contract pricing model adopted was driven by the fact it is unknown what depth the artesian aquifer will be encountered at. The Tender Pricing Schedule required Tenderers to price a mix of lump sum items and unit rate items.

All pricing schedule items which related to the drilling depth, a per metre rate price was requested. It is anticipated, based on local knowledge, that the artesian aquifer will be encountered at a depth of between 900m and 1,400m. All Tenderers were instructed to provide per metre pricing which reflected the expected depth range of the bore.

#### *FINAL CONTRACT PRICE*

The final Contract price to complete the project work will be dependent upon the final depth of the bore. The total pricing detailed in the evaluation section of this report and the Tender Evaluation Panel report relate to assumed quantities, based on a reasonable assumption of the expected depth of the bore.

#### **Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter**

Nil

**DISCUSSION**

Council received four tender submissions for T2025-2026-209 Artesian Water Bore Drilling – Warri Gate Road.

Tenders determined as conforming were assessed against the following quantitative and qualitative criteria:

- Rates, price and value for money
- Local preference policy
- Capability, resources and personnel
- Management plan documentation and implementation
- Previous experience

*EVALUATION SUMMARY*

The prices displayed below are the adjusted Tendered prices based on the details provided below regarding the amendment of tender quantities for assessment purposes.

Tenderers	Price Inc GST	Total Score
Drill Engineering & Pastoral Co Pty Ltd t/a Depco Drilling (Depco)	\$714,150.00	66.5 / 100
FB Drilling Pty Ltd (FB Drilling)	\$1,441,627.75	51.1 / 100
Silver City Drilling Pty Ltd (Silver City)	\$3,263,825.00	42.8 / 100

- Three Tenderers were deemed as conforming and were considered to have the capability and resources to deliver the proposed works.
- The Tender submission from Waterdrill Australia Pty Ltd was determined by the TEP to be non-conforming.

*TENDER ASSESSMENT*

For tender assessment purposes all Schedule K1 Pricing Schedule items which required a per metre price were adjusted from a quantity of one to reflect the likely final quantity. The changes made to Schedule K1 Pricing Schedule for Tender assessment purposes:

Pricing Schedule Item	Original Quantity	Assessment Quantity
2.1 Drilling of bore hole	1m	1,000m
2.2 Reaming / enlargement of borehole	1m	1,000m
3.1 Supply and install bore casing	1m	1,000m
3.2 Supply and install casing screen	1m	50m
4.1 Cement / grout sealing of surface casing	1m	100m

*DEPCO DRILLING (DEPCO)*

Depco are a Central Queensland based company with their office located in Kawana, Rockhampton. Depco do not have a permanent office or depot in the Bulloo Shire area.

Depco have not previously delivered works of a similar scope and nature within Bulloo Shire with no Bulloo based projects listed in their tender submission. Depco detailed in their Tender submission previous experience in artesian bore drilling and construction works across remote areas of Queensland.

Depco indicated in their Tender submission that their offer complies with the requirements of the contract with no departures, amendments or conditions applying to it. The Depco submission did contain one qualification indicating they will not have responsibility for obtaining the development application (DA) required to undertake construction of the bore. This qualification is of no concern as the DA process is being undertaken by Council Officers and Shepherd personnel.

Information presented in the tender documentation indicates that Depco have the resources and capacity to deliver the proposed works. Depco did not nominate any subcontractors and intend to complete all works in house.

Depco's tender documentation was mostly complete, comprehensive and presented to a high standard. Depco's management systems are not third party accredited, however, they are comprehensive and well presented. The TEP noted Depco did not include an example Fatigue Management Plan in their Tender submission. Depco noted the presence of a Chain of Responsibility Management Plan, however, it was not included in their Tender submission.

Depco did not complete all items within their Tendered pricing schedule. The pricing methodology used by Depco is to include most items associated with the construction of the bore within the tendered per metre rate for bore construction.

The Depco Tender submission contained a pricing methodology and clarifications document. Within the document Depco provided unequivocal statements regarding the inclusion of all aspects of the bore construction as part of the Tendered per metre rate. The TEP contacted Depco to question the inclusion of specifically the casing and grouting works to ensure complete clarity surrounding the statements made in the pricing methodology and clarifications document. Depco confirmed their per metre rate pricing included all costs, materials and labour associated with the bore and specifically confirmed the inclusion of all casing and grouting works.

The Tender pricing submitted by Depco was the lowest. The pricing submitted by Depco is within the approved QRA project budget.

#### *FB DRILLING PTY LTD (FB DRILLING)*

FB Drilling are a Roma based company with their office and depot located in Roma. FB Drilling do not have a permanent office or depot within the Bulloo Shire Area.

FB Drilling have not previously delivered works of a similar scope and nature within Bulloo Shire with no projects listed in their tender submission. FB Drilling detailed in their Tender submission previous experience in artesian bore drilling and construction works across remote areas of Queensland and New South Wales.

FB Drilling have undertaken similar works for Western Downs Regional Council, Whitsunday Regional Council and Diamantina Regional Council.

FB Drilling indicated in their Tender submission that their offer complies with the requirements of the contract with no departures, amendments or conditions applying to it.

Information presented in the tender documentation indicates that FB Drilling have the resources and capacity to deliver the proposed works. FB Drilling nominated the use of two subcontractors to deliver the works including the drilling fluid program works and grouting services.

FB Drilling's tender documentation was mostly complete, comprehensive and presented to a high standard. FB Drilling's management systems are not third party accredited, however, the example documents submitted are comprehensive and well presented. The TEP noted FB Drilling did not include example management plans for work health and safety, quality and environmental aspects of the work.

The Tender pricing submitted by FB Drilling was the second lowest. The pricing submitted by FB Drilling exceeds the approved QRA project budget.

#### *SILVER CITY DRILLING PTY LTD (SILVER CITY)*

Silver City are a Northern Territory based company with their head office located in Alice Springs. Silver City do not have a permanent office or depot within the Bulloo Shire Area.

Silver City have not previously delivered works of a similar scope and nature within Bulloo Shire with no projects listed in their tender submission. Silver City detailed in their Tender submission extensive previous experience in artesian bore drilling and construction works across remote areas of Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory.

Silver City provided details of previously completed drilling projects completed for a significant number of bores drilled for the South Australian Government.

Silver City indicated in their Tender submission that their offer complies with the requirements of the contract with no departures, amendments or conditions applying to it.

Information presented in the tender documentation indicates that Silver City have the resources and capacity to deliver the proposed works. Silver City nominated the use of one subcontractor to deliver the grouting of production casing.

Silver City's tender documentation was complete, comprehensive and presented to a high standard. Silver City's management systems are third party accredited the example documents submitted are comprehensive and well presented. The TEP noted Silver City did not include an example Fatigue Management Plan.

The Tender pricing submitted by Silver City was the highest of all Tenderers. The pricing submitted by Silver City significantly exceeds the approved QRA project budget.

#### *WATERDRILL AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (WATERDRILL)*

Waterdrill are a Nindaroo based company with their office located in the Mackay Region. Waterdrill do not have a permanent office or depot within the Bulloo Shire Area.

Waterdrill have previously delivered works of a similar scope and nature within Bulloo Shire, however, the detailed in their tender submission regarding previous works was limited.

The Waterdrill Tender was deemed to be non-conforming by the TEP. Waterdrill included with their Tender submission an assumptions document detailing the terms of their tender offer. The TEP reviewed the terms and determined that they were not acceptable and presented significant risk to Council.

Three of the five assumptions listed in the tender were deemed to be unacceptable:

#### Utilities Identification

Waterdrill's tender requires Council to undertake all investigations associated with the identification of utilities at the bore site. It is standard construction industry practice for contractors to undertake exhaustive investigations to ensure their actions will not damage utility services and also ensure they are directly aware of any asset owner requirements to ensure the integrity of their assets.

It is assumed that the site is unlikely to contain any utility services, however, it is important that a Council appointed contractor takes responsibility for ensuring they are safe to undertake their works, rather than seek to impose that risk onto Council.

#### Standby Charges

Waterdrill's tender proposes to charge a standby fee of \$1,850.00 per hour for any Principal directed standby situations. No conditions or qualifications associated with the condition was provided such that a standby event, triggered by a safety or environmental incident, could potentially be charged to Council, despite the fact that the contractor was at fault.

#### Payment Terms

Waterdrill's tender mandated a structured payment situation whereby the following requirements were a condition of the tender"

- 25% deposit upon acceptance of the tender;
- 25% progress payment upon installation of the surface casing;
- 25% progress payment upon installation of the production bore;
- Balance upon completion; and
- All payments are due within 24 hours of an invoice being submitted otherwise drilling will stop.

These terms were considered unacceptable and represent significant risk to Council. The surface casing can be as little as 20m deep. If this was the situation at the Warri Gate Road site, the contractor would be paid 50% of the value of the work, and would have drilled 20m of potentially up to a 1,400m bore.

Furthermore, for the contract to operate in the normal manner with Shepherd personnel certifying the work completed and a formal payment process, a 24 hour period is manifestly inadequate. A 24 hour turn around period from receipt of a claim to physical payment of an invoice would not allow the appropriate and necessary processes to occur to ensure probity and a clear audit trail for Council and QRA.

### **RECOMMENDATION DISCUSSION**

Depco were the number one ranked tenderer following completion of the tender evaluation. Depco have the required resources available to complete the works along with experienced personnel who have completed similar work delivering previous similar works within remote outback environments across Queensland.

Depco had the lowest tender pricing of the submissions received. Depco provided significant detail of their operation and how the works for Council will be delivered, giving the TEP a high degree of confidence they will delivery a quality project. The TEP believes the tender received from Depco represents good value for money.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

QRA Budget      \$1,254,000

The tendered contract required tenderers to price a specified body of work via a schedule of rates pricing schedule.

The artesian water bore works have been approved, and will be funded by QRA, in accordance with the State Government funding arrangements. Funding to complete the contracted work will be provided by QRA, however, the funding is contingent upon a successful water supply being obtained.

The recommended tenderers tendered price to complete the contract works are within the approved works budget from QRA. Council Officers and Shepherd personnel will work with QRA to update the allocated funding for the submission to ensure full reimbursement for delivery of the contract works is received by Council.

### **STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK**

Loss of QRA funding for construction of the bore due to the inability to strike water. Council Officers and Shepherd personnel will work closely with Depco to provide every reasonable chance for the bore to produce water.

### **CRITICAL DATES**

Work to undertake the repairs to Warri Gate Road must be completed within 12 weeks from the date of contract award. This timeframe is designed to ensure the contractor does not unreasonably delay the commencement of work along with enabling completion of the work to allow a focus on other future important flood recovery works.

### **CONSULTATION**

Queensland Reconstruction Authority

Shepherd Services

Engineer

ATTACHMENT 1

Bulloo Shire Council Commercial In Confidence Tender Evaluation Summary		
<b>Contract:</b> 2025-2026-209 – Artesian Water Bore Drilling – Warri Gate Road	<b>Budget:</b> \$1,254,000.40	
<b>Closed:</b> Wednesday 25 February 2026	<b>Contract Term:</b> 14 Weeks from date of contract award	
<b>Funding Source:</b> Queensland Reconstruction Authority		
RECOMMENDED TENDERER	TENDER PRICE ex GST	TENDERER'S ADDRESS
Drill Engineering & Pastoral Co Pty Ltd t/a Depco Drilling (Depco)	\$714,150.00	32 Chappell Street KAWANA, QLD 4701
TENDERS NOT RECOMMENDED		
FB Drilling Pty Ltd (FB Drilling)	\$1,441,627.75	32 Cottell Street ROMA, QLD 4455
Silver City Drilling Pty Ltd (Silver City)	\$3,263,825.00	66 Smith Street ALICE SPRINGS, NT POSTCODE
NON-CONFORMING TENDERS		
Waterdrill Australia Pty Ltd (Waterdrill)	\$1,599,567.50	1/76 Lynette Drive NINDAROO, QLD 4740
LATE TENDERS		
Nil		
ENDORSEMENT		APPROVAL
Tiffany Dare		By Council on
Chief Executive Officer		10/03/2026

## ATTACHMENT 2

**Bulloo Shire Council**  
**Commercial In Confidence**  
**Tender Evaluation Report**

**T2025-2026 - 209 ARTESIAN WATER BORE DRILLING – WARRI GATE ROAD****Invitation to Tender**

An Invitation to Tender for the provision of installation and commissioning of an artesian water bore on Warri Gate Road was issued on Wednesday 28 January 2026 by the placement of public notices in the following forum(s):

- Bulloo Shire Council Website

The Invitation to Tender closed at 12 Noon Wednesday 25 February 2026 and tenders were received via Council's tenders email address.

**Tender Submissions**

Resulting from the Invitation to Tender, conforming submissions were received from three Tenderers. A non-conforming submission was received from one Tenderer. No late tenders were received.

*Conforming Submissions*

- Drill Engineering & Pastoral Co Pty Ltd (Depco)
- FB Drilling Pty Ltd
- Silver City Drilling Pty Ltd

*Non-conforming Submissions*

- Waterdrill Australia Pty Ltd

*Late Submission*

- Nil

**1. TENDER EVALUATION PANEL'S REPORT**

Tenders were assessed by the Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) comprised of the following members:

- Kate Humphries – Bulloo Shire Council – Admin & Finance Manager
- George Inocentes - Bulloo Shire Council – Senior Civil Engineer
- Ashley Higman – Shepherd – Manager Contracts
- Andrei Chelcea – Shepherd – Civil Construction Inspector

All members of the TEP reviewed the companies who submitted tenders and confirmed that no conflicts of interest existed or needed to be declared.

**Stage 1 – Mandatory Criteria**

An initial assessment of the received tenders was undertaken by Shepherd’s Contracts Team to check for completeness of responses and conformance to the following Mandatory Criteria:

- Submission of tender by closing date and in accordance with all other lodgement instructions.
- Provision of all information required by the request for tender.
- Satisfactory licenses, accreditation and insurance.
- Agreement to the terms of contract without significant tender qualifications.
- Evidence of suitable work health and safety, quality and environmental management systems.

Contract specific mandatory criteria needing to be met by tenderers included:

- The Tenderer holds a Class 3 Water Bore Driller’s Licence, drilling in flowing (artesian) aquifer systems) with appropriate drilling method endorsements.
- Demonstrates recent deep artesian bore drilling experience greater than 800m deep.

**Stage 2 – Criteria Assessment**

The TEP met on Friday 6 March 2026 to review the tender submissions. The tenders were assessed against the quantitative and qualitative criteria as detailed in the tender documentation and detailed below.

Quantitative Evaluation Criteria	Weighting
<b>Pricing</b>	<b>30%</b>
Rates, price and value for money	
Qualitative Evaluation Criteria	Weighting
<b>Local Preference Policy</b>	<b>20%</b>
Business location	10%
Local content, purchases and employment	10%
<b>Capability / Resources / Personnel</b>	<b>30%</b>
Previous experience delivering similar works for Bulloo Shire or other government authority. Demonstrates the capability to deliver the works successfully in remote areas.	10%
Suitable and sufficient plant and equipment nominated to successfully complete Contract works provided.	10%
Quality of nominated personnel engaged to deliver the Works. Experience, qualification and capability of nominated personnel to meet Contract requirements.	10%

<b>Management Plan Documentation and Implementation</b>	<b>10%</b>
Evidence and examples of management systems provided. Extent and quality of provided management systems. Demonstrated on site implementation of management systems. Third party accreditation of management systems.	
<b>Previous Experience</b>	<b>10%</b>
Demonstrated previous experience in the successful delivery of previous similar works, whether for Paroo Shire or another government authority.	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Quantitative Evaluation**

The tendered pricing for each submission was checked for accuracy, arithmetic errors and anomalies. The tendered rates and pricing were checked against other information provided in the tender documents to ensure it reflected the contractor’s intentions in delivering the contract works and their intended methodology.

No arithmetic discrepancies were identified in Tenderers Schedule K1 Pricing Schedules. The tendered quantities were adjusted to reflect the likely depth of the bore and allow for an expected contract value to be determined. The expected contract value was used during the tender assessment process. All tender pricing schedules quantities were adjusted by the same amount to ensure a fair comparison of each submission.

Additional consideration of the tendered prices was undertaken to compare the lowest and highest prices to ensure that all aspects of the contract requirements had been taken into account and where and why differences existed in the pricing.

**Qualitative Evaluation**

The weighting used in the calculation for the scored selection criteria was confirmed prior to the assessment of the tender submissions. Each tender submission was assessed for each criteria by TEP members and scores agreed by the TEP members for the qualitative criteria items.

TEP member scores were reviewed collectively by the TEP to ensure consistency of scoring and the allocated scores reflected the overall quality of the Tender submissions.

**Stage 3 – Value for Money**

Value for money was determined on the combined outcomes of the assessments of the qualitative criteria (technical worth) and quantitative criteria (tendered price).

After consideration of the tenders against the quantitative and qualitative criteria the TEP reviewed the overall scores. The TEP sought to understand and confirm how the total scores for each tenderer reflected value for money and each contractor’s ability to deliver the work in a safe and efficient manner.

Attachment 3 Tender Evaluation Panel Summary Scoring details the final outcome of the TEP assessment of the tenderers.

## **2 CONCLUSION**

Via the assessment undertaken of all assessment criteria the TEP concluded the tender submitted by Drill Engineering & Pastoral Co Pty Ltd (Depco) represented the best value to Council.

### **Tender Evaluation Panel Recommendation**

*That Council accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Drill Engineering & Pastoral Co Pty Ltd for Contract 2025-2026-209 Artesian Water Bore Drilling – Warri Gate Road for \$714,150.00 ex GST in accordance with the contract requirements and tendered schedule of rates.*

**14.14 T2025-2026 - FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS RESTORATION – VARIOUS ROADS**

- File Number:** 160223  
**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer  
**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachments:** 1. Attachment 1 – Tender Evaluation Summary  
 2. Attachment 2 – Tender Evaluation Report

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to outline the background of the tender and evaluation process for the Flood Damaged Roads Restoration contracts for the following zones:

TENDER	ROADS
T2025-2026-214 – NORTH WEST ZONE (75)	Dig Tree Road, Arrabury Road, Durham Downs Road, Woomanooka Road and Buckaroola Road
T2025-2026-215 – NORTH EAST ZONE (76)	Soonah Crossing Road and Norley Road

The report also seeking Council’s consideration of the recommendations made by the Tender Evaluation Panel.

**APPLICABLE LEGISLATION**

*Local Government Act 2009*

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

**CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council:**

1. Accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Dunns Earthmoving Pty Ltd for the sum of \$1,929,907.65 (ex GST) for Contract 2025-2026-214 Flood Damaged Roads Restoration – Various Roads – Sealed and Unsealed Road Repairs - North West Zone (75) contract; and
2. Accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Half Hitch Contracting Pty Ltd for the sum of \$1,764,864.08 (ex GST) for Contract 2025-2026-215 Flood Damaged Roads Restoration – Various Roads – Sealed and Unsealed Road Repairs - North East Zone 2 (76) Contract; and
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the contract in the form proposed.

**BACKGROUND**

In March and April 2025, the Bulloo Council region was subject to multiple significant rainfall and flooding events. This resulted in extensive damage to Council’s Road network.

The works to be delivered under this Contract relate to the rectification of damage to roads caused by the flooding associated with these flooding and rainfall events.

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) is a State Government authority responsible for assisting local government authorities repair damage to their assets resulting from natural disaster events. To assist in the damage assessment, QRA claim process, procurement and delivery of the reconstruction works, Council engaged Shepherd Services Pty Ltd (Shepherd).

Shepherd are a specialist consultancy with significant experience in assisting local government authorities manage the disaster recovery process. Council Officers have worked closely with Shepherd to identify the damage, obtain QRA approvals and present the work packages to the market, enabling the reconstruction works to be completed. Funding to complete the contracted work will be provided by QRA.

Contract works are required to be completed by 30 June 2027; a QRA imposed deadline.

Councils' crews are engaged in recurrent Council maintenance and Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Road Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC) works and do not have the capacity to undertake the rectification works on such a large scale. Therefore, Council advertised tenders to seek appropriately experienced contractors to complete the QRA funded works prior to the June 2027 deadline.

#### TENDER PROCESS

The request for tenders was advertised for a four-week period on Wednesday 11 February 2026. Tenders closed at 12 noon on Wednesday 11 March 2026.

Council received Tender responses from eight companies. The Tenders were assessed by a Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) comprising of Council and Shepherd personnel.

#### PRE-TENDER MEETING

Nil

#### CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

The contractor is required to supply all necessary labour, plant and equipment to successfully complete the specified works. Road construction materials will be available for the contractor to use which will be stockpiled at the nominated gravel pits.

Each contractor will be appointed as the Principal Contractor in accordance with work health and safety requirements. Each contractor will be responsible for all aspects of Work Health and Safety along with providing and maintaining the necessary documentation and ensuring legislative compliance. Shepherd personnel and Council Officers will complete regular inspections and approve all contract works.

#### 2026 RAINFALL AND FLOODING

Work associated with the T2025-2026-214 and 215 Flood Damaged Roads Restoration contracts, relate to damage which occurred during the multiple rainfall and flooding events between March and April 2025.

The contracts do not relate to the rainfall and flooding events during February and March 2026.

#### **Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter**

Nil

**DISCUSSION**

Council received tender submissions from eight companies for the two contracts. Each contract received a differing number of submissions.

Contract	Submissions
North West Zone	5
North East Zone 2	7

Tender documentation required Tenderers to detail in their submissions, why their company was the most appropriate organisation to complete the Tendered works. The nominated assessment criteria are:

- Rates, Price and Value for Money
- Local Preference Policy
- Capability, Resources and Personnel
- Management Plan Documentation and Implementation
- Previous Experience

Each submission was evaluated against the above criteria.

SC AND KG BOWEN EARTHMOVING (BOWEN)

Bowen submitted tenders for the South East Zone and the North East Zone 2.

Bowen are a Bulloo and Quilpie Shire based company who have a depot located in Thargomindah.

Bowen have previously delivered multiple contracts for Council. Recent works delivered for Council all relate to DRFA flood recovery works. Bowen recently completed delivery of the Innamincka Road Contract for Council. This Contract related to damage which occurred both during the 2023/24 financial year and the 2025 flood event.

Bowen will shortly be commencing work on the recently awarded Warri Gate Road works. Commencement of work on site has been delayed by the recent rainfall and flooding.

Bowen have delivered previous contract works for Council to a high standard and without incident.

Information presented in the tender documentation indicate that Bowen, once the Warri Gate Road works are complete, have the resources and capacity to deliver the proposed works.

Bowen’s tender documentation, while complete, does not contain a significant amount of detail relating to their proposed completion of the works. The TEP noted Bowen’s tender detail indicating their previous extensive experience completing similar DRFA road repair works.

Bowen’s management systems are not third party accredited. Bowen provided copies of all management system documents with their tender submission.

Bowen did not include a tender works program, however, other information submitted with their tender documentation indicates the completion of contract works outside the specified contract delivery timeframe. This in part relates to completion of the Warri Gate Road works.

Bowen indicated in their Schedule L Statement of Departures that their offer fully complies with the requirements of the contract with no departures, amendments, qualifications or conditions applying to it.

DURACK CIVIL PTY LTD (Durack)

Durack submitted tenders for the South East Zone, North West zone and the North East Zone 2.

Durack are a Moranbah based company with project offices across Queensland. Durack do not have a permanent office or depot in the Bulloo Shire area.

Durack previously delivered road construction works for Council between 2020 and 2021.

Information presented in the tender documentation indicate that Durack have the resources and capacity to deliver the proposed works. The TEP noted Durack did not nominate any subcontractors to assist in delivery of the work, suggesting all work will be delivered by Durack personnel. Durack often subcontract some or all the contract delivery works using locally based companies to complete the work.

The TEP noted that Durack's tender contained multiple qualifications relating to assumptions made when developing their tender. Most of the qualifications were considered to be standard matters which have no impact on the delivery of the work or present a material risk to Council. Two items presented a higher risk to Council, however, while material they did not warrant the tender being deemed as non-conforming.

Durack's tender documentation was complete, comprehensive and presented to a high standard. Durack's management systems are third party accredited, are comprehensive and well presented. The TEP noted Durack have NHVR Basic Fatigue Management accreditation. Durack do not have a Fatigue Management Plan, however, they do have a Fatigue Management Policy.

Durack's Tender included works programs for each contract. The presented programs indicated completion of work on each of the contract work packages being completed within the allocated timeframe. The tender programs all included the adverse weather allowance.

Durack indicated in their Schedule L Statement of Departures that their offer fully complies with the requirements of the contract with no departures, amendments, qualifications or conditions applying to it. However, as noted above the tender submission was subject to a number of qualification which were detailed in the tender cover letter.

DUNNS EARTHMOVING PTY LTD (Dunns)

Dunns submitted a tender for the North West Zone only.

Dunns are an Adelaide based company with a regional office located in Durham. Dunns have a permanent office and depot in the Bulloo Shire at Durham as part of their delivery of works for Santos. Dunns also have a regional depot located at Innamincka in South Australia supporting local work along with works within Bulloo Shire.

Dunns have previously delivered road construction works for Council and are currently delivering the Cameron Corner Road, Omircron Road and Toona Gate Road contracts.

Information presented in the tender documentation indicate that Dunns have significant resources and capacity to deliver the proposed works.

Dunns' tender documentation was complete, comprehensive and presented to a good standard. Dunns' management systems are third party accredited, are comprehensive and well presented. The TEP noted Dunns have a Fatigue Management Plan and Chain of Responsibility Management Plan. In addition, Dunns hold NHVR Advanced Fatigue Management Accreditation.

Dunns tender works program indicates the completion of contract works within the contract timeframe. The tender program did not include the adverse weather allowance, however, the allocated completion timeframe is well within the contract allowance meaning that inclusion of the adverse weather allowance will still see the works completed on time.

Dunns indicated in their Schedule L Statement of Departures that their offer fully complies with the requirements of the contract with no departures, amendments, qualifications or conditions applying to it.

#### HALF HITCH CONTRACTING PTY LTD (HH)

HH submitted tenders for the South East Zone and the North East Zone 2.

HH are a Bulloo Shire based company who have an office and depot located in Thargomindah.

HH have not previously delivered roadworks contracts for Council. HH have, however, provided wet hire services for Council and undertaken minor roadworks projects for Council on numerous occasions. HH works have been undertaken in a diligent manner without concern or incident.

Information presented in the tender documentation indicate that HH have the resources and capacity to deliver the proposed works. HH as a company have limited experience delivering roadworks, however, company personnel and nomination of a highly experienced roadworks supervisor provided the TEP with confidence that HH would be able to successfully deliver the works.

HHs tender documentation was complete and while presented to a good standard does not contain a significant amount of detail relating to their proposed completion of the works. HH's management systems are not third party accredited. HH provided copies of all management system documents with their tender submission. While basic HH's management systems are complete and include all major requirements and are well presented.

HHs tender works program indicates the completion of contract works within the contract timeframes. The tender program did not include the adverse weather allowance, however, the allocated completion timeframe is well within the contract allowance meaning that inclusion of the adverse weather allowance will still see the works completed on time.

HH indicated in their Schedule L Statement of Departures that their offer fully complies with the requirements of the contract with no departures, amendments, qualifications or conditions applying to it.

#### PURCELL CIVIL AND CONSTRUCTION (PURCELL)

Purcell are a Dalby based company. Purcell do not have a permanent office or depot in the Bulloo Shire area.

Purcell recently completed delivery of Contract 2024-2025-204 Durham Zone works package for Council. This Contract related to flood damage which occurred during the 2023/24 financial year and is unrelated to the 2025 flood event.

Purcell's recently delivered works relate to DRFA flood recovery works. Prior to the award of this contract Purcell had not delivered works for Council or worked within the Bulloo region.

Information presented in the tender documentation indicate that Purcell have the resources and capacity to deliver the proposed works.

The work completed to date by Purcell have been undertaken to a high standard and without incident.

Purcell's tender documentation was complete, comprehensive and presented to a high standard. While not third party accredited, Purcell's management systems are comprehensive and well presented. Purcell's management systems also include additional systems beyond the requirements of the contract which further reinforces their commitment to safety and ongoing improvement of their works delivery.

Purcell's Tender works programs indicates the completion of contract works within the allocated timeframes for each contract package. The tender program did not include the adverse weather allowance, however, the allocated completion timeframe is well within the contract allowance meaning that inclusion of the adverse weather allowance will still see the works completed on time.

Purcell indicated in their Schedule L Statement of Departures that their offer fully complies with the requirements of the contract with no departures, amendments, qualifications or conditions applying to it.

#### GRASIT PTY LTD T/A RECS GROUP (RECS)

RECS submitted tenders for the South East Zone, North West zone and the North East Zone 2.

RECS are an Young (NSW) based company. RECS do not have a permanent office or depot within Bulloo Shire.

RECS have not previously delivered road construction works for Council.

Information presented in the tender documentation indicate that RECS have suitable resources and capacity to deliver the proposed works.

RECS' tender documentation was complete, comprehensive and presented to a good standard. RECS' management systems are not third party accredited, however, are comprehensive and well presented. The TEP noted RECS provided extensive examples of their systems, including documents demonstrating the infield use of their systems. RECS noted in their tender submission that their systems meet ISO accreditation requirements as they are currently in the process of receiving accreditation.

RECS' tender works program indicates the completion of contract works within the contract timeframe. The tender program did not include the adverse weather allowance, however, the allocated completion timeframe is well within the contract allowance meaning that inclusion of the adverse weather allowance will still see the works completed on time.

RECS indicated in their Schedule L Statement of Departures that their offer does not fully comply with the requirements of the contract. RECS provided three qualifications to their tender. One of the qualifications was considered to be a standard matter which would have limited impact on the delivery of the work or present a material risk to Council. Two items presented a higher risk to Council, however, while material they did not warrant the tender being deemed as non-conforming.

RECS accommodation cost was based on being awarded all three tenders. Council requested revised pricing for the scenario where only one tender was awarded. Even with the additional costs included.

Water haulage was identified as a concern by the panel, and they requested further clarification. The Non-price Tender Submission states that water sources will be in “reasonable proximity” to the worksite, and the panel required a practical definition of what that means.

#### TOLBRA EARTHMOVERS AND HAULAGE PTY LTD (TOLBRA)

Tolbra are a Thargomindah based company who have a significant depot and office located in Thargomindah.

Tolbra have previously delivered multiple contracts for Council. Recent works delivered for Council all relate to DRFA flood recovery works and road pavement material procurement (winning and crushing).

Tolbra have delivered previous contract works for Council to a high standard.

Tolbra are currently delivering the Orientos Road, Epsilon Road and Bransby Santos Contracts (Western Contracts) for Council. These contracts relate to damage which occurred during the 2023/24 financial year and is unrelated to the 2025 flood event.

The current works being delivered by Tolbra relate to DRFA flood recovery works. Completion of the three contracts will occur prior to June 2026.

The TEP noted a concern with Tolbra’s Tender submission relating to commitments associated with the above-noted Western Contracts. Tolbra’s commitments were noted in their tender documents, however, personnel resources appear to be shared between all contracts. This is noteworthy as the quantity and intensity of work involved in the delivery of these contracts, within the allocated timeframe, is significant. The TEP noted concern that while Tolbra are a large company with significant resources at their disposal, their ability to deliver both the Western Contracts as well as one or more of the South East, North West and North East 2 Zone contracts in accordance with all contract requirements may be compromised, posing an unacceptable risk to Council.

Tolbra completed or partially completed all Tender response schedules with the included information presented to a good standard. Tolbra’s example management systems are not third party accredited, however, they are comprehensive and suitable for the contract works.

Information provided with Tolbra’s Tender indicates the completion of contract works within each of the allocated contract timeframes. However, the proposed works programs must be considered in the context of the above comments relating to Tolbra’s current contract commitments and tight delivery timeframe for all contracts.

Tolbra’s Schedule K2 Additional Works Pricing Schedule was not fully or correctly completed. While Schedule K2 does not perform the same function as Schedule K1 the TEP noted the importance of providing all required information completely and correctly, particularly when related to pricing and financial matters.

Tolbra indicated in their Schedule L Statement of Departures that their offer fully complies with the requirements of the contract with no departures, amendments, qualifications or conditions applying to it.

#### TUCKWELL TRANSPORT AND EARTHMOVING PTY LTD (TTE)

TTE are a Paroo based company with an office and depot facility located in Cunnamulla.

TTE have previously delivered small amounts of road construction works for Council.

Information presented in the tender documentation indicate that TTE have the resources and capacity to deliver the proposed works. The TEP did note the TTE are proposing to not use any subcontractors to deliver the works.

The TEP further noted that previous contracts delivered by TTE have experience extended delivery timeframes due to slow delivery of the specified works. It was noted, however, that TTEs delivery of current and recent DRFA roadworks contracts, while slower than other contractors, represented a marked improvement in the timing and efficiency of the delivery.

TTE tender documentation was complete, comprehensive and presented to a high standard. TTE management systems are not third party accredited, however, they are comprehensive and well presented. The TEP noted TTE do not have NHVR fatigue management accreditation, however, TTE have a comprehensive Fatigue Management Plan and a NHVR Chain of Responsibility Management Plan.

TTEs tender included works program with methodology statements for the works. The information included with the Tender submission provided confidence to the TEP, along with recent performance, that the contract works for any awarded packages would be completed within the specified contract delivery timeframe.

TTE indicated in their Schedule L Statement of Departures that their offer fully complies with the requirements of the contract with no departures, amendments, qualifications or conditions applying to it.

## EVALUATION SUMMARY

Evaluation summaries for each contract have been prepared and are provided below.

<b>North West Zone (75)</b>		
<b>Tenderer</b>	<b>Price ex GST</b>	<b>Score / 100</b>
Dunns Earthmoving Pty Ltd (Dunns)	\$1,929,907.65	70.5/100
Grassit Pty Ltd T/A RECS Group (RECS)	\$1,255,173.75	59.6/100
Purcell Civil & Construction Pty Ltd (Purcell)	\$2,047,408.63	59.4/100
Tolbra Earthmovers and Haulage Pty Ltd (Tolbra)	\$3,672,737.87	49.3/100
Durack Civil Pty Ltd (Durack)	\$2,192,773.14	47.2/100

<b>North East Zone (76)</b>		
<b>Tenderer</b>	<b>Price ex GST</b>	<b>Score / 100</b>
Half Hitch Contracting Pty Ltd (Half Hitch)	\$1,764,864.08	68.4/100
Tuckwell Transport & Earthmoving Pty Ltd	\$1,773,042.53	66.3/100
Purcell Civil & Construction Pty Ltd (Purcell)	\$2,088,153.95	65.2/100
SC & KG Bowen Earthmoving (Bowen)	\$3,241,138.50	63.9/100
Grassit Pty Ltd T/A RECS Group (RECS)	\$1,613,508.75	59.6/100
Durack Civil Pty Ltd (Durack)	\$2,173,898.28	52.3/100
Tolbra Earthmovers and Haulage Pty Ltd (Tolbra)	\$3,970,894.85	50.7/100

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The tendered contracts required contractors to price specified bodies of work via schedule of rates pricing schedules.

The South East, North West and North East 2 Zones flood damage repair works have been approved, and will be funded by QRA, in accordance with the State and Federal Government Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) and Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) funding.

The recommended tenderers tendered prices to complete the works for all three contract are lower than the initial approved works budget from QRA. Council Officers and Shepherd personnel will work with QRA to update the allocated funding for each submission to ensure full reimbursement for delivery of the contract works is received by Council.

### **STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK**

Loss of QRA funding for flood damage works across Council's Road network for submissions.

- BSC.0075.2425C.REC – North West Zone
- BSC.0076.2425C.REC – North East Zone 2

### **CRITICAL DATES**

The South East Zone (74) has a contract completion timeframe from the date of contract award of 20 weeks, providing for a Practical Completion date of Thursday 6 August 2026.

The North West Zone (75) has a contract completion timeframe from the date of contract award of 15 weeks, providing for a Practical Completion date of Thursday 2 July 2026.

The North East Zone 2 (76) has a contract completion timeframe from the date of contract award of 20 weeks, providing for a Practical Completion date of Thursday 6 August 2026.

### **CONSULTATION**

Queensland Reconstruction Authority

Shepherd Services

Engineer

**ATTACHMENT 1**

<b>Bulloo Shire Council</b> <b>Commercial In Confidence</b> <b>Tender Evaluation Summary</b>		
<b>Contract:</b> Flood Damaged Roads Restoration - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 214 – North West Zone (75)</li> <li>• 215 – North East Zone 2 (76)</li> </ul>	<b>Budget:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North West Zone (75) - \$2,884,044.53</li> <li>• North East Zone 2 (76) - \$3,970,654.91</li> </ul>	
<b>Closed:</b> Wednesday 11 March 2026	<b>Contract Term:</b> Weeks from possession of site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North West Zone (75) – 15 weeks</li> <li>• North East Zone 2 (76) – 20 weeks</li> </ul>	
<b>Funding Source:</b> Queensland Reconstruction Authority		
<b>RECOMMENDED TENDERER</b>	<b>TENDER PRICE</b> ex GST	<b>TENDERER’S ADDRESS</b>
Dunns Earthmoving Pty Ltd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North West Zone (75)</li> </ul>	\$1,929,907.65	2a Charles Street NORWOOD SA 5067
Half Hitch Contracting Pty Ltd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North East Zone 2 (76)</li> </ul>	\$1,764,864.08	55 Dowling Street THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492
<b>TENDERS NOT RECOMMENDED</b>		
Grassit Pty Ltd T/A RECS Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North West Zone (75)</li> <li>• North East Zone 2 (76)</li> </ul>	\$1,255,173.75 \$1,613,508.75	208 Milvale Road YOUNG NSW 2594
Durack Civil Pty Ltd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North West Zone (75)</li> <li>• North East Zone 2 (76)</li> </ul>	\$2,192,773.14 \$2,173,898.28	182 Goonyella Road MORANBAH QLD 4744
Tolbra Earthmovers & Haulage Pty Ltd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North West Zone (75)</li> <li>• North East Zone 2 (76)</li> </ul>	\$3,672,737.87 \$3,970,894.85	46 Dowling Street THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492
SC & KG Bowen Earthmoving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North East Zone 2 (76)</li> </ul>	\$3,241,138.50	1903 Old Thargomindah Road QUILPIE QLD 4480
Dunns Earthmoving Pty Ltd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North West Zone (75)</li> </ul>	\$1,929,907.65	2a Charles Street NORWOOD SA 5067

<b>Bulloo Shire Council</b> <b>Commercial In Confidence</b> <b>Tender Evaluation Summary</b>		
Tuckwell Transport & Earthmoving Pty Ltd • North East Zone 2 (76)	\$1,773,042.53	Lot 1 Arthur Street CUNNAMULLA QLD 4490
NON-CONFORMING TENDERS		
Nil		
LATE TENDERS		
Nil		
ENDORSEMENT		APPROVAL
Tiffany Dare  Chief Executive Officer		By Council on

**ATTACHMENT 2****Bulloo Shire Council  
Commercial In Confidence  
Tender Evaluation Report****T2025-2026 - FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS RESTORATION – VARIOUS ROADS – SEALED AND UNSEALED ROAD REPAIRS:**

- T2025-2026-214 – NORTH WEST ZONE (75)
- T2025-2026-215 – NORTH EAST ZONE 2 (76)

**Invitation to Tender**

An Invitation to Tender for the provision of the above works was issued on 11 February 2026 by the placement of public notices in the following forum(s):

- (a) Bulloo Shire Council Website

The Invitation to Tender closed at 12 Noon Wednesday 11 March 2026 and tenders were received via Council's tenders email address.

The Tender submitted by Durack was incorrectly sent to Shepherd's Contracts Team email address rather than the nominated Council email address. Despite this error the Tender was received prior to the advertised closing time. The TEP elected to note the submission method and include the Tender as part of the normal assessment process.

**Tender Submissions**

Resulting from the Invitation to Tender, conforming submissions were received from 5 Tenderers. A non-conforming submission was received from one Tenderer. No late tenders were received.

*Conforming Submissions*

1. Dunns Earthmoving Pty Ltd
2. Durack Civil Pty Ltd
3. Grassit Pty Ltd T/A RECS Group
4. Half Hitch Contracting Pty Ltd
5. Purcell Civil & Construction Pty Ltd
6. SC & KG Bowen Earthmoving
7. Tolbra Earthmovers and Haulage Pty Ltd
8. Tuckwell Transport & Earthmoving Pty Ltd

*Non-conforming Submissions*

1. Nil

*Late Submission*

1. Nil

## 1. TENDER EVALUATION PANEL'S REPORT

Tenders were assessed by the Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) comprised of the following members:

- George Inocentes – Bulloo Shire Council – Senior Civil Engineer
- Latasha O’Shannessy - Bulloo Shire Council – Senior Finance Officer
- Ashley Higman – Shepherd – Manager Contracts
- Andrew Gaff – Shepherd – Contract Administrator

All members of the TEP reviewed the companies who submitted tenders and confirmed that no conflicts of interest existed or needed to be declared.

### Stage 1 – Mandatory Criteria

An initial assessment of the received tenders was undertaken by Shepherd’s Manager Contracts to check for completeness of responses and conformance to the following Mandatory Criteria:

- Submission of tender by closing date and in accordance with all other lodgement instructions.
- Provision of all information requested in the request for tender.
- Satisfactory licenses, accreditation and insurance.
- Agreement to the terms of contract without significant tender qualifications.
- Evidence of suitable work health and safety, quality and environmental management systems.
- Attendance at the mandatory pre-tender meeting.

### Stage 2 – Criteria Assessment

The TEP met on Thursday 12 March 2026 to review the tender submissions. The tenders were assessed against the quantitative and qualitative criteria as detailed in the tender documentation and detailed below.

<b>Quantitative Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
<b>Rates, Price and Value for Money</b>	<b>30%</b>
Lump Sum / Unit Rates & Value for Money	
<b>Qualitative Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
<b>Local Contribution</b>	<b>20%</b>
Business location	
Local content, purchases and employment	
<b>Capability</b>	<b>10%</b>
Demonstrates ability to successfully deliver the Works Under Contract	
<b>Resources</b>	<b>10%</b>
Demonstrates access to appropriate plant and equipment required to deliver the Works Under Contract	
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>10%</b>
Details of key personnel and subcontractors and their skills and ability to deliver the Works Under Contract.	

<b>Previous Experience</b>	<b>10%</b>
Demonstrates successful delivery of previous similar works for Bulloo Shire Council or another government authority	
<b>Management Plan Documentation &amp; Implementation</b>	<b>10%</b>
Provision of management plan documentation used on previous similar projects.	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Quantitative Evaluation

The tendered pricing for each submission was checked for accuracy, arithmetic errors and anomalies. The tendered rates and pricing were checked against other information provided in the tender documents to ensure it reflected the contractor's intentions in delivering the contract works and their intended methodology.

No arithmetic discrepancies were identified in Schedule K1 Pricing Schedule.

Additional consideration of the tendered prices was undertaken to compare the lowest and highest prices to ensure that all aspects of the contract requirements had been taken into account and where and why differences existed in the pricing.

### Qualitative Evaluation

The weighting used in the calculation for the scored selection criteria was confirmed prior to the assessment of the tender submissions. Each tender submission was assessed for each criteria by TEP members and individual scores assigned by the TEP members for the qualitative criteria items.

TEP member scores were reviewed collectively by the TEP to ensure consistency of scoring.

### Stage 3 – Value for Money

Value for money was determined on the combined outcomes of the assessments of the qualitative criteria (technical worth) and quantitative criteria (tendered price).

After consideration of the tenders against the quantitative and qualitative criteria the TEP reviewed the overall scores. The TEP sought to understand and confirm how the total scores for each tenderer reflected value for money and each contractor's ability to deliver the work in a safe and efficient manner.

Attachment 3 Tender Evaluation Panel Summary Scoring details the final outcome of the TEP assessment of the tenderers.

## 2 CONCLUSION

Via the assessment undertaken of all assessment criteria the TEP concluded the tenders submitted by the following Tenderers represented the best value to Council:

1. North West Zone (75) - Dunns Earthmoving Pty Ltd
2. North East Zone 2 (76) - Half Hitch Contracting Pty Ltd

**Tender Evaluation Panel Recommendation**

***That Council accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Dunns Earthmoving Pty Ltd for Contract 2025-2026-214 Flood Damaged Roads Restoration – Various Roads – Sealed and Unsealed Road Repairs –14 North West Zone (75) for \$1,929,907.65 ex GST in accordance with the contract provisions and schedule of rates; and***

***That Council accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Half Hitch Contracting Pty Ltd for Contract 2025-2026-215 Flood Damaged Roads Restoration – Various Roads – Sealed and Unsealed Road Repairs –14 North East Zone 2 (76) for \$1,764,864.08 ex GST in accordance with the contract provisions and schedule of rates.***

**15 LATE ITEMS**

## 16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

### CLOSURE OF MEETNG

### RECOMMENDATION

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

#### 16.1 Store & Workshop Audit Report

This matter is considered to be confidential pursuant to Section 254J(3)(1) (b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as as it relates to internal operational matters affecting employees.

#### To be discussed:

to discuss process improvements and operational efficiency within the Stores and Workshop functions.

**17 NEXT MEETING**

**18 CLOSURE**