



Bulloo
Shire

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

Date: Thursday, 16 April 2026
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Council Chambers, 68 Dowling Street
Thargomindah Queensland 4492

BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

16 April 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 MARCH 2026

File Number: 160457

Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Minutes of Council Meeting - 19 March 2026

RECOMMENDATION

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



Bulloo
Shire

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

19 March 2026

**MINUTES OF BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 68 DOWLING STREET THARGOMINDAH QUEENSLAND 4492
ON THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 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:

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed all Councillors and guests and declared the meeting open at 9:00am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

3 ATTENDANCE INCLUDING APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Council observes a minute's silence in memory of the late Christopher Waterton.

5 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 19 FEBRUARY 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/31

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

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

CARRIED

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

RESOLUTION 2026/32

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

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

CARRIED

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/33

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council

1. receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the month of January 2026, and
2. endorse proceeding with the demolition of the Thargomindah Town Hall.

CARRIED

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING**13.1 MINUTES OF PEST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 24 FEBRUARY 2026****RESOLUTION 2026/34**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

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

CARRIED

13.2 MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING - 5 MARCH 2026**RESOLUTION 2026/35**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

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

CARRIED

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS**14.1 LOCAL RESILIENCE ACTION PLANS (LRAPS)****RESOLUTION 2026/36**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

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

CARRIED

Adjournment

Council adjourned for Morning Tea at 9:59am.

Council resumed the meeting at 10.23am.

14.2 PRIORITY PROJECTS LIST 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/37

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

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

High Priority

- Thargomindah Levee Construction
- Hungerford Levee Design & Construction
- 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
- Independent Living Units Stage 2
- 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
- Skate Park Upgrade
- Memorial Walk
- Thargomindah Streetscaping
- Redesign of Fish Farm
- Leahy House and Old Hospital Heritage Preservation Plan
- Spa Gazing

Low Priority

- New Park area at Eccles/Frew intersection
- Expand the Information Centre and Museum

CARRIED

Attendance

Kate Humphris, Administration and Finance Manager, attended the meeting at 11:37am.

14.3 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT**RESOLUTION 2026/38**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

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

CARRIED**14.4 THARGOMINDAH PONY CLUB - REQUEST FOR INKIND SUPPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/39**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

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.

CARRIED**14.5 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/40**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council adopt the Financial Performance Report for period ending 28th February 2026 in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

CARRIED**14.6 Q3 BUDGET REVISION - 2025/2026****RESOLUTION 2026/41**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council endorse the Quarter Three 2025/2026 Budget Revision, with inclusion of QRA Counter Disaster Operations (CDO) revenue (approved submissions to date).

CARRIED

14.7 SOLE SUPPLIER ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLUTION 2026/42

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

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.

CARRIED

14.8 T2025-2026-106 REGISTER OF PREQUALIFIED SUPPLIERS 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/43

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

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.

CARRIED

14.9 T2025-2026-211 - NOCCUNDRA AIRSTRIP FENCE - SUPPLY & INSTALLATION**RESOLUTION 2026/44**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

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.

CARRIED

Due to staff leave, Council brought forward consideration of this confidential matter.

Attendance

Tamie Warner, Community, Culture & Places Manager, attended the meeting at 11.30am.

RESOLUTION 2026/45

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

CLOSURE OF MEETNG

THAT pursuant to Section 275 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the meeting be closed to the public at 11:30am 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 it relates to internal operational matters affecting employees.

To be discussed:

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

CARRIED**RESOLUTION 2026/46**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting at 12:09am.

CARRIED**16.1 STORE & WORKSHOP AUDIT REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/47**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council:

- a) receive and note the report and recommendations from Peak Services arising from the Store and Workshop Audit; and
- b) endorse the refined and adjusted recommendations proposed by Council's Executive, based on the Peak Services recommendations; and
- c) approve the implementation of the recommendations through a two-stage rollout process as outlined in this report.

CARRIED

Attendance

Kate and Tamie left the meeting at 12:10am.

Adjournment

Council adjourned for Lunch at 12:12pm.

Council resumed the meeting at 12.43pm.

14.10 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/48

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

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

CARRIED

14.11 COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/49

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

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

CARRIED

14.12 OPERATIONAL SERVICES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2026/50**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

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

CARRIED

14.13 T2025 2026 209 - ARTESIAN WATER BORE DRILLING – WARRI GATE ROAD**RESOLUTION 2026/51**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

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), based on a drilling depth of 1,000 metres, 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.

CARRIED

14.14 T2025-2026 - FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS RESTORATION – VARIOUS ROADS**RESOLUTION 2026/52**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

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.

CARRIED

15 LATE ITEMS

Nil

16 NEXT MEETING

16th April 2026

17 CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 1.45pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 April 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: 160458
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 March 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

- 18 Thargomindah RFSQ Medal Presentation and BBQ
- 19 Ordinary Council Meeting

Media

- 2WEB
- ABC Longreach

Correspondence

Nil

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORTS

12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

File Number: 160456
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

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

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Outstanding Resolution Items

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

Meeting Date	Subject	Action	Comments
December 2020	Survey of Warri Gate Road	Engage a surveyor to prepare two survey plans, one over Naryilco Land and the other over Nockatunga land to allow for an application be made with DNRME for a simultaneous Road Opening and Closure for the entire length of road from the Bundeena Road to Warry Gate on the Queensland/New South Wales border within the localities of Nockatunga and Cameron Corner.	Plans finished. Confirmed 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	PT has requested adjustments to the agreement.
February 2025	Res 2025/32 Proposed New Water Bore on Warri Gate Road	That Council endorse the application to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) for the installation of a water bore on Warri Gate Road, with a budget of up to \$800,000.	Tender awarded. Waiting on planning approval from the State – expented Mid-April.
November 2025	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.	Coverage will commence 2026/2027 FY.
December 2025	Res 2025/233 – Floodway and Traffic Monitoring Devices	That Council approve a trial of six Band7 Direct-to-Cell Satellite Floodway and Rainwater Gauge monitoring devices on a 24-month plan at key points along the Bulloo River.	Sites located in Quilpie Shire – preliminary discussions have occurred with Quilpie Shire Council regarding placement of gauges within their local government area, with maintenance to be undertaken by Bulloo Shire. Waiting on revised price from IOT to include brackets and mounting kit with

			devices.
January 2026	Res 2026/9 - T2025-2026-105 SALE OF LAND - THARGOMINDAH	Accept tenders for sale of land.	3x draft contracts 80% finalised. One successful tenderer withdrew.
January 2026	Res 2026/13 - WATER BORES ON WARRI GATE ROAD	That Council approve an allocation of \$120,000 for the installation of water bores along Warri Gate Road.	Discovery Drilling will be in the area in April-May. Council staff will work with Brian to select 3 locations, and submit planning applications to the State.
February 2026	Res 2026/30 GRIDS ON SHIRE ROADS	That Council undertake a Shire-wide grid inspection and assessment program, including photographic evidence and updates to Council's grid/register records, and report the outcomes back to Council for further consideration.	Inspections have been completed on Hungerford, New Hamilton Gate, Bulloo Downs, Warri Gate, Woomanooka, Black Gate, Yenloora, Besm, Autumvale and Soonha, Norley. Road inspector is in the Western Corner carrying out further road & grid inspections this week. A report will be submitted to the May 2026 Meeting.

Meetings attended

- 2 APA Planning Meeting
- 10 Audit Committee Meeting
- WQAC - Productivity Commission Inquiry - Determinants of Regional Airfares
- 11 Telstra Meeting (Disaster Recovery)
- 12 QRA Meeting (Meet & Greet new Liaison)
- 16 Shepherd Services Meeting (DRFA Project)
- 17 JLT LGM Asset & LGMS Pre-Renewal Meeting (Risk)
- 18 DLGWV Webinar – Empowering Councils Bill
- Thargomindah RFSQ Medal Presentation and BBQ
- 19 Ordinary Council Meeting
- 25/26 LGAQ Civic Leaders Summit (Brisbane)
- 27 LGMA CEOs Forum
- 30 Insurance in Rural and Regional Queensland Working Group Meeting
- Shepherd Services Meeting (DRFA Project)
- 31 DSDIP Meeting (Planning)

Landholder Consultation**Bulloo Downs Road / Tickalara Road – Proposed Road Renaming**

Although Bulloo Downs Road and Tickalara Road form a single continuous road, the road name currently changes part way along its length. This has resulted in confusion for visitors and tourists, particularly where one section of the road is shown as open on Council road condition reports while the adjoining section is closed. As a result, some travellers have mistakenly entered the road and, in certain instances, property managers have been required to assist or retrieve vehicles.

Council wrote to landholders along Bulloo Downs Road / Tickalara Road proposing that the entire length of the road be renamed Bulloo Downs Road, with Tickalara Road removed from the road register.

The proposed change would apply to the full length of the road, from Thargomindah / Hungerford Road through to Warri Gate Road, and is intended to improve clarity, safety, and wayfinding for road users.

Council received responses from Anthony Glasson (Old Picarilli) and Robyn Caldwell (Tickalara Station), both of whom indicated support for the proposed name change, provided Council remains proactive in managing road closures to ensure the entire length of the road is not closed due to conditions at one end only.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Meeting	Locations	Council Representative
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
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
9-10 July	SWQROC + SWRRTG & SWQWSA	Thargomindah	Mayor
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
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
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
14 December	SWQROC Meeting	Online	Mayor
17 December	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

13.1 HUNGERFORD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

- File Number:** 160431
- Author:** Danielle Tuite, Tourism & Marketing Coordinator
- Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
- Attachments:**
1. Request for Financial Support – Hungerford Sesquicentennial Historical Publication
 2. Printing Quote

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Approve the provision of financial assistance, either in part or in full, to the Hungerford Progress Association Inc. for the printing of a historical publication commemorating the Hungerford sesquicentennial, with funding to be allocated from the Minor Grants / Donations budget; and
2. Approve the final draft of the publication prior to printing; and
3. Require Council’s logo to be incorporated into the publication as the funding body.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider providing substantial financial assistance to the Hungerford Progress Association Inc. for the printing of a historical publication commemorating the sesquicentennial of Hungerford.

BACKGROUND

Council has received a request from the Hungerford Progress Association Inc. seeking financial assistance to support the printing of a historical publication as part of the upcoming Hungerford sesquicentennial celebrations.

The Association has advised it has limited financial capacity to independently fund the production and printing of the publication and is therefore seeking Council support to enable the project to proceed.

DISCUSSION

Council support would enable the publication to be printed to a high standard and distributed widely within the community and to visitors.

The project aligns with broader community and economic objectives, including:

- Promoting regional identity and preserving local heritage through historical documentation and storytelling, which also supports tourism outcomes.
- Strengthening community pride and engagement through meaningful participation in the saequicentennial celebrations.

The publication is also expected to provide ongoing value to Bulloo Shire Council as a promotional and educational resource that documents the history and significance of Hungerford.

This request presents an opportunity for Council to support a significant community-led initiative that both preserves local history and contributes to the celebration of an important regional milestone, being Hungerford’s sesquicentennial.

The Hungerford Progress Association Inc. is requesting full funding of the printing costs for the publication. Detailed cost estimates and proposed timelines are provided in the attached quotation.

Should Council resolve to fund the full amount requested, it would be reasonable for Council to:

- Approve the final draft of the publication prior to printing; and
- Request that Council’s logo be incorporated into the document as the funding body.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

	In-Kind	Minor Grants/Donations
2025/2026 Budget	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Expenditure to date	\$ 6,739.48	\$0
Budget remaining	\$13,620.00	\$20,000.00

Requested funding:

- \$14,281 for printing of 300 copies
- \$1,100 freight

Total requested: \$15,381

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil identified.

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

Bulloo Shire Council

Dear Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and Councillors,

On behalf of the Hungerford Progress Association Inc., I respectfully submit this request for full financial assistance to support the printing of a historical publication commemorating the upcoming sesquicentennial of Hungerford.

This milestone represents 150 years of our community's unique history, resilience, and contribution to the region. To mark this significant occasion, the Association has undertaken the development of a comprehensive historical book that documents Hungerford's past, including its cultural heritage, pioneering pastoral families, local industries, and community evolution.

The publication has been carefully compiled through extensive research, community consultation, and the collection of archival materials and personal stories. It is intended not only as a commemorative piece for residents and visitors, but also as a lasting educational resource that preserves the district's history for future generations.

As a small and remote community organisation, the Hungerford Progress Association Inc. has limited financial capacity to meet the costs associated with printing this publication. We therefore seek the support of Bulloo Shire Council to fully fund the printing expenses of this project.

Council's assistance would ensure that this important historical record is produced to a high standard and made widely accessible, contributing to regional identity, tourism interest, and community pride during the sesquicentennial celebrations.

We would be pleased to provide further details, including cost estimates, draft content, and timelines, at Council's request.

Thank you for considering this application. We greatly appreciate Council's ongoing support of community initiatives within the Shire and look forward to the opportunity to work together in celebrating this important milestone.

Yours faithfully,
Stacy Keane

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Sent: Monday, 23 March 2026 4:20 PM

To: Danielle Tuite <daniellet@bulloo.qld.gov.au>; Jason Smith <jason@clarkandmackay.com>

Subject: Your Book Printing Quote with Clark & Mackay

Hello Danielle,

Good afternoon.

Thanks for your time, and the chance to quote on this project, we'd love to help.

Based on the book at A4 with up to 300 pages (half black and white and the other half colour) on 115 gsm gloss, the cover printed colour and laminated gloss one side, all casebound together, the price would be \$14,281 for the 300 copies.

Please note this includes gst as well as a sample for approval before we proceed.

For the freight, would you like us to take care of this or would these be collected? If the former, we would estimate the freight around \$1100 to Thargomindah.

Please let me know if there are any queries or adjustments to make; more than happy to help.

Have a great day.

Talk soon.

Kind Regards

Jason Smith

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14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS

14.1 THARGOMINDAH TOWN COMMON CATTLE AGISTMENT - REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN ALLOWABLE LIMITS

File Number: 160348
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request from the community to increase the allowable number of cattle from 20 head per owner on the Thargomindah Town Common.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2019
 Subordinate Local Law No. 1.16 (Depasturage of Animals on a Town Reserve) 2019

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) adopt Option (c) and increase the maximum total number of cattle permitted on the Thargomindah Town Common at any one time, while retaining a limit of 20 head per owner to allow for additional permitted owners, and
- b) endorse that where cattle are not agisted within three (3) months of the approval date, the approval be cancelled to enable other eligible community members to apply.

BACKGROUND

Council operates the Thargomindah Town Common under Local Law No.1 (Administration) 2019 and Subordinate Local Law No.1.16 (Depasturage of Animals on a Town Reserve) 2019.

Residents who have resided in the Thargomindah Town Area for three months or more are eligible to apply to agist cattle and horses on the Thargomindah Town Common.

The current stick limits are as follows:

- Cattle: Up to 20 head per residence, with a maximum total of 200 head permitted on the Town Common at any one time

- Horses: Up to 5 head per residence, with a maximum total of 35 head permitted on the Town Common at any one time

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

RESOLUTION 2024/157

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council

- a) Increase stock levels to 20 head of cattle per residence (Max total number of 200 head);
- b) Have the option to revert to previous lower stocking rates, subject to rainfall and pasture condition.
- c) Invoice for Calves when they reach 6 months of age.

DISCUSSION

The Thargomindah Town Common currently supports 54 cattle across seven approved owners. A further two applicants hold approvals but have not yet placed stock on the Common. Based on current approvals, up to nine owners are permitted to agist up to 20 head each, resulting in a potential total of 180 head.

There is also interest from one additional applicant who is currently awaiting completion of brand registration. Once approved, this would bring numbers to the previously Council-approved maximum of 200 head.

Recent favourable seasonal conditions and follow-up rainfall have meant that the current and proposed stocking levels are providing adequate grazing. This has assisted in reducing fuel loads without resulting in over-grazing. The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries recommends a Long-Term Carrying Capacity (LTCC) for the Town Common of between 112 and 130 head. Current conditions have temporarily supported higher numbers.

Consideration should also be given to the duration of approvals. Where an approval is granted but stock are not agisted within a three-month period, it is recommended that the approval be revoked to allow other community members the opportunity to apply.

Fees & Charges

The current Bulloo Shire Council agistment fee for cattle on the Town Common is \$3 per head per week. This represents an increase from \$2 per head per week in the previous financial year.

Council's fees remain lower than those charged by neighbouring local governments and are well below prevailing commercial agistment rates, as outlined below:

- Quilpie Shire Council: \$4 per head, plus mustering fees
- Paroo Shire Council: \$4 per head
- Commercial agistment rates: Approximately \$6–\$9 per head

Options:

Council may consider the following options:

- a) Maintain current arrangements, with cattle numbers remaining at a maximum of 20 head per owner, to an overall maximum of 200 head on the Town Common;
- b) Increase the number of cattle permitted per owner; or

- c) Increase the maximum total number of cattle permitted on the Town Common at any one time, while retaining a limit of 20 head per owner, to allow for additional permitted owners.

Recommendation

That Council adopt Option (c): increase the maximum total number of cattle permitted on the Thargomindah Town Common at any one time, while retaining a limit of 20 head per owner to allow for additional permitted owners.

Option (c) provides the most balanced approach by improving equity and access for the broader community while maintaining appropriate controls on individual usage. Retaining the per-owner cap supports the original intent of the Town Common as a shared resource, rather than favouring a small number of existing participants.

Current favourable seasonal conditions have supported higher stocking rates without adverse environmental impacts, including reduced fuel loads and satisfactory pasture performance.

Historical context

Town Commons were originally established through government proclamation, usually on the outskirts of emerging towns, to ensure that residents—particularly those without their own land—could access grazing and other communal rights.

Town Commons in Queensland often supported small-scale or hobby farming for many local residents. These communal lands allowed individuals and families – especially those without extensive property holdings – to graze a few animals, fostering a sense of self-sufficiency and shared stewardship. This approach helped build strong community bonds, as residents worked together to manage and maintain the commons for the collective benefit.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Environmental risks exist, including the potential for adverse impacts to pasture condition if over-grazing occurs, or if fuel loads are not adequately managed, increasing fire risk. A balanced and actively managed approach is required to mitigate these risks while maintaining equitable community access to the Town Common.

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Manager of Rural & Town Services

14.2 LOCAL RESILIENCE ACTION PLANS (LRAPS)

File Number: 160454
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: 1. Bulloo LRAP 2.0 - Final (under separate cover)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to endorse 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 endorse the Bulloo Shire Local Resilience Action Plan (LRAP), as presented.

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.

The draft LRAP was reviewed by the LDMG and Councillors at the March 2026 Meeting.

Projects:

Thargomindah Flood Study

Thargomindah Flood Levee - Construction

Hungerford Flood Levee - Design

Hungerford Flood Levee - Construction

Thargomindah Evacuation Centre - Design

Thargomindah Evacuation Centre - Construction

Hungerford Town Hall generator

Bulloo River Crossing Upgrade -Design

Bulloo River Crossing Upgrade -Construction

Automated Flood Signage for Key River Crossings

Town stormwater upgrade for Thargomindah - Design

Town stormwater upgrade for Thargomindah - Construction

Warri Gate Road sealing - Stage 3

Warri Gate Road sealing - Stage 4

Warri Gate Road sealing - Stage 5

Warri Gate Road sealing - Stage 6

Warri Gate Road sealing - Stage 7

Warri Gate Road sealing - Stage 8

Warri Gate Road sealing - Stage 9

Local Road Betterment Priority List

Innamincka Road (15500 - 15680) - concrete mattress

Innamincka Road (41060 - 41120) - concrete mattress

Innamincka Road (41220 - 41285) - concrete mattress

Innamincka Road (44855 - 45000) - concrete mattress

Innamincka Road (47350 - 47400) - concrete mattress
Innamincka Road (193220 - 193370) - reinforced concrete floodway
Innamincka Road (202415 - 202510) - reinforced concrete floodway
Soonah Crossing Road (26030 - 26095) - reinforced concrete floodway
Warri Gate Road (139245 - 139325) - reinforced concrete floodway
Improving digital connectivity
Solar powered, satellite-enabled remote road signage
Regional Emergency Dashboard Upgrade

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

Shepherd Services

14.3 REGISTER OF DELEGATIONS - COUNCIL TO CEO**File Number:** 160465**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. BSC Register of Delegations - Council to CEO (under separate cover)**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the report is for Council to consider adopting the updated Register of Delegations - Council to CEO in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Delegations Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- (a) Revoke all previous State Legislation delegations from Council to the Chief Executive Officer.
- (b) Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the powers and functions from State legislation and as contained in the Register of Delegations - Council to CEO schedules A and B attached to this Report pursuant to Section 259 of the Local Government Act.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act 2009 requires CEOs to establish a register of delegations which must record all delegations by the Council, Mayor or the CEO.

LGAQ has, with the assistance of King & Company Solicitors, developed a register following a comprehensive review of State legislation impacting on Local Government. This delegation register covers all possible delegations from Council to CEO, and from CEO to employees or contractors. It has been adopted as the format for the register of delegations and is updated regularly.

Of note, is the fact that the Register is large because it itemises by line each delegation although it is unlikely that any Council will exercise all the powers identified in the Register. Accordingly, if Council is so inclined, it may exclude one or more delegations to customise to its own requirements. This has been our practice.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The register of State Legislation delegations from Council to the CEO has been reviewed in accordance with the latest LGAQ update.

LGAQ Delegations Register Service Updates**July 2025**New:

- Aged Care Act 2024 (Cth)
- Local Government Electoral Act 2011
- Queensland Productivity Commission Act 2025

Changes:

- Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008
- Electrical Safety Regulation 2013
- Food Act 2006
- Information Privacy Act 2009
- Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014
- Mineral Resources Act 1989
- Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008
- Right to Information Act 2009
- Security of Critical Infrastructure Act 2018
- Transport Infrastructure Act 1994
- Water Regulation 2016
- Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011
- Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000

December 2025New:

- Property Law Act 2023

Changes:

- Information Privacy Act 2009
- Planning Act 2016
- Planning Act 2016 – Development Assessment Rules
- Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998

February 2026New:

- Aged Care (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Rules 2025
- Libraries Act 1988
- Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997
- Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Regulation 2025
- Workers Compensation and Rehabilitation Regulation 2025

Changes:

- Aged Care Act 2024 (Cth)
- Fire Services Act 1990
- Local Government Regulation 2012
- Medicines and Poisons (Pest Management Activities) Regulation 2021
- Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020
- Nature Conservation (Plants) Regulation 2020
- Planning and Environment Court Act 2016
- Plumbing and Drainage Regulation 2019
- Retail Shop Leases Act 1994
- Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998

Repealed:

- Aged Care Act 1997 (Cth)
- Workers Compensation and Rehabilitation Regulation 2014

March 2026Changes:

- Local Government Act 2009
- Local Government Electoral Act 2011
- Local Government Regulation 2012

CRITICAL DATES

March 2026

CONSULTATION

LGAQ

King & Company

14.4 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025-2026 PROGRESS REPORT - 31 MARCH 2026 (Q3)

File Number: 160455
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: 1. Operational Plan 2025-2026 - Q3 Report (under separate cover)

PURPOSE

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

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Regulations 2012 – Section 174

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Annual Reporting - Governance

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the January – March 2026 quarterly report for the Operational Plan 2025-2026 in accordance with s174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

BACKGROUND

The Chief Executive Officer must present a report on the progress of the Operational Plan at regular intervals of not more than three months. Accordingly, the progress report from 1st January 2026 to 31st March 2026 is attached.

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

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

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Of the 110 goals, 60 per cent have been achieved to date. At the nine-month point, a higher level of completion would ordinarily be expected. While this benchmark applies to the majority of goals, several broader, longer-term objectives are not able to be progressed at the same rate at this stage. This has impacted the overall completion percentage. It is anticipated that performance against these goals will improve and be more accurately reflected in the 12-month report.

A number of actions have not yet commenced due to staff resourcing constraints. In addition, several water and waste-related actions are tracking behind schedule. These matters have been raised with management.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

On Track

CRITICAL DATES

1st January 2026 to 31st March 2026

CONSULTATION

Not applicable

14.5 MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE - NON-RESIDENT WORKFORCE ACCOMMODATION - LOT 1 BI11**File Number:** 160459**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. 19-202526 AJ and LK Evans Contracting - Assessment Report (under separate cover)**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the report is to provide Council with information to assess an application for a Material Change of Use – Non-Resident Workforce Accommodation at Albert Street, Noccundra on land described as Lot 1 BI11.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Planning Act 2016

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the development application 19/202526 for a development permit being a material change of use - "Non-resident workforce Accommodation" at Albert Street, Noccundra on land described as Lot 1 BI11, subject to the following conditions and the applicant be advised accordingly:

General Conditions

1. The development must be carried out generally in accordance with the approved plans and supporting documentation, except where amended by the conditions of this approval.
2. The premises must be used only for the approved use of non-resident workforce accommodation and for no other purpose without further approval.
3. The development is approved as a temporary use for a maximum period of five (5) years from the date of approval, unless otherwise extended by Council.
4. If the use ceases for a continuous period exceeding six (6) months, the structures associated with the use must be removed from the site unless otherwise approved by Council.
5. The development must comply with all relevant legislation, regulations, Australian Standards and codes, including the National Construction Code.

Certificate of Classification

6. Prior to commencement of the use, a lawful certificate of classification must be obtained

from a building certifier in respect of all buildings and structures.

7. All conditions of this decision notice must be complied with, prior to the issuing of that lawful certificate of classification by a building certifier.

Engineering

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

Parking & Traffic

12. Adequate on-site car parking must be provided and retained for the duration of the use to meet the operational needs of the development.
13. Internal vehicle and pedestrian circulation areas must be maintained in a safe and serviceable condition at all times.

Landscaping

14. Any landscaping shown on the approved plans must be established and maintained for the duration of the use, using drought-tolerant and low-maintenance species appropriate to the locality.

Environment and Health

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

Waste must be removed from the site regularly and disposed of at an approved waste facility. No waste is to be burned or buried on site.
17. The development must be serviced by self-contained potable water supply and wastewater systems suitable for the approved use.

Wastewater must not be discharged to any waterway.

All servicing systems must be operated and maintained in accordance with relevant approvals and standards.
18. The use must not cause nuisance or environmental harm through noise, odour, dust or emissions beyond the site boundary.

Infrastructure and Services

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

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

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

Compliance with Conditions

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

Advisory Notes

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

Referral Agency Conditions

Not Applicable

FURTHER ADVICE TO APPLICANT

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

4. This approval takes effect in accordance with the timeframes of the *Planning Act 2016*.
5. The currency period for this approval is in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*.

BACKGROUND

Council received a Material Change of Use application on the 10th March 2026 for a Non-Resident Workforce Accommodation.

A development application was lodged for a material change of use for “Non-Resident Workforce Accommodation” for installation of free-standing temporary workers accommodation up to 16-man in capacity to be located at Albert Street, Noccundra on land described as Lot 1 BI11.

Site access is provided via Albert Street Street, Thargomindah Q 4492.

The application is impact assessable and therefore is subject to public notification.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Public notification

Public notification was carried out for this development application in accordance with the requirements set out in Part 4 of the Development Assessment Rules. The public notification period for this development application was 15 business days, in accordance with section 53(4)(b) of the *Planning Act 2016*.

Public Notification was carried out from 11th to 31st March 2026.

0 submissions were received.

Referral

Not Applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

14.6 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT

File Number: 160423
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 March 2026.

ADMINISTRATION

Customer Service Requests

Listed below is a summary of the 15 External Service Requests received for the month of March 2026.

Department - Type	Number
Council Building Maintenance	3
Housing Maintenance	2
Hire of Plant & Equipment	4
Rates Enquiries	4
Road Conditions	2

TENDERS

Item	Department	Status
T2025-2026-208 Turkey Nest Dam Constructions – Warri Gate Road	Executive	Open
T2025-2026-108 Supply & Delivery of One (1) New Truck GVM 12 Ton with Tip Tray & 5 Ton Crane	Engineer	Report to Council
T2025-2026-109 Supply & Delivery of Two (2) New Large SUV’s	Engineer	Report to Council
T2025-2026-110 Supply & Delivery of One (1) New Medium SUV	Engineer	Report to Council
T2025-2026-113 Hire of Two (2) Water Carts for Eulo-Hungerford Road	Engineer	Report to Council

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 **\$17,838,763** to local contractors and businesses for all goods and services procured from 1st July 2025 to 31st March 2026.

GRANTS

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

Gambling Community Benefit Fund

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

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

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

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

- 2024-25 Annual Reports for all phases submitted
- Final report for Phase 1 submitted
- Extension granted to the end of April 2026 for Phases 3 and 4 to manage underspend
- Final acquittal reports for Phase 3 and Phase 4 to be submitted after last two projects completed

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**

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 granted signage. Department queried some aspects of first reports, timelines varied on trunk infrastructure with no delay to completion.
- 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 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. Departmental approval granted to fund the Spirit of the Bush event and to defer the development of the mandatory Recovery and Resilience Plan until 30 days after CRRO's commencement. Applicant due to commence 13 April 2026.

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. Responses received for request for proposals, currently under assessment.

Community Energy Upgrade Fund

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

Sport and Recreation Recovery Grants

funding sought for Community Centre, Football Oval, Golf Club, Memorial Park and Rodeo Grounds. Community Centre, Golf Club and Memorial Park applications submitted. Application for Noccundra Sports Grounds unable to proceed at this point.

Western Queensland Events Boost Funding

Applications to support the Shearers Shindig and Channel Country Music Muster successful. Advised application for Channel Country Music Muster unsuccessful due to dates.

Grant applications in development include:

- Passenger Transport Accessible Infrastructure Program – potential projects to be agreed – note 50% co-contribution.
- Home Grown Tourism Events Program – when program opens
- Regional Tourism Infrastructure Program – when program opens
- Council 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
- Grants Officer will undertake further review of upcoming grants to align with new Council priorities and Local Resilience Action Plan

14.7 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

File Number: 160424
Author: Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

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

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

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

Financial Sustainability Indicators

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

Key Local Government Performance Indicators

Indicator		Target	31 st March 2026	Comment
<p>Current Ratio Is Council able to pay off its short-term liabilities with its current assets?</p>	<p><i>Current Assets/Current Liabilities</i></p>	<p>Greater than 3%</p>	<p>2.22%</p>	<p>Lower than target. Grant funds received before works complete.</p>
<p>Operating Surplus Ratio Does Council have sufficient operating revenue to meet Council operating costs?</p>	<p><i>Surplus (Deficit) from council operations / Revenue generated from Council operations</i></p>	<p>0 to 10%</p>	<p>8%</p>	<p>Within Target</p>
<p>Unrestricted Cash Expense Ratio Has Council properly planned for when payments associated with Council activities are due?</p>	<p>Unrestricted Cash / Expected cash operating costs for one month</p>	<p>Greater than 4 months</p>	<p>7.82 months</p>	<p>Higher than target.</p>

Bulloo Shire Council				
Operating Statement (Income Statement)				
Period Ending 31st March 2026				
	Mar-26	Actual - YTD	Amended Budget 2025/2026	Variance %
Operating Revenue				
Rates and Charges	-1,074	6,173,678	6,236,385	99%
Less: Discount, Rebate & Remissions	-84,294	-176,251	-180,171	98%
	-85,368	5,997,427	6,056,214	
Fees and Charges	5,814	144,076	176,910	81%
Interest	175,523	1,256,183	1,563,710	80%
Rental Income	36,350	331,719	316,713	105%
	217,687	1,731,978	2,057,333	
Recoverable Works*	-3,850,246	2,619,611	3,469,786	75%
Other Income	24,046	189,435	250,000	76%
Contributions	0	0	0	
Subsidies and Grants**	-3,278,226	27,208,933	64,062,640	42%
	-7,104,426	30,017,979	67,782,426	
Total Operating Revenues	-6,972,107	37,747,384	75,895,973	
Operating Expenditure				
Administration and Governance Cost	811,613	8,741,718	8,466,903	103%
Corporate Services Costs	149,599	1,293,258	4,441,510	29%
Town Service Costs	260,448	1,661,175	9,442,497	18%
Net Plant Operating Costs	-104,917	-1,434,736	-2,174,170	66%
Rural Service	25,175	342,049	812,906	42%
Finance Services	5,783	40,205	44,967	89%
Depreciation	551,809	4,910,073	6,462,186	76%
Road Services***	-6,286,063	19,139,760	50,858,207	38%
Total Operating Expenditure	-4,586,553	34,693,502	78,355,006	
OPERATING CAPABILITY BEFORE CAPITAL	-2,385,554	3,053,882	-2,459,033	
Capital Items				
Sale of non-current assets	0	0	-829,273	
Contributions	0	0	6,856,660	
Subsidies and Grants****	6,081,323	8,399,690	20,036,289	42%
Capital Expenditure	0	0	-26,063,676	
INCR / (DECR) IN OPERATING CAPABILITY INCL CAPITAL	3,695,769	11,453,572	-2,459,033	

*Recoverable Works is presenting a negative balance in Operating Revenue for March, while Road Services*** is presenting a negative balance in Operating Expenditure. This is due to a reclassification of the gravel revenue. The gravel revenue has been reallocated from Recoverable Works revenue to Road Services expenditure to align with the classification of gravel cost of goods sold (COGS), resulting in the income and COGS offsetting within the same activity. Year to date, Council has generated a gross profit of \$1,377,197 on gravel sales. This reclassification was a recommendation from the external auditors during Council's interim audit.

Subsidies and Grants (Operating Revenue) for March is showing a negative amount due to the reclassification of QRA's CDO Submission 63 from Operating Revenue to Subsidies and Grants** (Capital Items), due to the nature of the works undertaken.

Bulloo Shire Council Financial Position As at 31st March 2026			
	Notes	Balance	Amended Budget 2025/2026
Current Assets			
Cash and Equivalents	11	54,875,040	37,634,000
Trade and Other Receivables	12	256,879	6,110,000
Prepayments		0	184,000
Inventories	13	3,586,003	4,154,000
Contract Assets	12	5,394,962	8,029,000
Other Current Assets		0	0
		64,112,884	56,111,000
Land Held for Development /Sale	15	0	0
Total Current Assets	2	64,112,884	56,111,000
Non-Current Assets			
Trade & Other Receivables		0	0
Property, Plant and Equipment	18	312,126,325	327,540,000
Total Non-Current Assets	2	312,126,325	327,540,000
TOTAL ASSETS		376,239,209	383,651,000
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payments	20	1,375,561	5,634,000
Contract Liabilities		26,432,668	22,644,000
Borrowings	21	0	0
Provisions	23	1,108,011	1,150,000
Total Current Liabilities		28,916,240	29,428,000
Non-Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	20	0	0
Contract Liabilities		0	0
Borrowings	21	0	0
Provisions	23	86,561	34,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities		86,561	34,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES		29,002,801	29,462,000
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS		347,236,408	354,189,000
Community Equity			
Asset Revaluation Reserve	25	190,179,066	190,179,000
Accumulated Surplus	26	157,057,342	164,010,000
Shire Capital		0	0
Other Reserves	28	0	0
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		347,236,408	354,189,000

Balance Sheet: Note 11

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

Account	Balance	Interest Rate	Restricted Cash	Unrestricted Cash
NAB	3,562,860	3.95%		3,562,860
Explorers Caravan Park	12,835	0.00%		12,835
QTC - 22039	6,951,514	4.22%		6,951,514
QTC - 22040	40,841,670	4.26%	29,002,801	11,838,869
QTC - 23766	3,504,659	4.22%		3,504,659
Float Money	1,503	0.00%		1,503
Total	54,875,040		29,002,801	25,872,239

Council’s unrestricted cash has increased from \$16,853,495 to \$25,872,239, resulting in a \$9,018,745 increase. Please refer to the below cash flow workings that make up this movement.

BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL				
Cash Flows Operating Activities Workings				
	Feb-26	Mar-26	Inc/(Dec)	Comments
	\$	\$	\$	
Receipts from customers				
Rates, levies and charges	6,082,797	5,997,431	(85,366)	
Fees and charges	138,263	144,077	5,814	
Sales revenue	2,802,219	3,106,850	304,631	
Other income	165,390	189,435	24,045	
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables				
Receivables - Current	(5,419,159)	1,414,853	6,834,012	Collection of Rates
Receivables - Non Current	-	-	-	
Loss allowance	-	-	-	
Increase/(decrease) in allowance for expected credit losses				
Loss allowance	-	-	-	
GST Payable(Output)				
July	102,450	102,450	-	
August	133,298	133,298	-	
September	467,220	467,220	-	
October	250,165	250,165	-	
November	326,700	326,700	-	
December	402,006	402,006	-	
January	820,843	820,843	-	

February	293,248	293,248	-
March	-	-	-
April	-	-	-
May	-	-	-
June	-	-	-
Net GST Receivable	585,738	585,738	-
Receipts from customers	7,151,178	14,234,314	7,083,136

	Feb-26	Mar-26	Inc/(Dec)
	\$	\$	\$
Payments to suppliers and employees			
Employee benefits	(3,918,871)	(4,424,038)	(505,167)
Materials and services	(27,300,863)	(25,806,431)	1,494,432
			Tfr of QRA - Sub 63- Bulidings (Forge) Inc - REPA from Operating to Capital
Finance costs	(34,422)	(40,205)	(5,783)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	4,904	568,458	563,554
(Increase)/decrease in prepayment	184,416	184,416	-
Increase/(decrease) in payables	(2,679,655)	(2,074,116)	605,539
Increase/(decrease) in employee leave entitlements - Current	(12,456)	10,257	22,713
Increase/(decrease) in employee leave entitlements - Non current	-	-	-
Creditor's GST (Input)			
July	(418,127)	(418,127)	-
August	(389,332)	(389,332)	-
September	(380,181)	(380,181)	-
October	(723,756)	(723,756)	-
November	(328,554)	(328,554)	-
December	(441,459)	(441,459)	-
January	(423,142)	(423,142)	-
February	(277,117)	(277,117)	-
March	-	-	-
April	-	-	-
May			

	-	-	-	
June	-	-	-	
Payments to suppliers and employees	(37,138,615)	(34,963,327)	2,175,288	
	(29,987,437)	(20,729,013)	9,258,424	
Interest received	1,080,660	1,256,184	175,524	
Rental income	295,369	331,719	36,350	
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	28,588,015	30,326,905	1,738,890	
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(23,393)	11,185,795	11,209,188	
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	7,225,495	11,704,040	4,478,545	Tfr of QRA - Sub 63- Bulidings (Forge) Inc - REPA from Operating to Capital
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(5,035,506)	(9,756,016)	(4,720,510)	
Net cash outflow from investing activities	2,189,989	1,948,024	(241,965)	
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	2,166,596	13,133,819	10,967,223	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of reporting year	43,907,818	54,875,040	10,967,223	
Restricted Cash				
Contract liabilities	24,428,110	26,432,668	2,004,558	
Liabilities	770,020	1,375,561	605,541	
Committed Costs	684,335	-	(684,335)	
Provisions	1,171,859	1,194,572	22,713	
Total Restricted Cash	27,054,324	29,002,801	1,948,477	
Total Unrestricted Cash	16,853,494	25,872,239	9,018,746	

Bulloo Shire Council			
Statement of Cash Flows			
Period Ending 31st March 2026			
	Notes	YTD - Mar 26	Amended Budget 2025/2026
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Receipts from Customers		11,014,351	9,359,000
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		-31,704,328	-69,709,000
		-20,689,977	-60,350,000
Interest Received		1,256,183	1,564,000
Rental Income		328,519	298,000
Non-Capital Grants and Contributions		30,291,746	60,237,000
Borrowing Costs		0	0
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	35	11,186,471	1,749,000
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment		-9,756,019	-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		11,703,366	20,036,000
Other Cash Flows from Investing activities		0	0
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		1,947,347	-5,856,000
Cash Flow from Financing Activities			
Proceeds from Borrowings		0	0
Repayment of Borrowings		0	0
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		0	0
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		13,133,818	-4,107,000
Cash at Beginning of Reporting Period 30 June 2025		41,741,222	41,741,222
Cash at End of Reporting Period	11	54,875,040	37,634,222

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PROFITABILITY

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

Job Cost	Description	Mar-26 Inc / Exp	YTD Inc / Exp	%	Budget
Revenue					
7100-1905	Plant Hire	222,007	2,875,878	64%	4,510,688
7100-1100	Fuel Rebate Subsidy	4,916	50,692	71%	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
Total Revenue		226,923	2,945,990	64%	4,582,474
Expenditure					
7100-2005	Plant Maintenance - Parts & Labour	63,300	633,498	73%	868,586
7100-2010	Plant Maintenance - Tyres & Batteries	7,068	104,068	52%	198,470
7100-2015	Plant Maintenance - Fuel & Oils	34,070	393,807	46%	863,041
7100-2020	Plant Rego. & Insurance	1,677	200,549	100%	200,000
7100-2025	Workshop Consumables	62	12,423	38%	32,690
7100-2030	Workshop Operating Costs	10,546	92,196	54%	169,611
7100-2035	Radio & T.V. Maintenance	367	4,600	112%	4,120
7100-2600	Depreciation-Plant & Depot	104,716	956,573	77%	1,243,820
Total Expenditure		221,805	2,397,714	67%	3,580,338
Profit (Loss)		5,118	548,276	55%	1,002,136

CONSULTANT REPORT – 31ST MARCH 2026

Consultant	March 2026 Expenditure	YTD Expenditure 2025/2026	Comments
Acumentis Pty Ltd	-	2,210	Land Valuation Services
AMB Geotech SQS Pty Ltd	13,266	19,404	Soil Testing Services
Ashurst Australia	-	2,277	Legal Services
Australis Advisory Group Pty Ltd	-	8,250	Asset Valuation Services
Brandon & Associates Pty. Ltd.	34,870	65,137	Engineering Services
C Alexander and Associates Consulting Pt	-	68,765	Accounting Services
Findex (Aust) Pty Ltd, Crowe Australasia	-	29,451	Audit Services
Forge Solutions QLD Pty Ltd	916,472	10,764,431	Disaster Management Services
GBA Consulting Engineers	13,039	110,800	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	20,893	108,818	Grant Support
Perks & Associates Pty Ltd	-	3,465	FBT Tax Accounting Service
RMS Australia Pty. Ltd.	2,996	2,996	
Safe As Gold Consulting	9,012	92,172	WHS Consultancy Service
Shepherd Services Pty Ltd	1,231	2,167,846	Road Consultancy Service (Claimable)
Statewide Building Design Solutions Pty	-	33,786	Building Design
Viridis Consultants Pty Ltd	-	6,864	Audit Services
Total	1,011,779	13,513,042	

DEBTORS SUMMARY – 31ST MARCH 2026

Debtors Category	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	Balance
Sundry Debtors	5,112.60	658.90	0.00	6,658.20	12,429.70
Housing Rent	2,693.34	758.20	0.00	777.03	4,228.57
Aerodrome Fuel	16,078.62	0.00	0.00	15,542.13	31,620.75
Common Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	939.90	939.90
Qld Government	303,050.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	303,050.00
Federal Government	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	326,934.56	1,417.10	0.00	23,917.26	352,268.92

RATES SUMMARY – 31ST MARCH 2026

Rates	
Brought forward arrears including Interest	74,681.10
Interest current year	6,469.26
Rates Levied in 2025-26	6,425,903.81
Total	6,507,054.17
Less Rates Collected during 2025-26	6,240,808.95
Govt & Council pensioner subsidy 2025-26	4,588.80
Discount on rates collection during 2025-26	171,662.49
Write-Offs	79.69
Credit supplementary notices	1,902.51
Total Outstanding Balance *	88,011.73
Unallocated Receipts	-25,151.16
Current Outstanding Balance	62,860.57

Refer to the table below for a breakdown of the rates levied in 2025–26.

Category	General Rates	Services	State EML	Enviro Levy	Total
Town	90,273.59	349,666.99	49,922.75	6,543.46	496,406.79
Rural	1,234,691.58	3,239.30	12,012.40	56.42	1,249,999.70
Petroleum / Extractive Leases	4,488,872.62	-	186,594.80		4,675,467.42
Mining	1,267.50	-	2,762.40		4,029.90
Total	5,815,105.29	352,906.29	251,292.35	6,599.88	6,425,903.81

Refer to the table below for a breakdown of year-to-date (YTD) rates and charges collected to March 2026, including the percentage they represent of total operating revenue and total operating revenue excluding operating subsidies and grants.

Category	General Rates	Services	Enviro Levy	Total	% Op Rev	% Op Rev less Op Grants
Town	90,274	349,667	6,543	446,484	1%	4%
Rural	1,234,692	3,239	56	1,237,987	3%	12%
Petroleum/Extractive Leases	4,488,873	-		4,488,873	12%	43%
Mining	1,268	-		1,268	0%	0%
Total	5,815,105	352,906	6,600	6,174,611		

14.8 REVISED Q3 BUDGET AMENDMENT - 2025/2026

File Number: 160425
Author: Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the revised Q3 2025/2026 Budget Revision. This report has been revised after a recommendation from the external auditors during their interim visit. 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 revised Quarter Three 2025/2026 Budget Revision, as presented.

BACKGROUND

During the interim visit for the external audit 30 March to 8 April 2026, the auditors recommended that the budget be updated to better reflect Council's expectations for works completed and revenue earned from subsidies and grants (primarily operating expenditure) as at 30 June 2026. As part of this review, minor amendments were also made to correct an error in the original Q3 budget review, where operating revenue was overstated due to the inclusion of some capital items.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Res 2026/41

DISCUSSION

The revised budget was prepared by Council's Administration and Finance Manager in consultation with Council's Accountant to confirm the updated figures are accurate and complete.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget amendments presented result in a decrease of \$1,968,018 in operating revenue and a decrease of \$6,673,197 in operating expenditure, resulting the increase of \$4,705,179 in operating profit from the December 2025–2026 Amended Budget. This is primarily due to revised budget projections for the QRA flood damage works to 30 June 2026.

The adjustment to QRA revenue reflects the total income expected to be recognised for the year ended 30 June 2026, while the associated expenditure reflects the works expected to be undertaken in the same period. These amounts do not represent the total value of all remaining QRA submissions, as Council does not have the capacity to complete all active submissions by 30 June 2026. The balance of the remaining QRA submission figures will be included in the 2026/2027 Budget.

In addition, Council-related cash outflows for operating and capital have decreased by \$769,431. This mainly reflects a re-phasing of capital works to align the budget with works expected to be completed by 30 June 2026. Where capital projects were included in the original budget but will not be completed until the 2026/2027 financial year, only the grant income and capital expenditure expected to be recognised to 30 June 2026 has been included in this revision, with the remaining balance to be carried forward into the 2026/2027 Budget. These amendments have been made in line with the external auditors recommendation to better reflect revenue earned and actual expenditure as at 30 June 2026.

Capital items to consider within this budget amendment include:

- Concrete driveway for 88 Sams Street (Engineer Home) – budget taken from operating Housing Maintenance
- Installation of water bores on Warri Gate Road – previous approved by Council resolution
- Sale of Land – previously approved by Council resolution
- Sale of Street Sweeper – previously approved by Council resolution
- Removal of the used dozer purchase
- Removal of the new pit at the Thargomindah Waste Transfer Station
- Inclusion of the QRA CDO submission 63 for capital buildings works managed by Forge
- Budget variations for grant projects

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**

Decrease in Operational Income

Grants	-	6,085,726	Decrease in expected recognised revenue
Recoverable		3,971,656	Increase in revenue
Council		146,053	Increase in revenue
Total	-	1,968,018	

Decrease in Operational Expenditure

Grant Funded	-	10,694,407	Decrease in expenditure to reflect forecasted works carried out for FY2025
Recoverable		3,966,792	Increase in expenditure
Council		54,418	Increase in expenditure
Total	-	6,673,197	

Operating Profit (Loss) 4,705,179

Decrease in Capital Expenditure

Grant Funding	5,018,273	Decrease in grant capital revenue recognised to FY2026. Remaining revenue will be recognised in FY2027 when projects complete.	
Grant Funded Capital Expenditure	-5,018,273	Decrease in grant capital expenditure to FY2026. Remaining works will be completed and reflected in FY2027.	
Council	-	677,796	Decrease in cash outflow for cap expenses to reflect capital works completed to FY2026. Outstanding works will be reflected in FY2027 once complete.
Total	-	677,796	

Net Change in Council Amended Budget 5,382,975

**Summary of Net Changes
Grant | Recoverable | Council**

Net Change in Grant	4,608,681	Decrease in Outflow - This will be recognised in FY2027 / remaining grant work should be completed FY2027
Net Change in Recoverable	4,864	Increase in Inflow - From General Waste Income
Net Change in Council	769,431	Decrease in Outflow - A majority of this is capital expenditure that will be completed in FY2027.
Net Change in Council Amended Budget	5,382,975	

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
Unrestricted Cash after Proposed Amendment	16,949,992

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

Bulloo Shire Council				
Summary of Amended Budget 2025-2026				
Account Description	Proposed Amended Budget FY2026	Amended Budget FY2026	% Change	\$ Change
Operating Income				
Rates and Utility Charges	6,236,385	6,236,385		
Less: Rates Discounts and Write Offs	(180,171)	(180,171)		
Fees and Charges	61,195	32,839		28,356
Interest Income	1,563,710	1,563,710		
Other Income	414,072	394,072		20,000
Rental Income	414,409	316,713		97,697
Sales and Other Recoverable Works	7,441,442	3,469,786		3,971,656
Operating Grants and Subsidies	57,976,913	64,062,640		(6,085,726)
Total Operating Income	73,927,956	75,895,974	97%	(1,968,018)
Operating Expenses				
Employee Benefits	5,908,352	5,859,118		49,234
Councillor Remuneration	378,379	378,379		
Materials and Services	58,887,805	65,610,236		(6,722,431)
Depreciation	6,462,186	6,462,186		
Finance Costs	45,087	45,087		
Total Operating Expenses	71,681,809	78,355,006	91%	(6,673,197)
Operating Profit (Loss)	2,246,146	(2,459,033)	-91%	4,705,179
Capital Funding				
Capital Grants and Subsidies	(15,018,016)	(20,036,289)		5,018,273
Total Cash Inflows - Capital	(15,911,924)	(20,865,561)		5,018,273
Capital Expenditure - Grants and Subsidies	15,018,016	20,036,289		(5,018,273)

Council Cash Reserves	6,243,500	6,856,660	(613,160)
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	(893,908)	(829,272)	(64,636)
Total Capital Expenditure	20,367,608	26,063,677	(5,696,069)

Net Change in Capital Expenditure (677,796)

Net Change in Council Amended Budget 5,382,975

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.

CRITICAL DATES

16 April 2026

CONSULTATION

Admin and Finance Manager

Accountant

14.9 PROCUREMENT POLICY

File Number: 160044
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: 1. 2.74.1 Procurement Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the amended Procurement Policy following the commencement of the *Local Government Legislation (Empowering Councils) Amendment Regulation 2025* on 12 December 2025, and to ensure the Policy reflects updated procurement thresholds and remains compliant with current legislation.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009 – Section 104

Local Government Regulation 2012 – Chapter 6, Part 3

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 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:

1. Adopt the amended Procurement Policy, as presented; and
2. Increase the Chief Executive Officer's financial delegation from \$200,000 to \$280,000.

BACKGROUND

Under the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, each local government must prepare and adopt a procurement policy that outlines the principles—including the sound contracting principles—that will guide the procurement of goods and services for the financial year.

The introduction of the *Local Government Legislation (Empowering Councils) Amendment Regulation 2025* requires Council to update its Procurement Policy to reflect revised procurement thresholds.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The Amendment Regulation introduces several changes intended to provide greater flexibility for local governments by increasing procurement thresholds. Key amendments include:

- Medium-sized contractual arrangements: threshold increased from \$15,000 to \$21,000
- Large-sized contractual arrangements: threshold increased from \$200,000 to \$280,000
- Valuable non-current asset contracts (excluding land disposals):
 - Plant and equipment: increased from \$5,000 to \$7,000
 - Other non-current assets: increased from \$10,000 to \$14,000

Comment:

Although procurement thresholds have increased, the publication requirement for contracts under section 237 of the Regulation remains unchanged at \$200,000.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Updating the Procurement Policy mitigates several identified risks:

- Probity: Inconsistent processing and approval of variations may expose Council to challenges regarding the integrity and fairness of procurement processes and tender outcomes.
- Propriety: Variations applied inconsistently may result in actual or perceived unauthorised expenditure.
- Compliance: Current practices may lead to non-compliance with the Local Government Regulation 2012.
- Financial: Outdated budgets and inconsistent variation practices complicate the calculation of grant revenue, contract assets, and contract liabilities, increasing the risk of financial misstatements, as evidenced by corrections in recent financial years.

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil



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Approved by:	Council	Adopted / Approved:	16 April 2026; Resolution 2026/xx
Authorised by:	Chief Executive Officer	Last Reviewed:	February 2026
Responsible Officer:	Administrative & Finance Manager	Next Review:	June 2027

Context

This policy contains statements of legislation, principle, policies and procedures related to the acquisition of goods, services and works by Council. It contains both statutory and mandatory requirements and guidelines for officers of the Council. It establishes minimum standards and principles which are to be applied across the organisation in the procurement of goods, services and works.

It is the responsibility of all managers and supervisors to ensure that these policies and procedures are understood by all employees and that they are administered and applied uniformly in all instances involving procurement.

The Procurement Policy provides a framework for all competitive transactions. Whilst the procurement process will vary depending upon the value and nature of the goods, services or works being obtained, the consistent objective in the procurement process is to achieve value on behalf of Council and the community.

Any proposed amendment to the procedures contained in this manual must be submitted to the Financial & Administrative Services Manager for approval by the Chief Executive Officer and adoption by Council.

Scope

1. This policy only applies to the procurement of goods and services; it does not apply to employment arrangements.
2. Disposal of non-current assets is dealt with under the Non-Current Asset Accounting Policy.
3. This Policy applies to all Council staff in the procurement of all goods, equipment and related services, construction contracts and contracts of service (including maintenance). It overrides all existing understanding and practices where these conflict.

Breach of Policy

Employees must comply with this Policy at all times. If an employee is found to have breached this Policy, they may be subjected to disciplinary action in accordance with the Performance and Misconduct Policy. The type and severity of the disciplinary action will depend upon the circumstances of the case and the seriousness of the breach. In serious cases, this may include termination of employment.

Date of Effect

This Policy will commence on adoption. It replaces all other specific Procurement of Goods and Services policies of Council (whether written or implied).

Relevant Legislation / Policy

Legislation	Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Local Government Act 2009 ➤ Local Government Regulation 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Employee Code of Conduct ➤ Delegations Register ➤ Non-Current Asset Accounting Policy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Performance and Misconduct Policy ➤ WHS Procedure – Purchasing & Suppliers Controls
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1. POLICY STATEMENT

1. Council’s procurement activities will aim to achieve advantageous procurement outcomes by:
 - a) promoting value for money with probity and accountability;
 - b) advancing Council’s economic, social and environmental policies;
 - c) providing reasonable opportunity for competitive local businesses that comply with relevant legislation to supply to Council; and
 - d) promoting compliance with relevant legislation.
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.
3. Council will maintain a Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (RoPS) to supply goods and services.
4. Council will use the default contracting procedures as set out in Chapter 6 Part 3 of Local Government Regulation 2012.

2. DEFINITIONS

Approving Officer: A Council employee with financial delegation approved by the CEO or Council in accordance with the financial delegation register.

Creditor Officer: This is the Council Administrative Services department responsible for the processes relating to issuing payment to suppliers for goods and services.

Financial Delegation Register: a register which contains the financial delegation approved by the CEO or by Council. This includes a list of manager and senior staff who are given levels of authority to approve purchase requests.

Genuine Emergency - conforms to one or more of the following, if it:

- a) poses an immediate threat to life, health, property, or environment;
- b) has already caused loss of life, health detriments, property damage, or environmental damage; or
- c) has a high probability of escalating to cause immediate danger to life, health, property, or environment.

Large-sized Contractual Arrangement is a contractual arrangement with a supplier as per the Procurement Reference Table below.

Local Supplier for the purpose of this policy, a ‘local supplier’ is a supplier that:

- a) has a current base of operations within the Bulloo Shire Council area; and
- b) provides permanent employment to a resident of the local government area; and
- c) its Australian Business Number is registered within the area of Bulloo Shire Council.

Neighbouring shires (Quilpie, Paroo and Murweh) will be considered a local supplier over businesses not recognised as a Local Supplier.

Not feasible means:

- a) that the supplier’s offer does not comply with the procurement principles set out in this Procurement Policy; or
- b) where the required goods and/or services are not available by accessing the RoPS.

Medium-sized Contractual Arrangement is a contractual arrangement with a supplier as per Procurement Reference Table below.

Pre-qualified Supplier: is a supplier of goods or services who, as a result of request for tenders called from the local government area generally, has been assessed as having the technical, financial and managerial capability necessary to perform contracts on time and in accordance with agreed requirements. Any eligible person may apply for listing on the Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers (RoPS) by responding to Council Advertisement for request for tender. This advertising is conducted once every twelve months and applications, received within the 21 day time limit will be assessed and applicants notified within three months. Outside the annual invitation period, no application will be accepted.

Assessments of supplier performance are ongoing. Failure to perform to satisfactory standard may lead to the immediate removal from Council's RoPS.

Procurement Officer: the Council employee who is responsible for purchasing and tendering arrangements entered into by Council in accordance with the Procurement Policy, procedures and guidelines approved by Council.

Requisition Officer: a Council employee who identifies the need for particular goods and services for their assigned task or department under the directive of a supervisor or manager. Requisition Officer is also responsible for writing the specification.

Stores Officer: a Council employee responsible for receiving stock required for the use of Council. Also, for purchasing in accordance with the Procurement Policy, procedures and guidelines approved by Council with relation to items of stock required for the store.

3. ELEMENT ONE: - PRINCIPLES

Council officers must have regard to the following procurement principles in all purchasing activities:

3.1. Value for Money

- Purchasing decisions should aim to achieve an acceptable solution at the lowest total cost.
- Lowest total cost should be determined by considering all significant costs associated with the acquisition. The nominal purchase price is important but other considerations such as timing, delivery, storage, trading terms, warranty, and ease of administration should be considered, if relevant. In the case of plant and equipment, whole of life costing should be used.
- Whole of life costing means taking into account the initial purchase price, durability and the estimated cost to operate and maintain the item of plant over its expected life.

3.2. Open and Effective Competition

- Open and effective competition is important to obtaining the best possible outcomes from dealings with suppliers.
- Competition implies pursuit of best value for money, the opportunity for potential suppliers to do business with Council, absence of bias or favouritism, accountability for results and transparency of process.
- The extent to which competition may be available and appropriate will vary from case to case, depending upon such things as the number of potential suppliers and the costs and benefits of promoting competition.
- All other factors being equal, Council may give preference to local economic benefit when sourcing products. When this criteria is nominated the benefit must be identifiable and reasonable. These benefits may take the form of:

- a) increased local employment; or
- b) contribution of funds to the local economy with identifiable benefits.

3.3. Probity and Transparency

- Council is committed to high levels of ethical standards in purchasing.
- In every instance, decisions in purchasing must be based on value and benefit to Council and the community.
- Transparency in decision making is most formally met through written scope/specifications: written evaluations against these must be provided for accountability and record keeping.
- Information given to prospective suppliers must be designed to inform and not to mislead.
- Commercially sensitive information, including bid prices and terms must be treated confidentially.
- Officers must declare to their manager any potential or actual conflict of interest, including any situation where a supplier has an association or relationship with a Council officer.
- No purchases for private use are to be made using Council's orders or otherwise via Council unless specific written approval is obtained from the Chief Executive Officer.
- Officers must not accept from suppliers' any gifts, gratuities, entertainment or other forms of personal favour, other than those of a token kind.
- Guidelines for acceptable token gifts, benefits or hospitality are set out in the Staff Code of Conduct and reference must be made to that document.
- A tender/quotation will be disqualified from a bid if a company representative or any other person, contacts in person, by telephone or electronic means or gives or offers anything to Councillors or any Council officer as an inducement, for the purpose of seeking to influence the manner in which the tender/quotation is evaluated or awarded.

3.4. Conflict of Interest

- Council Staff shall at all times avoid situations in which private interests conflict, or might reasonably be thought to conflict, or have potential to conflict with their Council duties.
- Council staff shall not participate in any action or matter associated with the arrangement of a contract (i.e. evaluation, negotiation, recommendation, or approval) where that person or any member of their immediate family has a significant interest, or holds a position of influence or power in a business undertaking tendering for work.
- The onus is on the member of council staff involved being alert to and promptly declaring an actual or potential conflict of interest to the Council.
- Council staff must declare to their manager any potential or actual conflict of interest, including any situation where a supplier has an association or relationship with a Council officer. Where an officer has a potential or actual conflict of interest, they are required to complete a declaration statement.

3.5. Environmental Protection

- Council is committed to achieving responsible environmental management. Council shall consider and evaluate relevant environmental factors in the procurement of goods and services.
- Environmental considerations will have regard to the environmental sustainability of the project.

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- Different goods and services have different levels of environmental impact (risk) and opportunity within them. In identifying environmental procurement priorities both factors need to be taken into account. In order to ensure comparability between competing suppliers and to ensure Council's intent is clear. Environmental requirements must be established in the order, scope of requirement or specification.
- The specification should nominate specific environmental targets. Examples of these would include goods with defined energy consumption ratings, requirements for recycled materials to be included in building and construction works, and specifications for building design and construction.

4. ELEMENT TWO: - LOCAL PREFERENCE

4.1. Development of competitive local business and industry

- When it is likely a local supplier is able to provide the relevant goods or services, the Procurement Officer shall ensure an opportunity has been provided, through the Pre-qualified Supplier, to allow that supplier to quote.
- Local consideration may have regard to the local level of content in the procurement of goods and services, and the cost structures applicable to the suppliers' pricing regimes for goods and services.
- The application of local content shall have consideration of Sound Contracting Principles of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
- Specifications should identify local content opportunities and ensure they are nominated. Local content generally relates to the provision of goods, services, labour, materials, plant and supervision.

4.2. Local Preference

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.

4.2.1. Key Principles

In accordance with the Policy Statement, above, Council will undertake the following, to assist local industry and local economic development:

- 4.2.1.1 Encourage a 'buy local' culture within the Council;
- 4.2.1.2 Advertise all tenders, contracts and expressions of interest in a manner readily available to the local community;
- 4.2.1.3 Package requirements in appropriately sized contracts to suit market capacity and encourage local competition;
- 4.2.1.4 Encourage local businesses to promote their goods and services to Council;
- 4.2.1.5 Encourage the use of local distributors within the delivery chain whenever goods, materials or services have to be sourced from outside the Local Government area.

5. ELEMENT THREE: - PROCUREMENT PROCESS

5.1. Recording and Internal Control

- It is vital for effective financial control and for reporting to Council that purchase transactions are processed and recorded accurately and on a timely basis. Failure to comply with specified procedures endangers the accuracy and timeliness of management reporting.
- Internal Controls are necessary to ensure completeness, validity, accuracy, security and subsequent accountability.

Completeness - All purchase transactions must be properly processed on a timely basis.

Validity - All purchase transactions must be properly authorised and all delivered transactions must refer to goods actually received.

Accuracy - Purchase transactions must be recorded accurately, and allocated to the correct account.

Security - Physical security of records and confidentiality of commercial information must be maintained. Refer to Council's standard Terms and Conditions for suppliers regarding risk, title and insurance.

Subsequent Accountability - Recording must be such that there can be independent periodic checks to ensure accountability.

- Internal controls include authorisation, segregation of duties, and support of third party documentation as well as periodic management review.

5.2. Accountability

- Financial Authorities and Delegations are provided under the Council's Delegation to the CEO and CEO's Delegation to Officers. Managers are constrained by budgets and are held accountable through the normal process of reporting against budget. Authorisation of purchase requisitions must be within their approved delegated authority. Financial Delegations are approved by the CEO only and recorded in the Financial Register. Financial Register must be updated on a regular basis.
- Managers have some discretion to nominate those officers under their supervision who may initiate requisitions and managers have responsibility to ensure that requisitions initiated by officers in their area of control are approved. They are also responsible to ensure that delegated officers have the knowledge and experience to carry out the delegated tasks effectively and efficiently. Managers will be held totally accountable for all spending in their area of control.
- Each manager must notify the Chief Executive Officer in the event of predictable (e.g. Illness etc.) absences. The Chief Executive Officer must nominate a substitute to carry out the manager's delegation. The Procurement Officer must be notified in writing, details of nominated substitution each time a substitution takes place.

5.3. Acceptance of Quotations

There is no requirement to accept the lowest quotation, however where a quotation, other than the lowest quotation is accepted; the authorising officer must provide a brief written justification which must be kept with the order.

5.4. Ordering

Official Order Forms are not required for the following purchases but relevant authorisations are required on the invoice documentation:

- a) Australia Post;
- b) electricity accounts;
- c) telephone services accounts (excludes equipment purchases);
- d) subscriptions;
- e) licenses/registrations;
- f) freight;
- g) investments;
- h) Corporate Card purchases;
- i) items purchased from Petty Cash;
- j) advertisements;
- k) legal expenses;
- l) Caretaker's fortnight or monthly bills when Contract in place; or
- m) donations.

5.5. Procurement Arrangements

5.5.1. Legislative Requirements

Medium-sized contractual arrangement

A local government cannot enter into a medium-sized contractual arrangement unless the local government first invites written quotes for the contract.

The invitation must be given to at least 3 persons who the local government considers can meet the local government's requirements at competitive prices.

The local government may decide not to accept any of the quotes it receives.

However, if the local government does decide to accept a quote, the local government must accept the quote most advantageous to it having regard to the sound contracting principles.

Large-sized contractual arrangement

A local government cannot enter into a large-sized contractual arrangement unless the local government first invites written tenders for the contract.

Exceptions

Chapter 6 (Contracting) Part 3 Division 3 of *Local Government Regulation 2012* specifies when Council is exempt from the requirement to seek tenders or quotations for medium-sized and large-sized contractual arrangements:

- (a) Section 231 - A local government may enter into a contractual arrangement for services without first inviting written quotes or tenders if the contract is made with a person who is on an approved contractor list.
- (b) Section 232 - A local government may enter into a contract for the supply of goods or services without first inviting written quotes or tenders if the contract is entered into with a supplier from a register of pre-qualified suppliers that is made in compliance with subsections (3) to (7).
- (c) Section 233 - A local government may enter into a contract for the goods or services without first inviting written quotes or tenders if the contract is entered into with a preferred supplier under a preferred supplier arrangement that is made in compliance with subsections (3) to (9).

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- (d) Section 234 - A local government may enter into a contract for goods and services without first inviting written quotes or tenders if the contract is entered into under an LGA arrangement.
 - (e) Section 235 – A local government may enter into a contractual arrangement without first inviting written quotes or tenders if: -
 - i. the local government resolves it is satisfied that there is only 1 supplier who is reasonably available; or
 - ii. the local government resolves that, 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; or
 - iii. a genuine emergency exists; or
 - iv. the contract is for the purchase of goods and is made by auction; or
 - v. the contract is for the purchase of second-hand goods; or
 - vi. the contract is made with, or under an arrangement with, a government agency.

5.5.2. Procurement Process

- The value or price of the goods, works or services to be obtained is the initial consideration in determining the appropriate procurement process. The nature of the item(s) being obtained and the state of the supply market for that item are important additional considerations. The opportunity to develop the relevant market and to encourage competition which will then benefit Council and the local community must be actively considered.
- Where local businesses (i.e. located in the Bulloo Shire) can provide the good/services required, procurement staff are encouraged to obtain quotations from those businesses in the first instance, in line with Council's intention to support local businesses.
- The Procurement Reference Table below outlines the minimum standard procurement process in each instance. The discretion to go beyond that minimum standard is available and will be exercised by the relevant manager and the Chief Executive Officer.
- Delegations and financial authorisations are consistent with the Procurement Reference Table.
- Employees requesting goods and/or services must complete the 'Request for Quote' form detailing specifications and requirements for goods and/or services they require and Requisition form, providing both completed form to the Procurement Officer to obtain quotes in accordance with this Policy.
- Once quotes have been obtained, the requisition completed by the Procurement Officer will be presented to the authorizing officer to review and approve.
- A quote can be accepted if only one quote is received out of the requested quotes invited.

5.5.3. Variations

A variation is an agreed amendment to a contract that changes the original terms, conditions or scope of the contract. For the purpose of this policy, variation refers solely to a financial deviation from original contract value. The contract can be a Council purchase order or agreement signed by a delegated Council officer with an external service provider/organisation. Other variations such as non-financial scope changes, extension of time etc. are to be managed by delegated council officers.

Variation procedures for contracts are as follows:

- Each variation can only be approved in writing by a delegated officer up to their authorised financial and contractual delegation;

- The delegated officer must verify that funds are in approved budgets to meet the costs prior to the variation being actioned;
- Each variation requires an additional line item on the purchase order stating the change in scope and cost. A purchase order amendment must be approved by a delegated officer with sufficient financial and contractual delegation for the entire new aggregated order amount including the variation.
- Officers must ensure that the contract variations are not to the extent that they significantly change the contract requirements and/or substantial parts of the original procurement. If this is the case, it may be necessary to undertake another procurement process if the revised arrangements are substantially different to those selected during the original procurement.
- In the case of Council approved expenditure, all variations must be approved by Council, unless previously authorised by a Council resolution to an officer.

5.5.4. Emergencies

In recognition that full compliance with existing Council procurement procedures may not support Council's needs during a critical or emergency incident, an alternative procurement process may operate during the incident. This alternative process aims to accommodate urgent Council needs, while ensuring that the procurement process adopted is reasonable and conducted with appropriate consideration of standard procurement principles.

Any emergency procurement must be authorised by the Chief Executive Officer or other delegated or legislated authority, once a critical or emergency incident has been declared.

Such incidents are:

- A state of disaster declared under the Disaster Management Act 2003, or any other emergency declaration made by the State's Premier under an enactment;
- Any incident declared by the Chief Executive Officer where the safety or security of any person or property associated with the Council is threatened, and
- An external incident to which the Chief Executive Officer has authorised the provision of urgent support.

Once the immediacy of the incident has passed, purchase orders must be raised to record the expenditure in the same way as they would have been in normal circumstances.

As soon as practical upon cessation of the emergency, a report must be presented to Council to authorise the unapproved expenditure, where this expenditure exceeds delegation, and the methodology by which it was incurred. The Council Resolution must define the genuine emergency situation (such as natural disaster), as well as delegate authority.

5.5.5. CEO Discretionary Authority Clause – Variations to Procurement Procedures

In circumstances where strict adherence to the Procurement Reference Table may not represent best value for money or may result in unreasonable administrative or operational burden—particularly in remote or low-competition environments—the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is authorised to exercise discretion to approve a variation from the standard procurement requirements, including the number of required quotes.

Such discretion must be exercised in accordance with the core principles of procurement.

An example includes, but is not limited to, situations where obtaining multiple quotes would require engaging suppliers from outside the Bulloo Shire and the cost or effort associated with doing so would outweigh the potential benefits. In such cases, the CEO may approve a single-quote procurement provided a written justification is documented outlining how the decision meets the procurement principles.

Table 1: Procurement Reference Table

Supply Type	Procedure
<p>Purchases less than \$500 ex GST</p>	<p>Where the goods and/or services are less than \$500, the purchase must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) be made on an official order form; b) orders must include a reasonable estimate of cost; c) all details must be recorded on a Requisition for Goods/or Services form and attached to the official order; and d) orders can only be approved by authorised employees as detailed in the Financial Delegation Register. <p>Goods and/or services are to be procured by accessing the RoPS (no quotes required, please see section 5.5.1 of this policy). However, when this option is not feasible, goods and/or services can be procured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) accessing an LGA Arrangement (no quotes required, please see section 5.5.1 of this policy); or b) select one supplier that meets the requirements.
<p>Purchases over \$500 and less than \$3,000 ex GST</p>	<p>Where the goods and/or services are at or over the value of \$500 but less than \$3,000, the purchases must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) be made using an official order form; b) orders must include a reasonable estimate of cost; c) all details must be recorded on a Requisition for Goods/or Services form and attached to the official order; and d) orders can only be approved by authorised employees as detailed in the Financial Delegation Register. <p>Goods and/or services are to be procured by accessing the RoPS (two quote required, please see section 5.5.1 of this policy). However, when this option is not feasible, goods and/or services can be procured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) accessing an LGA Arrangement (no quotes required, please see section 5.5.1 of this policy); or b) inviting at least two (2) written quote, allowing a minimum of 48 hours for a response and selecting one supplier that meets the requirements
<p>Purchases \$3,000 ex GST and less than \$5021,000 ex</p>	<p>Where the goods and/or services are at or over the value of \$3,000 but less than \$5021,000, the purchases must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) be made on an official order form; b) orders must include a reasonable estimate of cost; c) all details must be recorded on a Requisition for Goods/or Services form and attached to the official order; and d) orders can only be approved by authorised employees as detailed in the Financial Delegation Register. <p>Goods and/or services are to be procured by accessing the RoPS (three-two quote required). However, when this option is not feasible, goods and/or services can be procured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) accessing an LGA Arrangement (one quote required) and selecting one supplier that meets the requirements.

Supply Type	Procedure
	<p>b) inviting at least three two (32) written quotes, allowing a minimum of 72 hours and a maximum of 5b.d for a response and selecting one supplier that meets the requirements; or</p>
<p>Purchases \$5021,000 ex GST and less than \$200280,000 ex GST (Medium Contractual Arrangement)</p>	<p>Where the goods and/or services are at and over the value of \$5021,000 but less than \$200280,000, the purchases must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) be made on an official order form; b) orders must include a reasonable estimate of cost; c) all details must be recorded on a Requisition for Goods/or Services form and attached to the official order; and d) orders can only be approved by authorised employees as detailed in the Financial Delegation Register. <p>Goods and/or services are to be procured by accessing the RoPS (three quotes required) However, when this option is not feasible, goods and/or services can be procured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) inviting at least 3 written quotes, allowing a minimum of 72 hours and a maximum of 10b.d for a response and selecting one supplier that meets the requirements; or b) accessing an LGA Arrangement (two quotes required, please see section 5.5.1 of this policy) and selecting one supplier that meets the requirements.
<p>Purchases of \$200280,000 ex GST and above (Large-sized Contractual Arrangement)</p>	<p>Where the goods and/or services are at and over the value of \$200280,000, tenders must be invited by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Council’s eProcurement Platform, VendorPanel, and/or advertised in local newspapers, on Council’s webpage and Facebook. Council must allow at least 21 days from the day of advertisement for the submission of tenders. <p>Only when the above is not feasible, procurement of goods and/or services at and over the value of \$200280,000 can be obtained by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) accessing VendorPanel LGA Arrangement, inviting a minimum of three suppliers to quote and allowing at least one week (preferable two weeks) to respond; or b) accessing an arrangement in accordance with section 232 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> (please see section 5.5.1 of this policy) with the written approval from the Chief Executive Officer; or c) accessing an arrangement in accordance with section 235 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> (please see section 5.5.1 of this policy) with the written approval from the Chief Executive Officer. <p>Purchases for the recommended tenderer/supplier must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) have approval by council resolution; b) be made on an official order form; c) all details must be recorded on a Requisition for Goods / or Services form and attached to the official order with the council resolution; and d) orders can only be authorised by the Chief Executive Officer as detailed in the Financial Delegation Register.

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	<p>Records of tenders received must be kept on file for the period outlined in the Retention and Disposal Schedules for Local Government as published by the Queensland State Archives.</p> <p>A contractual agreement must exist for construction projects greater than \$200280,000, signed by both a Council representative and the contractor's representative.</p> <p>Details of all contracts of \$200280,000 and over must be provided to relevant finance staff for inclusion on the Contracts Register and publication on Council's webpage.</p>

14.10 COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACES REPORT

File Number: 160466
Author: Tamie Warner, Community, Culture & Places
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Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

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

CORPORATE / HUMAN RESOURCES ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY

New Starters

Nil

Resignations

Nil

Positions Advertised

Executive Assistant

HEADCOUNT

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

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**SWQROC Tourism Group**

The SWQROC submission for the new Drive Tourism Product Development for SWQ was submitted on the 28th November 2025 and has progressed in the approval process, however announcements are still pending.

The EO will keep Tourism members informed as the Fuel Supply Platform and subsequent communications evolve to ensure consistent messaging and industry support is available to all members.

That the TEQ led marketing campaign as a result of the Disaster Management funding had recently been put on hold due to recent flooding events and fuel crisis, but will now go full steam ahead from the 1st April.

“Everi” (Online Marketing Group) provided an overview of the proposed Event Hub for SWQROC, highlighting the following points:

- Ability for councils to manage and curate events at a local level, while maintaining a regional oversight and supporting the next evolution of the proposed drive market for SWQ
- Features such as automated content updates, event approval processes and business directory integration and demonstrated a number of sample sites.
- Ability to provide an interactive marketing tool to support SWQROC trade displays and less resource heavy as the current process undertaken annually in the development of the static event calendar.

Post presentation, the EO discussed budgets with council members, with some noting that budgets were already prepared and due to be presented for endorsement in the coming month.

Next steps, the EO will raise at the next ROC meeting (28 April) with Mayors and CEOs and if supported, seek an Agreement from Everi for further consideration or hold to 202

The EO to put the recommendation to the ROC meeting (28 April) for budget consideration in FY 2026 or FY 2027.

Music In the Mulga

Numbers are still coming in strong for Carmel and her event, Fuel was a huge concern for her temporarily. However, numbers and advertising are going strong.

Lee Kernaghan Event

This was a very successful event that turned out just how it was meant to, for the locals who are still in the recovery phase. Around 230 attendees, feedback from all was that it was a wonderful event.

Shearers Shindig

All on Track, working with RACQ and Volunteering QLD with getting volunteers to assist us with the running's of the event, they are also wanting to hold a couple of workshops while in town to help educate the towns community groups on how to engage volunteers. .

Channel Country Music Muster

VIC staff have been working tirelessly with all of the attendees getting everyone booked in using the booking system, most are cooperating well.

All entertainment booked.

STATISTICS

VIC		Facebook – Explore Bulloo		Instagram	
Visitors	93	Interactions	1.1K	Views	1.2K
Phone calls	290	Comments	-	Interactions	42
Email enquirers	155	Views	116K	Reach	251
		New followers	27	New followers	0
		Total Followers	8,987	Total followers	1417

LIFESTYLE AND RECREATION

- A meeting is scheduled with Sheridan Hammet 20th April to again discuss the future of PHN funding and how it could potentially look for the coming year.
- Our next theatre performance is Fractured Fairy tales in May and will be presented at the Primary school.
- The first of our 9 free community workshops has been held on the 21st March at the Golf Club this Paint n Sip workshop which was attended by 23 local ladies and all enjoyed the afternoon. The next scheduled workshop is Silversmithing and is due to be held on the 9/10th May, these workshops will be funded through the RADF Allocation and State Library Wages Subsidy.
- The new library exchange has arrived and is being put back onto the shelves. A Places and Spaces state library grant is being submitted to hopefully upgrade the flooring in the library and give the centre a fresh new look. Playgroup has returned to the library.
- Plans are underway for this years’ ANZAC Day ceremonies and will be held at Memorial Park on the 25th April.
- Ticket for Ladies Day will go on sale on the 1st May, this event will be held at the Golf Club.

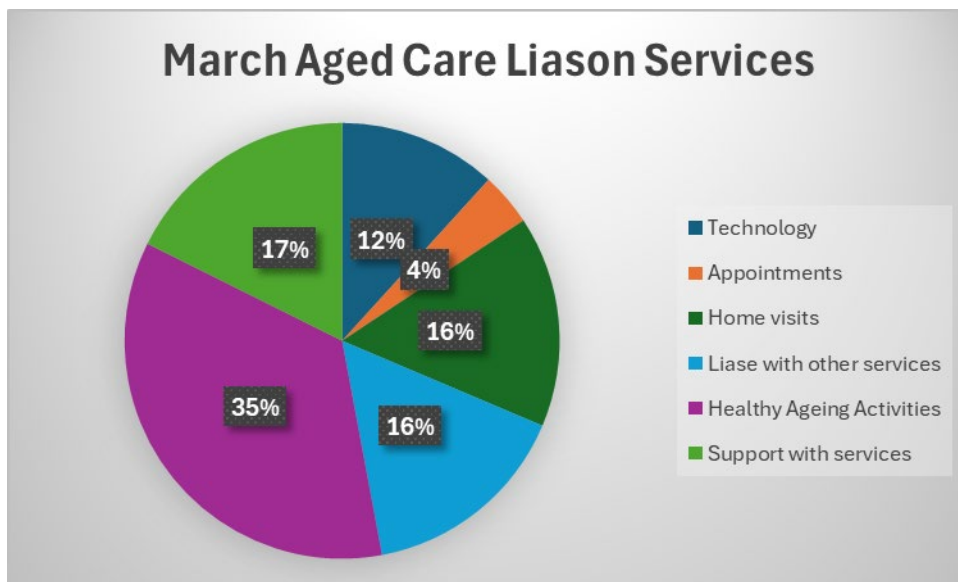
Activity –			Users
Total Library Visits	Jan	Feb	March
Tourists	2	-	-
Local Adults	5	-	4
Local Children	-	-	-
First 5 Forever (Parents and Children)	6	12	6
F5F On the Road (Seasonal)	-	-	-
Book loans	8	2	6
WQPHN Activities – Healthy Ageing Program			
Water Aerobics (Seasonal)	1	4	2
Massage/Beauty Treatments/Hairdresser (55yrs & Over) Thargo	1	15	6
Luncheon (1)	11	17	8
InBody Scans	4	2	1
Teelow court visits	27	17	64
Workshops/Community Events/School Holiday			
Book Club	7	6	6
Australia Day	12	-	-
Theatre Production	-	30+	-

Healthy Ageing Liaison Officer Report

- Continued to provide support and help to residents via phone calls, center and home visits to address their concerns and assisted with filling out forms, telehealth, travel and technology issues
- Fortnightly meetings with Nurse navigator, RFDS clinical coordinators and local community care collective staff to update on clients and organize appointments and plan for Thargomindah Health Day Expo in March
- Supported Thargomindah Health Expo and liaised with visiting services
- Yowah Healthy Ageing residents very appreciative of transport and ability to participate in Cook and Connect for Older people and activities at Get Rooted which enabled them to engage with Thargomindah residents.
- Two clients referred to ADA law to help sort out EPOAs
- Vital Health Physiotherapist visiting fortnightly

Monthly Rec Centre Totals

Healthy Ageing activities 55 and over	PHN Funded Professionals or Therapists	Visiting	Vital Health	Visiting Services
18	16		12	14



14.11 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

File Number: 160350
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 March 2026.

BIOSECURITY**Landholders**

Phone, email and face to face consultations with landholders during the month on topics including baiting, pig numbers, resupply, road conditions/river heights. 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.

Rural Services Manager has continued to work with SA SES to complete resupply for stations in the far west of the shire. Food is being transported to Moomba via road, then dropped by chopper to stations. Orientos received a resupply on 28 March.

Meetings, training and events attended during the month

- 3 Meeting with John Scriven SWROC Wild Pig Coordinator & Ben Pearson, Desert Channels
- 3 Area Bushfire Management Committee meeting
- 5 DRFA WQST Catchment Rehabilitation Meeting
- 10 Bulloo Shire Audit Committee Meeting
- 19 RACQ Volunteering Program Meeting
- 21 Town Common Muster
- 31 DRFA WQST Catchment Rehabilitation 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

The Thargomindah Town Common Cattle Muster was held on 21 March 2026. Six owners completed the muster and branded the one cleanskin calf. Four young heifers and one cow did not come in on the muster. There are now 54 head agisted on the common between 7 owners.

Stock route inspection

Daly Bros Drilling, engaged by the Department of Natural Resources, inspected the Numalla (10 Mile) Water Facility including using the camera on 12 March 2026. A report will be prepared and shared with Council in relation to the condition of the bore.

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 and inaccessible roads in the Cooper Basin.

Facilities and Housing

- Facilities and Housing maintenance is continuing with minor repairs and maintenance conducted as required.

Parks and Gardens

- Parks and Gardens staff are busy keeping up with the kerbside rubbish collection, skip bin collection and lawns maintenance.

14.12 OPERATIONAL SERVICES REPORT

File Number: 160444
Author: George Inocentes, Engineer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

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

Roadworks and Maintenance Progress Update:**TMR RMPC (Routine Maintenance Performance Contract)**

- Heavy Formation Grading is ongoing 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.
 - Detour has been completed.
 - Minor culvert replacement is 75% and schedule to be completed by Mid-April 2026.

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.
 - Work has commenced
- Quilpie–Thargomindah Road (7003): Shoulder damage repairs.
 - Work has commenced
- 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)

- Works has been completed and claims has been submitted to TMR for final payment.
- Upgrades to the Soonah Crossing T-intersection on Bundeena Road have been completed.

Roads to Recovery (RTR)

- Works have been suspended to the recent rain event.

Country Road Connect (CRC)

- Construction was originally scheduled to commence in April 2026 however, due to ongoing wet conditions, commencement was delayed.
- Crushing of gravel materials has commence in preparation for this job.

Drill of Bore

- Tender evaluation has been completed.
- Drilling has been awarded to Drill Engineering & Pastoral Co (Depco)

Bundilla Culvert Installation

- Works has been scheduled Mid-April and it was proposed to closed this section of this road and advice the property owner about the closure to enable the Fastrack the delivery of the works instead of having side tract.
- Concrete canvass for slope protection has been ordered by D and D in preparation for the works.
- 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 is ongoing 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 completed 58km of Medium Formation Grade on Hungerford Road.

Sealing Noccundra Airstrip

- Construction of the Airstrip will commence on the 13th of April 2026, the design plans including lighting and line marking has been completed.
- Crushing of gravel materials intended for this job has commence along Warri Gate Pit 28.3.
- Works will be delivered by Council workers in conjunction with water cart contractor and tippers.

Emergent Works

- Emergent works by Tolbra has commended on Warri Gate under the new Flood Event.

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 (Bio-Track Pty Ltd)

- Awarded to Bio-Track Pty Ltd. Contract has been signed by both parties.
- Contractor performed field tests between 14-16 March 2026.
- Water test results from Bio-Track Pty Ltd were released on 24 March 2026
- Remaining laboratory test results on track prior to 30 April 2026 completion date
- Report and final irrigation modelling iteration is on track - requires input from GHD to inform concept of pond sizes

Sludge Characterisation (CDM Smith Australia Pty Ltd)

- Awarded to CDM Smith Australia Pty Ltd. Contract has been signed by both parties.
- Contractor arrived and performed field tests/sampling between 30 March and 1 April 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 weeks.

Final laboratory results projected to be complete between period of 30 April to 22 May 2026. One week for the report projects a delivery date of 30 April to 22 May. Possible up to three weeks 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 completion date

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 completed and GBA provided to Council 25 March 2026. Survey will be provided to the designer (GHD).

Preliminary Design

- Quotations received were assessed and GHD Pty Ltd was approved for a combined Contract for all three Preliminary Design options
- Meeting with GHD on 20 March 2026 and subsequent correspondence negotiated departures to the Contract with agreement made. GHD to be issued the official award by week ending 10 April 2026.

- Project kick-off meeting with GHD to be arranged to brief requirements and introduce the team
- GHD to provide a program for Preliminary Design completion by June 2026.
- Correspondence between Council and DETSI will be ongoing during the design process
- Multicriteria Analysis (MCA) to be performed on the three preliminary designs options

Construction Prior to 30 June 2026

- Most achievable activities available construction start prior to 30 June 2026:
 - Desludging of the Thargomindah STP
 - Local contractor can be employed
 - Works will not be different to previous desludging at the STP arranged by Council
 - Desilting of the effluent ponds at the Thargomindah Golf Course to improve and restore capacity of ponds
 - Local contractor can be employed and will require earthmoving plant/equipment and a pump.
 - Desilting of effluent ponds will require them to be temporarily offline and drained.
 - Construction of a new maintenance pond at the Thargomindah Golf course adjacent to the existing effluent pond/s is required for temporary drainage – designer (GHD) to provide input on pond location
 - Investigation of water depth of effluent ponds is required to inform the volume required for the construction of the maintenance pond
 - Preliminary estimated value of desilting and construction works at \$200k – will vary depending on volume of material removed

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

All Generators - monthly checks all around town – Have been carried out by Staff

Various machines –replacement of new batteries, Tyres & services – as needed

Outstanding Plant Damaged

OUTSTANDING			
PLANT No	PLANT DESCRIPTION	DEFECT/ ISSUE	Comments
68	Honda Tiller	Engine will run than lock up	Waiting on Parts
68	Honda Sml Tiller	Locks in compression, won't start	Waiting on Parts
213	Dynapac Roller	Door handle needs replacing, Bonnet latch needs replacing Parts BSC store	Waiting on Parts
562	Cat Loader	Air con not working	On Order
719	Flood Truck	Air con not working	plant only used at flood time compared to price of aircon
762	Dolly	Wheel bearing needs to be inspected	On Order
802	Compactor	Need new blade seals, back door seal, small side door seal	On Order
1195	Fuel Trailer	Power/battery (fuel trailer will not power on)	On Order
1200	Trailer	Trailer plug missing	Warri Gate Mobile Camp
1200	Trailer	Jockey wheel bent needs replacing	Warri Gate Mobile Camp
5001	Traffic Lights	Solar wiring from the solar is not charging battery	On Order
5003	Traffic Lights	control box won't respond & keep breaking fuses	On Order
5004	Roller	Door latch needs repair	On Order
5010	Padfoot	Compaction meter screen (rarely displaying CMV)	Waiting on Parts
5072	Cat Grader	RH side window needs replacing (Turnouts to Replace LH side as it was broken while fitting)	Waiting on Parts
5075	Komatsu Grader	Work equipment system Caution lamp for cross slope System	Warri Gate Mobile Camp
5076	Grader Komatsu	LO3 error, shims on circle & blade need replacing	On Order
5550	Trencher attachment	Leaking at the connection to the skid steer	Mechanic having trouble with obtaining parts due to the age of the machine
5550	Cat skid Steer	LH side tyres slow leak need repair	Mechanic having trouble with obtaining parts due to the age of the machine
5553	Komatsu Loader	Windscreen broken, grease line broken	On Order
7000	Rubbish Truck	Cab tilt sensor needs replacing	On Order
7000	Truck Isuzu	Toolbox hinge/broken needs welding up	On Order
7000	Truck Isuzu	Auto greaser bowl not working	On Order
7042	Prime Mover Mack	Auto greaser not working	On Order

NEW			
PLANT No	PLANT DESCRIPTION	DEFECT/ ISSUE	Comments
5072	Cat Grader	6750hr service	On Order
295	Honda genset	needs service - the on/off switch, not working properly	
760	Side tipper	Front ram leaking needs repair	On Order
763	Side tipper	needs new track rods	On Order
765	Dolly	Needs rewiring, needs new track rod bushes	On Order
768	Side tipper	side tipper very slow tipping & slower just about stopped	On Order
769	Low Loader	half of the side lights not working & right taillight not working	On Order
1193	Black bull	Service, won't hold pressure in tank	On Order
5073	Cat Grader	Air con blowing hot air	
6030	Toyota Hilux	Overhead Consel needs repair	On Order
6033	Toyota Hilux	Shaking in the steering	
7006	Work truck	Warning light on das fix ASAP	Parts ordered for RR speed sensor
7009	Work truck	Light on dash won't go off	
7042	Prime Mover Mack	Broken gear box mount bolt passenger side	New bolts on order
7047	Prime Mover	Air con fan in cab not working	
7047	Prime Mover	Gear stick dust boot needs replacing	On Order
9007	Kubota Mower	Seat Belt latch not working	On Order
9009	John Deere Mower	Tear in catcher Bag	

Plant Defects Register			
STATUS			
DEFECTS			
DATE	MONTH DEFECTS REPORTED	DEFECTS REPAIRED	TOTAL DEFECTS (OUTSTANDING)
24-Dec	3	0	3
30-Dec	75	53	22
January	19	15	4
February	35	17	18
March	27	9	18
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
	159	94	65

Plant Defects.

- Above is a summary of the defects that have been reported for repair.
- Some other jobs that are carried out are not reported on defects e.g. check over of vehicles, generators and emergence break downs on the job that are not planned.
- Some of the outstanding defects are services, and minor repairs that will be carried out when they can be fitted into the schedule.

Insurance Report:

Plant Insurance Claims Register											
Reported Defect						Repaired Defect					
Date	Plant No:	Plant Description	Defect Type	Claim No	Rego	Date	Work carried out	Book in Place	Date completed	Claim Value	Excess
19/05/2025	5553	Komatsu Loader	Damage to rear RH side mud Guard and rear of Loader	MO0082646	177734			BSC	Part completed		\$ 500.00
9/12/2025	1196	Fuel Trailer	Damage to RH & LH side Mud Guard and rear, Tow hitch, Rear Axle, Pump box and pump /hose	MO0087422	146UKS		placed a order to replace parts required	BSC			\$500

Waiting on Insurance transport to pick up

- Claim number Bomag Roller – MO0084612 - Has been picked up
- Claim Number Compactor- MO0084613 – still waiting to be picked up

Purchase of Council New Plant Machine

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

Budget Purchases Still to come:

- 11ton Truck Crane/Tip – tender closed 12-3-2026 put back out to vendor panel closed 8-4-26
- Large SUV - tender closed 12-3-2026 put back out to vendor panel closed 8-4-26
- Med SUV - tender closed 12-3-2026 put back out to vendor panel closed 8-4-26
- Roller Pedestrian

Plant Arrivals

Nil

14.13 DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING - PROJECT MANAGEMENT COSTS REVIEW**File Number:** 160498**Author:** Leanne Smith, Accountant**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Summary of Schedule of Rates (under separate cover)**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present Councillors with the findings of a review of project management costs associated with delivering Council's Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) through the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA), and to seek a decision on the appointment of a supplier to provide these services.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulations 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Procurement Policy

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

1. Retain Shepherd Services as the preferred supplier for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements DRFA Project Management Services.
2. Note GBA as a secondary supplier, providing a reliable and competitively priced alternative should additional capacity or support be required.
3. Accept the estimates submitted by Shepherd Services under Local Buy contract LB505 for the provision of Project Management Services for the delivery of DRFA project submissions
 - i. BSC.0087 - \$61,440,
 - ii. BSC.0088 - \$589,891.25
 - iii. BSC. Feb/Mar26 EWK - \$250,620

for a total cost of \$901,951.25 (GST exclusive).

BACKGROUND

To comply with Council's Procurement Policy and ensure value for money for works delivered under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), quotations were sought from four Local Buy listed suppliers that provide these services.

Council issued a schedule of roles and activities to each of the four suppliers and requested each supplier to submit their corresponding rates. Upon receipt of all submissions, a comparative assessment was undertaken, with the results presented in Table 1.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Evaluation Summary – DRFA Project Management Services

In accordance with Council's Procurement Policy, Council called for quotes via the VendorPanel marketplace. Four submissions were received from suppliers listed on Local Buy for the provision of Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Project Management Services. Submissions were assessed on the basis of cost, value for money, and service capability.

Shepherd Services

Shepherd Services submitted a competitively priced proposal across most categories, with particularly low rates for project administration and program support. Travel and vehicle costs were reasonable and clearly defined. While pricing for senior roles was not the lowest of the submissions received, the proposal was straightforward and presented a balanced and reliable service offering.

Overall, Shepherd Services provided a consistent and competitive submission, with no significant cost or delivery risks identified.

Lackon

Lackon's submission included a broader range of roles, including Program Manager and Senior Project Manager, offering flexibility in service delivery. The use of Australian Taxation Office (ATO) rates for travel-related expenses supports compliance and transparency. However, hourly rates across most categories were higher than those of other respondents, particularly for administrative and contract management roles. While the submission was structured and comprehensive, it was less competitive from a cost perspective.

GBA

GBA submitted the most competitive pricing across the majority of labour categories, including the lowest rates for key roles such as Project Manager, Contract Management, and Accounting Support. Travel arrangements, while onsite, were not clearly defined, and vehicle costs were comparatively higher. The submission represents strong value for money overall; however, the pricing structure is more complex than other submissions due to the inclusion of additional flight costs.

GHD

GHD submitted the highest-priced proposal, with significantly higher hourly rates across all key roles. The submission reflects the engagement of senior personnel, indicating a high level of expertise and capability. However, limited detail was provided in relation to travel and disbursement costs, and the overall pricing was not considered competitive for cost-sensitive DRFA works. This submission may be more suitable for projects requiring highly specialised expertise.

Based on the assessment of the submissions, it is recommended that:

Based on the assessment of the submissions, it is recommended that Council retain Shepherd Services as the preferred supplier for DRFA Project Management Services.

Shepherd Services’ submission provides a reliable and competitively structured offer, supported by their demonstrated knowledge of and experience with Council’s road network through more than four years of service delivery. While some of Shepherd Services’ hourly rates are higher than those submitted by GBA, these costs are fully recoverable through the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA), mitigating any financial impact to Council.

Shepherd Services have been engaged by Council to provide project management resources for QRA Flood Damage submissions since August 2022. During this period, they have delivered ongoing guidance and training to Council staff, liaised with contractors and QRA officers, and ensured works are completed in accordance with benchmark standards. Shepherd Services maintain regular engagement with Council officers for reporting purposes, provide monthly status reports, and participate in scheduled monthly meetings with Council and Council’s QRA liaison to ensure clear communication and oversight of project delivery.

It is further recommended that GBA be noted as a secondary supplier, providing a reliable and competitively priced alternative should additional capacity or support be required.

Project Management Approval – Shepherd Services (Estimates 4256, 4257 and 4259)

Council currently has three DRFA submissions requiring Project Management approval. Two of these submissions were prepared by Shepherd Services and have been lodged with the QRA, with one submission approved and the second currently approximately 85 per cent reviewed. The third submission relates to emergent works arising from the 2025–2026 flood event and requires damage assessment and review to determine the scope of emergent works, along with the preparation and lodgement of the associated claim with QRA.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total estimated cost for Shepherd Services to provide consultant project management services for the three DRFA submissions is outlined in the table below, together with the corresponding submission values. All amounts are exclusive of GST.

SUMMARY OF SHEPHERD SERVICE ESTIMATES FOR COUNCIL REPORT - APRIL 2026							
Submission No	Event	Status	Value \$	Estimate No	Shepherd Est \$ Amount	Initial Funding Received	Est Retention QRA @10%
BSC.0087.2425T.REC	Additional - Innamincka Rd	Lodged	\$ 701,004.41	4256	\$ 61,440.00	-	\$ 70,100.44
BSC.0088.2425T.REC	Bulloo Flooded Rds - March 25	Approved	\$ 7,053,251.29	4257	\$ 589,891.25	\$ 2,115,975.39	\$ 705,325.13
BSC. Feb/Mar 26 EWK	February/March Emergent Work	Pending	TBA	4259	\$ 250,620.00	-	NA
					\$ 901,951.25		

The cost of engaging Shepherd Services is fully recoverable from the QRA. QRA reimburses actual and reasonable costs required to deliver eligible works, subject to those costs being adequately evidenced and directly related to the delivery of approved works. Accordingly, no net financial impact to Council is anticipated, as all costs will be recovered through QRA.

In accordance with Council’s Procurement Policy, purchases of \$200,000 (excluding GST) and above are classified as a Large-Sized Contractual Arrangement. Council is permitted to engage Shepherd Services under an existing Local Buy Arrangement (Contract LB279).

While the Procurement Policy reference table indicates that quotes are typically sought from three Local Buy arrangement suppliers, section 234 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 permits Council to enter into a contract for goods or services without first inviting written quotes or

tenders where the contract is entered into under a Local Government Arrangement. This engagement is therefore compliant with both the Policy and the Regulation.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Council may be exposed to the risk of reduced or forfeited Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) funding if:

- Works are not completed to QRA standards, including the capture and retention of required photographic evidence at the prescribed stages of delivery; and/or
- Works are not completed within the timeframes specified by QRA.

CONSULTATION

CEO

Admin & Finance Manager

14.14 T2025-2026-213 - FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS RESTORATION – SOUTH EAST ZONE

File Number: 160472
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to outline the background to the tender and evaluation process for T2025–2026–213 Flood Damaged Roads Restoration – South East Zone. The report also seeks 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 Grassit Pty Ltd T/A RECS Group for the sum of \$1,330,658.50 ex GST to complete 2025-2026-213 Flood Damaged Roads Restoration – Various Roads – South East Zone (74) contract; and
2. 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 T2025-2026-213 Flood Damaged Roads Restoration contract, relate to damage which occurred during the multiple rainfall and flooding events between March and April 2025.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Council received tender submissions from four companies for T2025-2026-113.

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 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 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.

GRASIT PTY LTD T/A RECS GROUP (RECS)

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.

Subsequent clarification and negotiation with RECS Group, as a shortlisted tenderer, resulted in the two qualifications being addressed to the satisfaction of the TEP. The impact of the qualifications has been accounted for via a slightly varied tender value, removing one qualification entirely, with the second one reduced to the point where it will be unlikely to impact contract delivery.

TOLBRA EARTHMOVERS AND HAULAGE PTY LTD (TOLBRA)

Tolbra Earthmovers and Haulage Pty Ltd is a Thargomindah-based company with a significant depot and office located within the township. Tolbra has previously delivered multiple contracts for Council, with recent works relating primarily to Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) flood recovery activities and road pavement material procurement, including winning and crushing.

Tolbra has demonstrated the ability to deliver previous contract works for Council to a high standard. At the time of assessment, Tolbra is currently undertaking the Orientos Road, Epsilon Road and Bransby Santos Road contracts (Western Contracts). These contracts relate to damage incurred during the 2023–24 financial year and are not associated with the 2025 flood event. All current works relate to DRFA flood recovery, with completion of the three Western Contracts anticipated prior to June 2026.

The Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) identified a concern within Tolbra's tender submission regarding existing commitments associated with the Western Contracts. While these commitments were disclosed in the tender documentation, it was noted that personnel resources appeared to be shared across multiple contracts. Given the scale, quantity, and intensity of works required within the allocated timeframes, the TEP considered that Tolbra's simultaneous delivery of the Western Contracts in addition to one or more of the South East, North West and North East Zone contracts could place pressure on available resources. The TEP assessed this as presenting a potential risk to Council in terms of delivery capability and compliance with contract requirements.

Tolbra completed all or the majority of the required tender response schedules, with information presented to a generally good standard. While Tolbra's management systems are not third-party accredited, they were considered comprehensive and suitable for the proposed contract works. Tender documentation indicated that all works could be completed within the nominated contract timeframes; however, these programs must be considered in the context of Tolbra's existing contractual commitments and the cumulative delivery timeframe across multiple contracts.

The TEP further noted that Tolbra's Schedule K2 – Additional Works Pricing Schedule was not completed fully or correctly. Although Schedule K2 does not perform the same function as Schedule K1, the TEP emphasised the importance of providing complete and accurate pricing information, particularly where financial matters and potential variations may arise.

Tolbra advised in its Schedule L – Statement of Departures that its tender fully complies with the contract requirements, with no departures, amendments, qualifications or conditions applying.

Subsequent to the submission and assessment process, Tolbra provided additional correspondence confirming that it has the capacity to deliver the works and advising that crew numbers and personnel resources can be expanded as required to meet contract demands.

EVALUATION SUMMARY

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

South East Zone (74)		
Tenderer	Price ex GST	Score / 100
SC & KG Bowen Earthmoving (Bowen)	\$2,426,470.85	61.5/100
Grassit Pty Ltd T/A RECS Group (RECS)	\$1,330,658.50	59.6/100
Tolbra Earthmovers and Haulage Pty Ltd (Tolbra)	\$2,346,742.49	56.0/100
Durack Civil Pty Ltd (Durack)	\$1,578,535.96	55.3/100

Recommendation

RECS have previously delivered DRFA unsealed road repair works for New South Wales local government authorities. RECS indicated that they currently have no contract commitments which would impact on the commencement of work on site or completion of the work within the contract delivery timeframe.

RECS' tender submission, following negotiations, is the cheapest price to complete the contract works. However, RECS, based on the overall TEP scoring are ranked second. This ranking is primarily driven by the local content benefit that Bowen (the first ranked tenderer) receive from being a Bulloo based contractor. The price difference between Bowen and RECS is significant and totals \$1,095,812.35.

The TEPs recommendation of awarding the contract to RECS, despite the final score ranking, is based on the significant additional cost the number one ranked tenderer would represent. The TEP in consultation with the CEO, via seeking clarifications and negotiating with RECS, has removed, or substantially mitigated, the likelihood of significant variations to the contract delivery.

It is on the above basis that the TEP make the recommendation to appoint RECS as the successful tenderer for the South East Zone contract.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

The South East Zone 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 price to complete the works is 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.0074.2425C.REC – South East Zone

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 3 September 2026.

CONSULTATION

Queensland Reconstruction Authority

Shepherd Services

Engineer

ATTACHMENT 1

Bulloo Shire Council Commercial In Confidence Tender Evaluation Summary		
Contract: Flood Damaged Roads Restoration – South East Zone (74)	Budget: \$2,581,162.47	
Closed: Wednesday 11 March 2026	Contract Term: Weeks from possession of site – 20 weeks	
Funding Source: Queensland Reconstruction Authority		
RECOMMENDED TENDERER	TENDER PRICE ex GST	TENDERER'S ADDRESS
Grassit Pty Ltd T/A RECS Group	\$1,330,658.50	208 Milvale Road YOUNG NSW 2594
TENDERS NOT RECOMMENDED		
Durack Civil Pty Ltd	\$1,578,535.96	182 Goonyella Road MORANBAH QLD 4744
Tolbra Earthmovers & Haulage Pty Ltd	\$2,346,742.49	46 Dowling Street THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492
SC & KG Bowen Earthmoving	\$2,426,470.85	1903 Old Thargomindah Road QUILPIE QLD 4480
NON-CONFORMING TENDERS		
Nil		
LATE TENDERS		
Nil		
ENDORSEMENT		APPROVAL
Tiffany Dare		By Council on 16 April 2026
Chief Executive Officer		

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

- T2025-2026-213 – SOUTH EAST ZONE (74)

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 four Tenderers. No non-conforming submission were received. No late tenders were received.

Conforming Submissions

1. Durack Civil Pty Ltd
2. Grassit Pty Ltd T/A RECS Group
3. SC & KG Bowen Earthmoving
4. Tolbra Earthmovers and Haulage Pty Ltd

Non-conforming Submissions

- Nil

Late Submission

- 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.

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

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

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 contractors ability to deliver the work in a safe and efficient manner.

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. South East Zone (74) - Grassit Pty Ltd T/A RECS Group

Tender Evaluation Panel Recommendation

That Council accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Grassit Pty Ltd for Contract 2025-2026-213 Flood Damaged Roads Restoration – Various Roads – Sealed and Unsealed Road Repairs – South East Zone (74) for \$1,330,658.50 ex GST in accordance with the contract provisions and schedule of rates.

14.15 T2025-2026-108 SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) NEW TRUCK GVM 12 TON TIP TRAY & 5 TON CRANE

File Number: 160502
Author: Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to accept a tender for the supply and delivery of one (1) new truck GVM 12-ton tip tray and 5-ton crane.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council,

1. Endorse the purchase of the Mercedes Benz Atego 1224 from Daimler Trucks Toowoomba for \$356,230.73 (excl. GST); and
2. Approve a budget amendment of \$57,000 to the 2025/2026 Capital Budget to accommodate the purchase cost.

BACKGROUND

As part of Council's asset management program for the replacement and renewal of heavy fleet, a capital allocation was included in the 2025/2026 budget for the purchase of an Crane/Tip Truck (12-tonne) to replace Plant 725.

Plant 725 was purchased in 2013 and has accumulated 217,818 kilometres. The new truck will be used across various Council departments, primarily on rural work sites. It will be required to operate on regional roads (sealed and unsealed) and must be registered for road use.

Council called for tenders for the Supply and Delivery of one (1) new 11-tonne GVM Tip Tray Truck, which was awarded to Black Trucks in February 2025.

In October 2025, Council contacted Black Trucks for a delivery update and was advised that the Isuzu FSR 120-26 AT R62 model had to be returned to Japan, with no confirmed date for future availability in Australia.

In the November 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting, resolution 2025/216 was passed to readvertise the tender with a GVM of 12 tonnes and notify Black Trucks accordingly. This report details the outcome of the readvertised tender.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Resolution 2025/24

Resolution 2025/216

DISCUSSION

Request for Tender T2025-2026-108 closed at 5:00pm on Wednesday, 8th April 2026. During the evaluation process, there was little interest and tender submissions. The tender was readvertised on Vendor Panel for an additional 5 business days to secure more tenders, and further tenders were received. Please see the below table for a summary of the tenders.

Tenderer	Make	Model	Comply with Spec's	Delivery	Warranty & Parts	Price Each (ex GST)
Daimler Trucks Toowoomba	Mercedes Benz	Atego 1224 Year of Build 2025	Yes	8 weeks	60 months 250,000km	\$356,230.73
Sitrak Gold Coast	Sitrak	G5S Euro 6 Year of Build 2026	Mostly*	12 weeks	36 months 600,000km	\$281,595.91
Black Truck & Ag - Roma	Isuzu	FSR 120-260 AT Year of Build 2026	Mostly**	45 weeks	72 months 300,000km	\$371,619.67

*Sitrak did not tick ringer feeder and the battery isolation switch is on the passenger side, not drivers side as requested.

**Black Truck & Ag truck does not include ringer feeder.

Black Truck & Ag's Isuzu submission exceeded Council's budget and included a 45-week delivery timeframe. Sitrak's G5S was the only offer received within budget; however, the proposed make and model is not currently represented in Council's fleet, raising concerns regarding product quality and whole-of-life support. In addition, the Sitrak submission did not fully meet all specifications, although the non-conformances may be considered minor. Daimler Trucks Toowoomba's Mercedes-Benz Atego 1224 complies with all required specifications and has an estimated delivery timeframe of eight (8) weeks; however, the offer exceeds Council's budget by \$56,991. Given the outcomes of the tender process and the pricing received, it is recommended Council amend the budget to enable the purchase of Daimler Trucks Toowoomba's Mercedes-Benz Atego 1224.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As per Councils budget for fleet in the 2025/26 (excluding GST)

2025/2026 Budget	Daimler	Overbudget
\$299,240	\$356,231	56,991

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Operational Risk: There is a risk of the existing plant (Plant 725) failing, leaving Council without a suitable replacement.

Reputational Risk: A risk exists if Council does not adhere to proper procurement processes in managing the variation to the tender.

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Admin and Finance Manager

Engineer

Plant Coordinator

Senior Finance Officer

Finance Officer

14.16 T2025-2026-113 HIRE OF TWO (2) WATER CARTS ON EULO-HUNGERFORD ROAD

File Number: 160504
Author: Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the tender responses from suitably qualified contractors to supply and operate water trucks for the Eulo-Hungerford Road under Transport and Main Roads.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the tender from J. Prisk Contractors for the rate of \$197 per hour, per truck, resulting in a total fortnightly cost of \$37,233 ex GST.

BACKGROUND

In March 2026, Council advertised for suitably qualified contractors to supply and operate two (2) water trucks for road works on Eulo-Hungerford Road under Transport and Main Roads on a 9/5 roster (9 days on and 5 days off) from April 2026 to 30th August 2026, weather permitting.

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

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

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THIS MATTER

Nil.

DISCUSSION

At the time of closing, Council received two (2) submissions and they were evaluated based on:

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

The Tenderer’s scores are as follows:

T2025-2026-113 Water Cart Hire for Eulo-Hungerford Road Tenderer's Score			
Criteria	Weighting	J. Prisk Contractors	K&N Earthmoving
Relevant Experience	25%	21%	18%
Tenderers Resources	15%	13%	5%
Demonstrated Understanding	10%	8%	6%
Cost	40%	34%	30%
Local Content	10%	10%	3%
Total Score	100%	86%	62%

J. Prisk Contractors scored the highest at 86% with an hourly rate of \$197 per hour, per truck; while K&N Earthmoving came in at 62% with an hourly rate of \$200 per hour, per truck. The panel recommend Council accept the tender from J. Prisk Contractors.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Estimate of costs if the contract works commence 27th April 2026 to 25th August 2026, totalling 9 rostered stints in accordance with Council’s 9 days on and 5 days off roster, is \$335,097 ex GST.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

30th August 2026

CONSULTATION

Engineer

Plant Coordinator

Admin & Finance Manager

Finance Officer

15 LATE ITEMS

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

17 NEXT MEETING

18 CLOSURE