



Bulloo
Shire

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

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

BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

19 February 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**

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 - (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 - 22 JANUARY 2026

File Number: 159675

Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Minutes of Council Meeting - 22 January 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 22 January 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.



Bulloo
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MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

22 January 2026

**MINUTES OF BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 68 DOWLING STREET THARGOMINDAH QUEENSLAND 4492
ON THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY 2026 AT 9:00 AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Tiffany Dare (Chief Executive Officer)

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed all Councillors and guests and declared the meeting open at 9:15am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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3 ATTENDANCE INCLUDING APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 12 DECEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION 2026/1

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Friday 12 December 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

8 RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

10 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

11 MAYORAL REPORTS

11.1 MAYORS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/2

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

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

CARRIED

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/3**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council

- a) receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's report for the month of December 2025.
- b) dispose of the existing street sweeper by auction; and contract street sweeping services to an external provider.

CARRIED

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS**14.1 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025-2026 PROGRESS REPORT - 30 DECEMBER 2025 (Q2)****RESOLUTION 2026/4**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

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

CARRIED

14.2 CEO DELEGATION TO WRITE OFF COSTS**RESOLUTION 2026/5**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council

- a) Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to approve the write-off of unrecoverable amounts up to \$1,000 per occurrence, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009, including rates, charges, sundry debtors, inventory, fixed assets, and work-in-progress/contract adjustments; and
- b) That all write-offs approved under this delegation be reported to Council for information.

CARRIED

14.3 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT**RESOLUTION 2026/6**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

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

CARRIED

Adjournment

Council adjourned the meeting for Morning Tea at 10:00 am.

Council resumed the meeting at 10:25 am.

14.4 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**RESOLUTION 2026/7**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council adopt the Financial Performance Report for period ending 31st December 2025 in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

CARRIED

14.5 FEES AND CHARGES 2025/26 AMENDMENT**RESOLUTION 2026/8**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council endorse the amended the Fees and Charges 2025/2026 as presented in accordance with Chapter 4 Part 2 Sec 97 of the Local Government Act 2009, with amendments as discussed.

CARRIED

14.6 T2025-2026-105 SALE OF LAND - THARGOMINDAH**RESOLUTION 2026/9**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council accept the tenders from:

- a) Megan Riley for the purchase of Lot 6 on SP348654 for the total sum of \$10,000 including GST; and

- b) Justin and Laura Langton for the purchase of Lot 1 on SP348654 for the total sum of \$7,500 including GST; and
- c) Liam John Stitt for the purchase of Lot 3 on SP325117 for the total sum of \$5,500 including GST; and
- d) Talia Maree Easton for the purchase of Lot 3 on SP348654 for the total sum of \$15,100 including GST.

CARRIED

Attendance

Kate Humphris (Administration & Finance Manager) and Tamie Warner (Community, Culture and Places Manager) attended the meeting at 10:55am.

14.7 COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/10

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

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

CARRIED

Attendance

Kate and Tamie left the meeting at 11:35am.

14.8 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/11

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

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

CARRIED

Attendance

George Inocentes (Engineer) attending the meeting at 11:43am

Ben Ferguson (Works Coordinator) attended the meeting at 11:46am.

14.9 OPERATIONAL SERVICES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2026/12**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

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

CARRIED**Attendance**

Ben left the meeting at 12:00pm

WATER BORES ON WARRI GATE ROAD**RESOLUTION 2026/13**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council approve an allocation of \$120,000 for the installation of water bores along Warri Gate Road.

CARRIED**14.10 T2025-2026-207 - FLOOD DAMAGED ROAD RESTORATION - WARRI GATE ROAD – SEALED AND UNSEALED ROAD REPAIRS****RESOLUTION 2026/14**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council:

1. Accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by SC & KG Bowen Earthmoving for the sum of \$1,018,247.80 ex GST to complete T2025-2026-207 Flood Damaged Roads Restoration – Warri Gate Road – Sealed and Unsealed Road Repairs; and
2. Resolves that the rates remain confidential, but the resolution be made public immediately; and
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the contract in the form proposed.

CARRIED

15 LATE ITEMS

15.1 AUCTION OF SURPLUS PLANT & EQUIPMENT

RESOLUTION 2026/15

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council approve the items listed in Attachment One, titled *“Auction of Surplus Plant & Equipment”*, to be auctioned through Nasco Auctioneers, excluding Plant 254 (Millar Bobcat 250 Welder/Generator) and including the Street Sweeper.

CARRIED

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

17 NEXT MEETING

That the next Ordinary Council Meeting is scheduled for 19th February 2026.

18 CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 12:35pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 February 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: 159561
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 January 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

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| 1 | Peak Services Meeting |
| 22 | Ordinary Council Meeting |
| 26 | Australia Day Event |

Media

- 2WEB
- ABC Longreach
- 4BC Brisbane
- Chanel 7
- QLD Courier Mail

**Various interviews regarding State Governments Media Release for Thargomindah Levee Design and the Heatwave.*

Correspondence

Nil

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORTS

12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

File Number: 159562
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 January 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.	5 Nov - Plans finished. Currently updating consent documents to send to owners and lessees. 2 Dec – Mr Rosenberger has been ill for 5wks, he had advise he will be getting the applications underway soon. XX
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	Given that more than 12 months have passed, Council may wish to consider rescinding the resolution and closing this matter. Nov 2025 - If no further action, Council will move a motion to rescind the motion in January 2026. January 2026 – PT contacted Council to
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.	Jan 2026 – Tender advertised; closing date 26 th February.
November	Res 2025/205 - Property Protection Cover 2025/2026	That Council increase the flood cover limit under Council’s Property Protection Insurance from \$250,000 to \$2,000,000.	Council is liaising with JLT to arrange additional flood cover.
December	Res 2025/233 – Floodway and Traffic Monitoring Devices	That Council approve a trial of six Band7 Direct-to-Cell Satellite Floodway and Rainwater Gauge monitoring devices on a 24-month plan at key points along the Bulloo River.	Sites located in Quilpie Shire – preliminary discussions have occurred with Quilpie Shire Council regarding placement of gauges within their local government area, with maintenance to be undertaken by Bulloo Shire. Council is finalising site locations and will provide a copy to the Quilpie Shire

			Engineer.
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Meetings attended

- 8 Bulloo Council and Wagtail Red Meeting
- 12 Fire Awareness Training
- Peak Services Grants Meeting – Sport & Rec Flood Recovery Funding
- 13 Bulloo/Forge weekly meeting
- 16 Bulloo/RMS Meeting – 2025/26 External Audit Dates
- Land Tender Evaluation
- 19 Peak Services Audit Meeting
- 20 ELT WHS Meeting
- 21 Bulloo/Forge weekly meeting
- 22 Ordinary Council Meeting – *attended by ACEO*
- 27 Bulloo/Shepherds/QRA monthly meeting
- 29 Department of Customer Services, Open Data and Small and Family Business - Mobile Customer Services Meeting
- State Development – Residential Activation Fund Meeting

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Meeting	Locations	Council Representative
5-6 February	Darling Downs and South West Queensland Council of Mayors (DDSWQCoM) Meeting	Toowoomba	Mayor
13 February	BROC Meeting	Tenterfield	Cr Russell Ferguson Cr Stewart Morton
19 February	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
23 February	SWQROC + SWRRTG & SWQWSA	Online	Mayor with Cr Glyn Dare as Proxy
5 March	Bulloo Audit Committee Meeting	Thargomindah	Cr Glyn Dare Cr Russell Ferguson
19 March	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
22-24 March	SWQROC Federal Deputations	Canberra	Mayor with Cr Glyn Dare as Proxy
25-26 March	LGAQ Civic Leaders Summit	Brisbane	

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

			Cr Russell Ferguson
15 October	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	
18 October	DDSWQCoM Meeting	Cairns	Mayor
19 October	SWQROC AGM	Cairns	Mayor with Cr Glyn Dare as Proxy
19-21 October	LGAQ Annual Conference	Cairns	
13 November	BROC Meeting	St George	Cr Russell Ferguson Cr Stewart Morton
19 November	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
23-24 November	SWQROC + SWRRTG & SWQWSA	Roma	Mayor with Cr Glyn Dare as Proxy
14 December	SWQROC Meeting	Online	Mayor with Cr Glyn Dare as Proxy
17 December	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS

14.1 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT

File Number: 159690
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 January 2026.

ADMINISTRATION

Customer Service Requests

Listed below is a summary of the 6 External Service Requests received for the month of January 2026.

Department - Type	Number
Housing Maintenance	4
Hire of Halls, Parks & Facilities	2

TENDERS

Item	Department	Status
T2025-2026-211 Noccundra Airstrip Fence - Supply & Installation	Engineer	Report to Council
T2025-2026-106 Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers	Admin & Finance	Closing 25 February 2026 at 4:00pm
T2025-2026-208 Turkey Nest Dam Constructions – Warri Gate Road	Executive	Closing 4 March 2026 at 12:00pm
T2025-2026-209 Artesian Water Bore Drilling – Warri Gate Road	Executive	Closing 25 February 2026 at 12:00pm

PROCUREMENT

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

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

To date, Council has paid a total of **\$15,731,059** to local contractors and businesses for all goods and services procured from 1st July 2025 to 31st January 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 31/03/2026 for the Echidna Statue project to allow for remaining underspend of ~\$12,000 be utilised on new signage to accommodate the statue. Alongside interpretation there will also be installation of flood markers indicating the 2025 and past major flooding events relevant to the resolute nature of the echidna icon.

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

These are ongoing operational grants that are being successfully delivered by Council and managed by Diane Montgomerie.

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

- Extension of bulk of works until December 2025 previously granted, with recent further approval granted to extend the Tennis Club and Medical Centre until end February 2026
- 2024-25 Annual Reports for all phases submitted
- Final acquittal report to be submitted after last two projects completed

Projects approved in Phase 1's extension:

- Community Centre – New Gym Floor & Other Necessary Works – **Complete**
- Hungerford Tennis Club Building – Cladding – **due for completion February 2026**
- Extension of Concrete Pad – Canteen Standing Area, Thargomindah Sports Oval – **Complete**

Projects approved in Phase 3's extension:

- Hungerford Medical Centre Backup Generator – **materials received, completion expected early February 2026**
- Thargomindah Golf Club House – Install Split Systems & Down Pipes – **Complete**
- Memorial Park – New Shade Sail Over Playground – **Complete**
- River Walk – Replace Solar Lights – **Complete**

Projects approved in Phase 4's extension:

- Advice is being sought from the Department in relation to using an underspend from Phase 4

Remote Roads Upgrade Program

- Works continuing on Warri Gate Road for sealing, project completion extended to December 2025. Further variation request seeking extension until end of February 2026 granted to complete rock protection. An application for combined payment of Milestone 3 and 4 was submitted early January to enable payment (at suggestion of Department) and approved.

QRA Crucial Access Links

- Noccundra Airport - Soil sample and survey work completed, tender documentation being compiled.

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)
- Preliminary design works now being organised, expecting tender documentation to be drafted. 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 also looking for 'sod turning announceables'. The first progress reports have been submitted and approval sought for signage.

Country Roads Connect Program

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

Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program

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

Community Recovery and Resilience Officer (CRRO)

Council has been funded to engage a full-time equivalent (FTE)* CRRO and delivery of community recovery Eligible Activities. Recruitment commenced. Departmental approval granted to fund the Spirit of the Bush event and to defer the development of the mandatory Recovery and Resilience Plan until CRRO has been appointed.

Supply Scheme Fund

Council has been approved for funding of \$100,000 to undertake a review of the planning scheme. Council has been granted approval to change the scope of the grant to cover a general planning scheme review for Thargomindah, rather than the development of a detailed infrastructure planning scheme as originally proposed. The Department has requested to view the RFT or other engagement documentation prior to issuing

Works for Queensland Grants

Final acquittal report to be submitted.

Community Energy Upgrade Fund

Council was successful in its application for funds to install rooftop solar PV systems and automation controls at three Council owned facilities in Thargomindah - Visitor Information Centre, SES/Fire Brigade Shed and Memorial Park buildings.

Grant applications in development include:

- Sport and Recreation Recovery Grants – funding sought for Community Centre, Football Oval, Golf Club, Memorial Park, Rodeo Grounds and Noccundra Sports Grounds. Community Centre, Golf Club and Memorial Park applications submitted.
- Western Queensland Events Boost Funding – applications to support the Shearers Shindig and Channel Country Music Muster submitted.
- Passenger Transport Accessible Infrastructure Program – potential projects to be agreed.
- Council is exploring funding and grant options to upgrade tourism and heritage assets/facilities

14.2 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

File Number: 159815
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 January 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 as at 31st January 2026, are included for the information of Council.

Financial Sustainability Indicators

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

Key Local Government Performance Indicators

Indicator		Target	31 st Jan 2026	Comment
Current Ratio Is Council able to pay off its short-term liabilities with its current assets?	<i>Current Assets/Current Liabilities</i>	Greater than 3%	2.27%	Lower than target. Grant funds received before works complete.
Operating Surplus Ratio Does Council have sufficient operating revenue to meet Council operating costs?	<i>Surplus (Deficit) from council operations / Revenue generated from Council operations</i>	0 to 10%	0%	Within Target
Unrestricted Cash Expense Ratio Has Council properly planned for when payments associated with Council activities are due?	Unrestricted Cash / Expected cash operating costs for one month	Greater than 4 months	3.9 months	Lower than target. High contract liabilities and revenue not yet received / recognised

Operating Statement (Income Statement)				
Period Ending 31st January 2026				
	Jan-26	Actual - YTD	Amended Budget 2025/2026	Variance %
Operating Revenue				
Rates and Charges	0	3,091,683	6,236,385	50%
Less: Discount, Rebate & Remissions	0	-87,548	-180,171	49%
	0	3,004,135	6,056,214	
Fees and Charges	2,266	126,984	32,839	387%
Interest	138,494	941,233	1,563,710	60%
Rental Income	32,120	265,158	316,713	84%
	172,880	1,333,375	1,913,262	
Recoverable Works	496,706	6,007,446	3,469,786	173%
Other Income	0	165,389	394,072	42%
Contributions	0	0	0	
Subsidies and Grants	8,341,283	24,946,803	64,062,640	39%
	8,837,989	31,119,638	67,926,498	
Total Operating Revenues	9,010,869	35,457,148	75,895,974	
Operating Expenditure				
Administration and Governance Cost	-890,954	7,692,828	8,466,903	91%
Corporate Services Costs	236,345	1,059,371	4,441,510	24%
Town Service Costs	187,820	1,252,589	9,442,497	13%
Net Plant Operating Costs	-16,672	-1,258,348	-2,174,170	58%
Rural Service	15,292	286,579	812,906	35%
Finance Services	4,091	30,186	44,967	67%
Depreciation	553,505	3,859,387	6,462,186	60%
Road Services	3,542,493	22,466,296	50,858,207	44%
Total Operating Expenditure	3,631,920	35,388,888	78,355,006	
OPERATING CAPABILITY BEFORE CAPITAL	5,378,949	68,260	-2,459,032	
Capital Items				
Sale of non-current assets	0	0	-829,273	
Contributions	0	0	6,856,660	
Subsidies and Grants	-170,749	3,426,684	20,036,289	17%
Capital Expenditure	0	0	-26,063,676	
INCR / (DECR) IN OPERATING CAPABILITY INCL CAPITAL	5,208,200	3,494,944	-2,459,032	

Financial Position			
As at 31st January 2026			
	Notes	Balance	Amended Budget 2025/2026
Current Assets			
Cash and Equivalents	11	43,013,311	37,634,000
Trade and Other Receivables	12	-118,701	6,110,000
Prepayments		0	184,000
Inventories	13	4,205,859	4,154,000
Contract Assets	12	8,567,998	8,029,000
Other Current Assets		0	0
		55,668,467	56,111,000
Land Held for Development /Sale	15	0	0
Total Current Assets	2	55,668,467	56,111,000
Non-Current Assets			
Trade & Other Receivables		0	0
Property, Plant and Equipment	18	308,188,397	327,540,000
Total Non-Current Assets	2	308,188,397	327,540,000
TOTAL ASSETS		363,856,864	383,651,000
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payments	20	537,136	5,634,000
Contract Liabilities		22,896,978	22,644,000
Borrowings	21	0	0
Provisions	23	1,046,351	1,150,000
Total Current Liabilities		24,480,465	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		24,567,026	29,462,000
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS		339,289,838	354,189,000
Community Equity			
Asset Revaluation Reserve	25	190,196,560	190,179,000
Accumulated Surplus	26	149,093,278	164,010,000
Shire Capital		0	0
Other Reserves	28	0	0
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		339,289,838	354,189,000

Balance Sheet: Note 11

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

Account	Balance	Interest Rate	Restricted Cash	Unrestricted Cash
NAB	1,615,162	3.45%		1,615,162
Explorers Caravan Park	3,527	0.00%		3,527
QTC - 22039	6,906,179	4.20%		6,906,179
QTC - 22040	31,005,138	4.18%	25,427,113	5,578,025
QTC - 23766	3,481,802	4.20%		3,481,802
Float Money	1,503	0.00%		1,503
Total	43,013,311		25,427,113	17,586,198

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Statement of Cash Flows			
As at 31st January 2026			
	Notes	YTD - Jan 26	Amended Budget 2025/2026
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Receipts from Customers		10,995,907	9,359,000
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		-34,235,133	-69,709,000
		-23,239,226	-60,350,000
Interest Received		941,233	1,564,000
Rental Income		262,598	298,000
Non-Capital Grants and Contributions		24,640,538	60,237,000
Borrowing Costs		0	0
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	35	2,605,143	1,749,000
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment		-4,767,404	-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		3,434,350	20,036,000
Other Cash Flows from Investing activities		0	0
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		-1,333,054	-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		1,272,089	-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	43,013,311	37,634,222

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PROFITABILITY

The table below shows actual vs budget BSC Plant Profitability as at 31st January 2026.

Job Cost	Description	Jan-26 Inc / Exp	YTD Inc / Exp	%	Budget
Revenue					
7100-1905	Plant Hire	87,577	2,416,206	54%	4,510,688
7100-1100	Fuel Rebate Subsidy	0	42,487	59%	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		87,577	2,478,114	54%	4,582,474
Expenditure					
7100-2005	Plant Maintenance - Parts & Labour	46,389	489,165	56%	868,586
7100-2010	Plant Maintenance - Tyres & Batteries	5,757	77,235	39%	198,470
7100-2015	Plant Maintenance - Fuel & Oils	11,555	308,096	36%	863,041
7100-2020	Plant Rego. & Insurance	118	198,080	99%	200,000
7100-2025	Workshop Consumables	67	11,432	35%	32,690
7100-2030	Workshop Operating Costs	6,749	69,920	41%	169,611
7100-2035	Radio & T.V. Maintenance	109	3,930	95%	4,120
7100-2600	Depreciation-Plant & Depot	106,411	756,808	61%	1,243,820
Total Expenditure		177,155	1,914,666	53%	3,580,338
Profit (Loss)		-89,578	563,448	56%	1,002,136

CONSULTANT REPORT – 31ST JANUARY 2026

Consultant	Jan 2026 Expenditure	YTD Expenditure 2025/2026	Comments
AMB Geotech SQS Pty Ltd	-	5,324	Soil Testing Services
Ashurst Australia	-	2,277	Legal Services
Australis Advisory Group Pty Ltd	-	8,250	Asset Valuation Services
Brandon & Associates Pty. Ltd.	-	30,267	Engineering Services
C Alexander and Associates	20,218	68,765	Accounting Services
Forge Solutions QLD Pty Ltd	1,944,878	8,987,925	Disaster Management Services
GBA Consulting Engineers	21,414	53,091	Consulting Engineers
King & Company Solicitors	-	10,835	Legal Services
Ochre Community Consulting	-	14,703	Cultural Heritage Consulting
Peak Services	16,022	61,347	Grant Support
Perks & Associates Pty Ltd	-	3,465	FBT Tax Accounting Service
Safe As Gold Consulting	16,194	83,160	WHS Consultancy Service
Shepherd Services Pty Ltd	186,891	1,897,709	Road Consultancy Service (Claimable)
Statewide Building Design Solutions Pty	-	24,106	Building Design
Stephen Kenneth Mizen	-	46	Building Inspector
Total	2,205,618	11,251,271	

DEBTORS SUMMARY – 31ST JANUARY 2026

Debtors Category	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	Balance
Sundry Debtors	28,499.80	0.00	0.00	20,404.25	48,904.05
Housing	4,551.80	777.03	0.00	1,896.08	7,224.91
Aerodrome Fuel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Common	0.00	0.00	1,551.30	0.00	1,551.30
Qld Government	19,459.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,459.00
Federal Government	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	52,510.60	777.03	1,551.30	22,300.33	77,139.26

RATES SUMMARY – 31ST JANUARY 2026

Rates	
Brought forward arrears including Interest	74,681.10
Interest current year	5,251.17
Rates Levied in 2025-26	3,215,866.99
Total	3,295,799.26
Less Rates Collected during 2025-26	3,151,411.34
Govt & Council pensioner subsidy 2025-26	2,208.76
Discount on rates collection during 2025-26	85,338.96
Write-Offs	0.00
Credit supplementary notices	0.00
Total Outstanding Balance *	56,840.20
Unallocated Receipts	-47,408.74
Current Outstanding Balance	9,431.46

14.3 BUDGET PROCESS TIMETABLE PARAMETERS 2026-27**File Number:** 159676**Author:** Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Budget Process Timetable Parameters 2026-27**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to endorse the Budget Parameters and Timetable 2026-2027.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Plan

Annual Operational Plan

Budgets and Long-term Financial Forecasts

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**RECOMMENDATION**

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

BACKGROUND

Local Governments are required under the *Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012* to prepare a Corporate Plan, Annual Operational Plan, Budgets and long-term financial forecasts.

To assist management and staff in the preparation and development of these documents, endorsement is being sought from Council regarding the parameters within which budget items are compiled by responsible officers.

Councils are also required under S170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to adopt budgets after 31st May in the year before the financial year and prior to 1st August in the financial year or a later day decided by the Minister.

In order to meet timeframes as specified in the Act, a timetable has been developed by management.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Council Cost Index and Consumer Price Index:

- LGAQ has issued the Council Cost Index (CCI) annual change for 2024/2025 at **3.4%** (2023/2024 at 4.7%), with a projected change for 2025/2026 of **3.2%**.
- According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) annual change was:
 - From December 2024 to December 2025, **+3.8%**
 - From June 2024 to June 2025, **+2.1%**
- Market Sector Goods and Services inflation annual change for 2025, **+5.2%**

Other Materials and Services:

Council has included an increase by 3% as the CPI increased by 3.8% as at December 2025.

Fees & Charges:

Generally, Fees and Charges are to increase by 3%.

Rates and Charges:

In preparation for 2026/2027 budget, it is proposed to use 3% as the base in the modelling of rates and utility charges.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

There is risk of developing a deficient budget if Council does not have budget parameters in place. Furthermore, a risk of breaching legislation if Council does not prepare a Corporate Plan, Annual Operational Plan, Budgets and long-term financial forecasts to adopt prior to 1st August 2026.

CRITICAL DATES

Budget must be adopted prior to 1st August 2026.

CONSULTATION

Admin & Finance Manager

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Local Governments are required under the *Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012* to prepare a Corporate Plan, Annual Operational Plans, Budgets and long-term financial forecasts.

To assist management and staff in the preparation and development of these documents, endorsement is being sought from Council in regard to the parameters within which budget items are compiled by responsible officers.

Councils are also required under S170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to adopt budgets after 31 May in the year before the financial year and prior to 1 August in the financial year or a later day decided by the Minister.

In order to meet timeframes as specified in the Act, a timetable has been developed by management and is listed on page 4 below.

Budget Parameters

To assist Managers and staff in substantiating costs to Council, the following parameters have been developed for the 2026-27 budgets.

Corporate Plan

Corporate Plan was adopted by Council on 15 June 2021. The Corporate Plan 2021-2026 will be implemented annually through Council's Operational Plans and Budgets, which detail specific, necessary actions and their associated costs to meet the current and future needs of the community.

The Corporate Plan is reviewed annually and the Administration & Finance Manager will provide an update at the meeting.

Annual Operational Plan

This year, it is expected that Managers will prepare their draft operational plan in line with (and in parallel to) their 2026-27 budgets.

Council Budget Workshops

A series of budget workshops will be conducted to allow for discussions between councillors and management prior to the completion of the operational plan and budget.

Budgeting ('How Much')

In developing "business as usual" budget for 2026-27, Managers must apply the parameters as approved by Council.

Council Cost Index and Consumer Price Index

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 - From June 2024 to June 2025, **+2.1%**
- Market Sector Goods and Services inflation annual change for 2025, **+5.2%**

Employee costs

Finance and Payroll will co-ordinate the preparation of the salaries and wages budget for 2026-27. Enterprise Bargaining Agreements will be considered in the calculation.

Management will develop a “resourcing plan” whereby staff (mainly outside workforce) time will be allocated to various maintenance, recoverable and capital works programs. This is to ensure that Council has the correct number of people to deliver the proposed works for 2026-27.

Plant Internal Hire

The Admin & Finance Manager will be reviewing the plant hire rates for inclusion in the budget. This will save each Department in trying to estimate what figures may be coming across by plant hire recovery.

Other Materials and Services

All other costs relating to the delivery of infrastructure maintenance and operational costs will be increased by by 3% as the CPI increased by 3.8% as at December 2025.

Major existing contracts must be separately identified in the budget submission.

New operating expenditure

Managers may identify new operating initiatives (one off expenditures) during the development of work planning for 2026-27. Prior to including these items into the budget, the CEO will prioritise the items for submission.

All one-off initiatives will be identified separately in the budget. In addition, justification must be submitted as part of the budget documentation process, example: Project report or a one-page Business Case.

Contingency costs

Where contingency costs are required for capital and operational expenditure (i.e. flood events where there is no external funding source), the estimated contingency cost required is to be identified separately within the budget.

Capital expenditure and planning

Capital project proposal for 2026-27 should be in line with the approved Asset Management Plans.

Capital funding sources must be submitted together with the capital program, for example: grants, subsidies, loans (if required) and reserves (Council reserves or capital grants reserves). A capital submission template will be provided by Finance.

Long term capital expenditure and planning

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The budget process also includes the collation of the long-term capital program (10 years minimum). This not only covers infrastructure assets but also non-infrastructure assets such as land acquisition, computer systems, fleet and general plant and equipment. This information will be used in the development of the long-term financial forecast.

Fees and Charges

Council sets a number of fees and charges for services to the community. These services are either a cost recovery fee or a commercial fee.

In calculating cost recovery fees such cost must not exceed the actual cost incurred by Council for the action for which the fee is charged (*Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009*). Example: issue and renewal of a licence, permit, registration and change of ownership of land.

All commercial fees are calculated as cost plus "profit" including 10% Goods and Services Tax (GST) which must be remitted to the Tax Office. Councils are allowed to charge these types of fees under *Section 262(3) (c) of the Local Government Act 2009*.

Generally, Fees & Charges are to increase by 3%.

Rates and charges

Council is reviewing rating categories following Valuations.

In preparation for 2026-27 budget, it is proposed to use 3% as the base in the modelling of rates and utility charges. Other options will be prepared for Council consideration.

Variance analysis

The budget submission requires each Manager to include an explanation regarding historical comparisons. The variance analysis should compare the 2026-27 budget submission to the prior year's estimated actual expenditure and the prior year's budget. The variance analysis is required for explanations to the Councillors during the budget deliberations.

Documentation

Detailed cost and qualitative information used by Managers to inform the budget process must be stored and incorporated in the budget spread sheet for future reference and submitted as part of the budget process.

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Key Dates: Budget & Operational Plan 2026-27

- 19 February – Council endorsed budget parameters (Council meeting)
- April – Budget Workshop (final dates to be advised)
- May – Community Consultation (final dates to be advised)
- 21 May – Presentation of Draft Budget (Council meeting – closed)
- 21 May – Presentation of Draft Operational Plan (Council meeting – closed)
- 18 June – Fees & Charges Approved (Council meeting)
- 18 June – Adoption of the Operational Plan (Council meeting)
- 18 June – Adoption of Annual Budget (Council meeting)

14.4 STORE INVENTORY WRITE-OFF**File Number:** 159361**Author:** Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement to write off Store Inventory that is no longer held or available, ensuring accurate financial records and compliance with Council's asset management and accounting policies.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

- Local Government Act 2009
- Local Government Regulation 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

3.01.1 Asset Management Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

Prior to the March 2025 Flood Event, the Nappa Merrie sub-store held 777.11 litres of diesel. During the flood, this diesel supply was washed away, resulting in a complete loss of the stored fuel.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Res. 2026/5

DISCUSSION

This loss was confirmed in internal correspondence, where it was noted that the diesel previously on hand was no longer recoverable following the flood event. Accordingly, a store adjustment is required to write off the fuel that is no longer held.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If Council endorse the recommendation to write off the item, the expense is \$1,313.32.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Operational Risk – It is important that Council actively manage its assets, including inventory. Stocktakes should be conducted at the store-item category level on a rotating monthly basis, ensuring that all categories are progressively reviewed and a full stocktake is completed over the cycle.

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Admin and Finance Manager

Store Persons

14.5 T2025-2026-211 - NOCCUNDRA AIRSTRIP FENCE - SUPPLY & INSTALLATION**File Number:** 159786**Author:** Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Estimate for Sealing at Noccundra Airstrip (under separate cover)**PURPOSE**

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

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulations 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

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

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the tender received from Cross Country Fusion for \$349,840 (excluding GST) for the supply and installation of the exclusion barrier fence at Noccundra Airstrip.

BACKGROUND

Council invited tenders from suitably qualified contractors to supply and install approximately 4.967 kilometres of 6-foot exclusion barrier fencing, including anti-climb overhang, at Noccundra Airstrip, as shown in Figure 1.

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

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

The primary objectives of calling tenders were to:

- Achieve value for money;
- Ensure open and effective competition; and
- Secure timely and efficient delivery of the works.



Figure 1. Proposed boundary fence.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter

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

DISCUSSION

Council received a total of thirteen (13) tenders in response to the invitation. Of these, **three (3) submissions were deemed non-conforming** due to late submission, incomplete documentation, and/or unable to complete the work by the practical completion date.

After following a more detailed assessment, it was identified that only three (3) submissions were within Council's approved budget parameters, particularly when consideration was given to the broader project costs, including the bitumen seal and associated follow-on works. This outcome highlights the current market challenges in balancing project scope, construction costs, and fiscal responsibility, while still delivering essential infrastructure improvements.

Please see the below table for all submissions.

Tenderer	Option 1 ex GST	Option 2 ex GST	Within Budget (Y/N)	Conforming (Y/N)
Cross Country	384,824.00	-	Y	Y
dFence Security	442,690.00	-	Y	Y
Shiner Fencing & Mustering	400,000.00	720,000.00	Y	Y
A D Rural Contracting	471,865.00	-	N	Y
Half Hitch	508,897.50	615,962.00	N	Y
B & D Rural Services	983,466.00	1,231,816.00	N	Y
Everest Civil	968,978.50	-	N	Y
K&Q Contracting	918,895.00	1,241,750.00	N	Y
MJ Willis Contracting	1,018,235.00	-	N	Y
S.J Blacker Rural Contracting	1,000,181.00	-	N	Y
Gollan Group	625,842.00	-	N	N
Marshall Mobile Welding	647,912.75	765,652.65	N	N
Raptor Outdoors & Fencing	500,250.00		N	N

Tenderers were invited to submit pricing for two construction options: Option 1, with fencing posts driven into the ground, and Option 2, with posts set in concrete. Following a detailed evaluation of all submissions, it was identified that all prices submitted for Option 2 exceeded the allocated fencing budget.

Accordingly, it is recommended that only Option 1 pricing be considered for the purposes of tender evaluation and contract award, as this option remains within the approved budget parameters and allows sufficient funding to be retained for completion of the remaining components of the Noccundra Airstrip project.

All tenders were evaluated against the following key criteria:

- Relevant experience in similar projects;
- Availability and capability of resources;
- Demonstrated understanding of the project requirements; and
- Local content and regional engagement.

These criteria were applied to ensure the recommended tenderer offers not only a competitive price, but also the technical capability and capacity to deliver a high-quality outcome aligned with Council’s expectations.

The evaluation results are summarised in the table below.

Tenderer	Cost ex GST	Relevant Experience	Tenderer's Resources	Demonstrated Understanding	Local Content	Total	Within Budget (Y/N)
Cross Country Fusion	363,636	34%	18.75%	20%	9.5%	82.25%	Y
dFence Security Fencing	442,690	30%	13.75%	20%	3%	66.75%	Y
Shiner Fencing	400,000	35%	21.25%	17.5%	6%	79.75%	Y
A & D Rural Contracting	471,865	24%	18.75%	15%	2.5%	60.25%	N
Half Hitch	508,898	34%	19.38%	20%	9.5%	82.88%	N

As outlined above, while one submission achieved a higher overall assessment score, it exceeded the allocated fencing budget and was therefore excluded from further consideration.

Cross Country Fusion was the highest-scoring submission within the approved budget parameters when assessed against all evaluation criteria. The evaluation panel’s detailed review confirmed that Cross Country Fusion provides the most balanced submission, delivering strong value for money within the approved budget and demonstrating the capability and expertise required to ensure the successful delivery of the Noccundra Airstrip fencing project.

Non-conforming submissions

The following submissions were deemed non-conforming and were not considered further as part of the evaluation:

- Gollan Group – did not submit a complete tender and did not address all selection criteria.
- Marshall Mobile Welding – late submission.
- Raptor Outdoors & Fencing – late submission, quote only (no tender submission), and unable to meet the required practical completion date.

Submissions excluded on the basis of cost

The following submissions were excluded from further consideration as they exceeded the allocated fencing budget:

- B & D Rural Services
- Everest Civil
- K & Q Contracting
- MJ Willis Contracting
- S. J. Blacker Rural Contracting

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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

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

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

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

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

CONSULTATION

Evaluation Panel:

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

14.6 SHEPHERD SERVICES PTY LTD - QRA FLOOD DAMAGE - PROJECT MANAGEMENT

File Number: 159677
Author: Leanne Smith, Accountant
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to engage Shepherd Services under Local buy Contract LB279, to undertake Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) Flood Damage - Project Management works for estimate 4076.

The submission presented is for the Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) road works that are a result of the flood event that was activated in the Bulloo Shire for damages that occurred in March 2025. Estimate 4076 provides DRFA delivery support for QRA Submission 81 – Burke and Wills Bridge.

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

BACKGROUND

Council currently engages Shepherd Services under a Local Buy Agreement – LB279 to provide project management for QRA Flood Damage road works in the South West Corner. This has been working very well for Council for our previous/current submissions, as Council does not have the internal capacity to undertake this work.

Shepherd Services has assisted Council in the pickup and delivery of the emergent works projects which have been completed prior to the above submissions progressing to REPA.

Under Shepherd Services project management, Council currently has seven (7) submissions in close-out status, twelve (12) submissions in progress, with several of these nearing closeout, six (6) recently approved and three (3) waiting approval.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this matter

2024/230, 2025/10, 2025/25, 2025/48 and 2025/210

DISCUSSION

Shepherd Services have been engaged by Council to provide Project Management resources for Council’s QRA Flood Damage submissions since August 2022. They have provided, guidance and training to Council staff as well as liaising with contractors and QRA to ensure all work is completed to the benchmark standard. Monthly status reports are provided as well as monthly meetings with Council and Councils’ QRA liaison to keep everyone informed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total estimated cost for Shepherd Services to provide consultant project management services for Submission 81 is outlined in the table below, along with the submission values. The cost of Shepherd Services is fully recoverable from (QRA). All figures below are exclusive of GST.

SUMMARY OF SHEPHERD SERVICE ESTIMATES FOR COUNCIL REPORT - FEBRUARY 2026							
Submission No	Event	Status	Value \$	Estimate No	Shepherd Est \$ Amount	Initial Funding Received	Est Retention QRA @10%
BSC.0081.2425T.REC	Burke & Wills Bridge Flooding - March 2025 to May 2025	Lodged	\$ 6,970,573.60	4076	\$ 537,012.50	-	\$ 697,057.36

The following two tables provide a summary of the current submissions managed by Shepherd Services that Council has lodged with QRA and the total estimated cost of Shepherd Services managing these submissions. All costs are exclusive of GST.

Table 1.

Summary of Shepherd Services Cost Estimates to Deliver Flood Damage Works							
QRA Submission No.	Bulloo Shire Reference	Status	Project funding amount	Shepherd Estimate No,	Amount	Council Resolution	Purchase Order Number
BSC.0040.2324R.REC	East Zone Nov 2023 Flood Damage	In Closeout	\$ 6,463,814.86	3462	\$ 660,575.00	2024/230	25404
BSC.0041.2324R.REC	North Zone Nov 2023 Flood Damage	In progress	\$ 1,051,278.46	3463	\$ 99,455.00	2024/230	25405
BSC.0042.2324U.REC	North Zone 2024 Flood Damage	In Closeout	\$ 3,334,522.28	3460	\$ 384,475.00	2024/230	25406
BSC.0043.2324U.REC	South Zone 2024 Flood Damage	In progress	\$ 3,068,774.33	3461	\$ 292,925.00	2024/230	25409
BSC.0044.2324C.REC	Warri Gate Road 2024 March Event Flood Damage	In progress	\$ 9,802,103.49	3422	\$ 902,350.00	2024/230	25408
BSC.0046.2324C.REC	Wompah Gate Road - 2024 March Event	In Closeout	\$ 724,332.48	3585	\$ 70,650.00	2025/10	28922
BSC.0047.2324C.REC	Toona Gate Road - 2024 March Event	In progress	\$ 1,228,066.83	3620	\$ 85,975.00	2025/25	28979
BSC.0048.2324C.REC	Tickalara Road - 2024 March Event	In Closeout	\$ 2,606,537.02	3619	\$ 255,115.00	2025/25	28982
BSC.0049.2324C.REC	Orientos Road - 2024 March Event	In progress	\$ 7,921,366.68	3567	\$ 779,110.00	2025/10	28923
BSC.0050.2324C.REC	Omicron Road - 2024 March Event	In progress	\$ 3,431,124.63	3621	\$ 341,020.00	2025/25	28980
BSC.0051.2324C.REC	Epsilon Road -2024 March Event	In progress	\$ 4,175,947.93	3671	\$ 407,005.00	2025/48	29150
BSC.0052.2324C.REC	Cameron Corner Road - 2024 March Event	In progress	\$ 4,399,536.17	3570	\$ 434,720.00	2025/10	28921
BSC.0053.2324C.REC	Bransby Santos Road - 2024 March Event	In progress	\$ 4,004,101.78	3662	\$ 389,130.00	2025/48	29149
BSC.0054.2324C.REC	New Hamilton Gate Road - 2024 March Event	In Closeout	\$ 100,164.60	3571	\$ 9,790.00	2025/10	28920
BSC.0055.2324C.REC	Camerons Corner Road - Flooded Section	In progress	\$ 73,263.04	3644	\$ 7,028.00	NA	28981
BSC.0060.2425T.REC	QRA Mar 25- FD - Innamincka Rd P -Works	In progress	\$ 639,054.81	3835	\$ 63,860.00	NA	29664
BSC.0061.2425T.REC	QRA Mar 25- FD - Warri Gate Rd	In progress	\$ 1,834,380.28	3788	\$ 173,320.00	NA	29561
BSC.0073.2425T.REC	Mar 25 South West Flooding - Various Rds	Lodged	\$ 3,659,428.36	3992	\$ 293,730.00	2025/210	30425
BSC.0074.2425T.REC	Mar 25 South West Flooding	Approved	\$ 4,046,058.25	3995	\$ 335,425.00	2025/210	30426
BSC.0075.2425T.REC	Mar 25 NorthWest Flooding	Approved	\$ 4,532,045.90	3996	\$ 369,190.00	2025/210	30427
BSC.0076.2425T.REC	Mar 25 Northeast Flooding 2	Approved	\$ 5,896,550.72	3997	\$ 455,655.00	2025/210	30428
BSC.0077.2425T.REC	Mar 25 Northeast Flooding 1	Approved	\$ 7,061,748.46	3998	\$ 571,870.00	2025/210	30429
BSC.0078.2425T.REC	Mar 25 - Bulloo Downs Rd	Lodged	\$ 9,167,292.32	3999	\$ 704,360.00	2025/210	30430
BSC.0079.2425T.REC	Mar 25 - Innamincka Rd	Approved	\$ 2,765,353.72	4000	\$ 228,605.00	2025/210	30431
BSC.0080.2425T.REC	Mar 25Thargomindah Flooding Event	Approved	\$ 1,159,879.86	4005	\$ 133,150.00	2025/210	30432
BSC.0081.2425T.REC	Mar 25- Burke & Wills Bridge	Lodged	\$ 6,970,573.60	4076	\$ 537,012.50	New	
			\$100,117,300.86		\$ 8,985,500.50		

Table 2.

Summary of Current Flood Damage Works to be completed by 30 June 2026					
QRA Submission No.	Bulloo Shire Reference	Status	Approved Project funding amount	Actual Expenditure to date	Total Payments to Date
BSC.0040.2324R.REC	East Zone Nov 2023 Flood Damage	In Closeout	\$ 6,463,814.86	\$ 4,975,533.66	\$ 4,440,517.29
BSC.0041.2324R.REC	North Zone Nov 2023 Flood Damage	In progress	\$ 1,051,278.46	\$ 887,124.16	\$ 798,411.74
BSC.0042.2324U.REC	North Zone 2024 Flood Damage	In Closeout	\$ 3,334,522.28	\$ 1,642,254.47	\$ 1,478,029.01
BSC.0043.2324U.REC	South Zone 2024 Flood Damage	In progress	\$ 3,068,774.33	\$ 1,674,245.90	\$ 1,483,620.17
BSC.0044.2324C.REC	Warri Gate Road 2024 March Event Flood Damage	In progress	\$ 9,802,103.49	\$ 6,291,769.53	\$ 5,687,796.77
BSC.0046.2324C.REC	Wompah Gate Road - 2024 March Event	In Closeout	\$ 724,332.48	\$ 563,396.95	\$ 578,351.80
BSC.0047.2324C.REC	Toona Gate Road - 2024 March Event	In progress	\$ 1,228,066.83	\$ 77,220.06	\$ 250,030.49
BSC.0048.2324C.REC	Tickalara Road - 2024 March Event	In Closeout	\$ 2,606,537.02	\$ 1,269,187.14	\$ 1,142,257.95
BSC.0049.2324C.REC	Orientos Road - 2024 March Event	In progress	\$ 7,921,366.68	\$ 1,505,787.45	\$ 2,376,410.00
BSC.0050.2324C.REC	Omicron Road - 2024 March Event	In progress	\$ 3,431,124.63	\$ 96,074.07	\$ 1,029,337.39
BSC.0051.2324C.REC	Epsilon Road -2024 March Event	In progress	\$ 4,175,947.93	\$ 105,254.63	\$ 1,145,237.29
BSC.0052.2324C.REC	Cameron Corner Road - 2024 March Event	In progress	\$ 4,399,536.17	\$ 157,626.87	\$ 1,319,860.85
BSC.0053.2324C.REC	Bransby Santos Road - 2024 March Event	In progress	\$ 4,004,101.78	\$ 718,415.62	\$ 1,201,230.53
BSC.0054.2324C.REC	New Hamilton Gate Road - 2024 March Event	In Closeout	\$ 100,164.60	\$ 59,642.17	\$ 53,677.95
BSC.0055.2324C.REC	Camerons Corner Road - Flooded Section	In progress	\$ 73,263.04	\$ 5,535.27	\$ 21,978.91
BSC.0070.2425.EWK	MAR 25 EWK - Various Roads	In Closeout	\$ -	\$ 1,785,400.78	\$ -
BSC.0084.2425.EWK	MAR 25 EWK - Innamincka Rd Bridge	In Closeout	\$ -	\$ 65,367.28	\$ -
			\$ 52,384,934.58	\$ 21,879,836.01	\$ 23,006,748.13

In accordance with Councils Procurement Policy, Purchases of \$200,000excl GST and above (Large sized Contractual Arrangement), Council can utilize Shepherd Services under a local buy agreement, - Contract LB279. It is noted that the Policy reference table requests quotes from three LG arrangement suppliers, however Section 234 of the Regulations allows Council to 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.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Council may miss out on QRA funding if:

- work is not completed to QRA standard, with the required photographic evidence documented at the required stages,
- and the works are not completed in the specified timeframes.

CONSULTATION

CEO

Shepherd Services

14.7 COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACES REPORT

File Number: 159734
Author: Tamie Warner, Community, Culture & Places
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

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

CORPORATE / HUMAN RESOURCES ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY

New Starters

- 2 Roller Operators
- 1 Construction Maintenance Labourer
- 1 Town Services Labourer
- 1 HR/Training Officer
- 1 Casual Finance Officer

Resignations

- 1 Procurement / Finance Officer

Positions Advertised

- 1 Executive Assistant
- 1 Technical Officer

HEADCOUNT

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

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

EEO TARGET GROUPS

11 
Indigenous

3 
Non-English

GENDER RATIO

30 
Male

24 
Female

DIVERSITY DEMOGRAPHICS

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

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

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

January was a hectic and extremely hot start to the year. Despite the challenging conditions, the town still recorded some visitor activity on several of the hottest days. It is suspected that this increase in visitation was influenced by flooding events in northern regions, which redirected travellers through the area.

SWQROC Tourism Group

Significant background planning and coordination is underway in preparation for the Moreton Bay and Adelaide Caravan and Camping Shows. Updated Events Calendars and map pads have been printed and are ready for distribution at the first camping show, scheduled for 13–15 February.

Music In The Mulga / Thargomindah

Carmel has recently visited Thargomindah, and several meetings have been held with her to progress planning and coordination for the Music in the Mulga event.

Lee Kernaghan Event

Initial discussions have been held with Lee Kernaghan and his manager, with the performance date confirmed for 29 March 2026. The event is planned as a BYO concert to be held at the Sports Oval, running from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

A free dinner will be provided for Bulloo Shire residents attending the event. Further planning and coordination will continue with Steve (Lee's Manager) to ensure the event delivers the best possible outcome for the local community and surrounding region.

Shearers Shindig

Sponsorship commitments totalling \$30,000 have been confirmed to date. Ongoing discussions with local businesses are continuing, noting that budget constraints are being experienced more broadly this year.

All entertainment bookings, merchandise, and hired equipment have been organised, with orders processed. Planning is now focused on ongoing logistical coordination.

Council has been liaising with RACQ, who is organising a group of volunteers to assist during the event. This support will provide significant on-the-ground assistance and help reduce pressure on tourism staff over the weekend. Ongoing liaison with RACQ will continue as event planning progresses.

Channel Country Music Muster

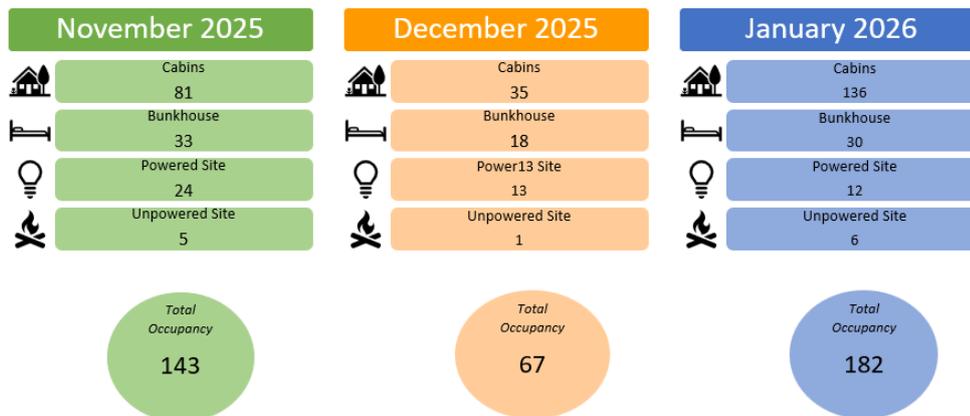
The booking system is live and the tourism staff are working with the people who have already put their names down to get them booked in, this is our first year at doing this online so we will have to cross our fingers that everyone cooperates with us and not set in the "old way" that Ged and Trudy had things as this would take up way too much time for the staff.

All entertainment booked.

STATISTICS

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

EXPLORERS CARAVAN PARK



LIFESTYLE AND RECREATION

- Australia day awards and Citizenship ceremony were held on the 26th January at the Golf club. 14 Australia Day awards were presented and 2 citizenship ceremonies. The event was attended by approximately 120 people.
- A community plaque was presented to the town at the Australia Day event to commemorate the 2025 Floods. This plaque will be kept in the window of the Council Offices for the time being as a display, a stand is being made to hold the plaque. Arrangements are also being made to have a similar plaque made for the Hungerford township.
- Our first theatre performance for 2026 is scheduled for the 18th Feb, this event will be held at the Golf Club.
- Plans are on the way for this year’s Ladies Day.
- Book club continues into the new year and will now meet the first week of every month

Activity –			Users
Total Library Visits	Nov	Dec	Jan
Tourists			2
Local Adults	2	-	5
Local Children			-
First 5 Forever (Parents and Children)	17	10	6
F5F On the Road (Seasonal)	-	-	
Book loans	5	-	8
WQPHN Activities – Healthy Ageing Program			
Water Aerobics (Seasonal)	-	-	1
Massage/Beauty Treatments/Hairdresser (55yrs & Over) Thargo	12	-	1
Luncheon (1)	13	23	11
InBody Scans	-	-	4
Teelow court visits	56	56	27
Workshops/Community Events/School Holiday			
Book Club	6	-	7
Australia Day	-	-	12
Theatre Production	-	-	-

Healthy Ageing Liaison Officer Report

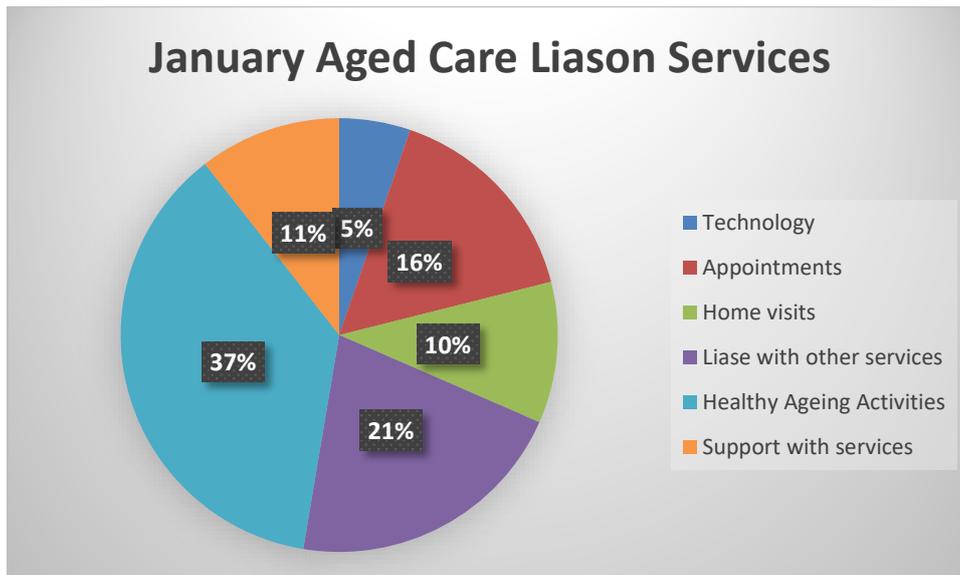
December Report

- 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
- Vital Health physiotherapist on leave until February
- Centre has been vital for older residents while ongoing power outages occur

Monthly Centre Totals

January 26 Total 27

Healthy Ageing activities 55 and over	PHN Funded Visiting	Vital Health	Visiting Services
	Professionals or Therapists		
15	3	0	9



THARGOMINDAH SWIMMING POOL

January

General Attendance		Lap Swimmers		Swimming Lessons	Healthy Ageing	Other	Monthly Total
Children	Adults	Children	Adults	Children	Seniors		
347	204		37	28	2		618

14.8 MUSIC IN THE MULGA SUPPORT

File Number: 159785
Author: Tamie Warner, Community, Culture & Places
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's agreement to the change of venue for the 2026 event and to authorise the provision of in-kind support in accordance with the approved budget.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

ECO2.2 Promote and develop Bulloo Shire as a unique destination and manage tourism in a sustainable manner.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

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

BACKGROUND

Music in the Mulga 2026 was originally planned to be held at the Thargomindah Rodeo Grounds. However, due to ongoing power supply and septic system issues at the Rodeo Grounds, a recommendation has been made to relocate the event to the Thargomindah Golf Course.

Council has received a request for in-kind support for the Music in the Mulga event to be held in Thargomindah in May 2026.

The request has been reviewed, and it is confirmed that sufficient budget provision already exists within the 2025/26 budget to cover the items requested. No additional funding is required.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The items requested are consistent with the type of in-kind support Council commonly receives from community groups hosting events in Thargomindah. These requests are considered routine and within Council's usual support arrangements for community events.

Items requested are:

- Generators
- Porta Loos with pump truck to be emptied daily
- Rubbish bins / Skip Bins and collected as required
- Bus Hire
- Council marquees shade
- Use of the stage from Paroo Shire, noting coordination with the Shearers Shindig scheduled for the following weekend
- Portable Blow-up lights
- VIC to assist with organising and promoting the event

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As per 2025/2026 Budget

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Financial Risk

- Risk: Potential under-budgeting for the event.
- Mitigation: The event is not a Council-run event and is being delivered by a private group. Council's involvement is limited to in-kind support, for which adequate budget provision is available. No additional financial exposure to Council is anticipated.

Operational Risk

- Risk: Potential strain on Council staff, time, and infrastructure, noting the Shearers Shindig is scheduled for the following weekend.
- Mitigation: The event is supported by the organiser's own volunteers and resources, with Council staff required only for minimal support. Operational impacts are considered manageable and are not expected to affect Council's capacity to deliver the Shearers Shindig or core services.

CRITICAL DATES

May 2025

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer

VIC Coordinator

Music in the Mulga event organiser

14.9 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

File Number: 159723
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 January 2026.

BIOSECURITY**Landholders**

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

Meetings, training and events attended during the month

- 19 RACQ Foundation meeting – volunteer program
- 20 Executive Leadership Team Workplace Health and Safety Meeting
- 22 Council Meeting
- 29 Western Qld Small Business Financial Counsellor

Bulloo Local Recovery

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

- 15 caravans still in use.
- Remaining Council houses and Administration Building will be completed by end of February 2026.
- Farms Angels have not received any requests for support during Dec/Jan
- QRA busy responding to the disasters in North Queensland and Julia Creek.
- State funding was announced for the Thargo flood levy design.
- Community recovery event is being held in Thargomindah March-April featuring Lee Kernaghan (details tbc). Service providers are keen to be part of this event.
- 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.

- A team of Rural Aid staff visited the southwest a few weeks ago. Gail will be out in February/March 2026 with a new staff member who will be dedicated to the southwest region.

Thargomindah Town Common

Sunday morning 25th January 2026, a cow registered to the Thargomindah Town Common was killed by a motor vehicle on the Cunnamulla Road. A calf was also killed; however, it was unbranded.

The owner was notified by email that the NLIS database and Council records have both been updated reflecting that the beast is deceased.

Stock route inspection

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development (DNRMMRRD) last year commenced a rolling 4 year program that will see all of the more than 1,000 stock route water facilities across the state audited at least once in every 4 years.

As part of this rolling audit program, Council is scheduled to undertake audits of all stock route water facilities in our local government area in the current financial year.

There 6 registered stock route water facilities within the Bulloo Shire including Curracunya (Yenloora); Currawinya (Six Mile/Town Common); Numalla (Currawinya NP); Paterbin (Wathopa); Tygarra (Goalla); Orient Oil (Orient).

On 28 January Rural Services staff conducted an audit of the Tygarra and Orient Oil facilities. A landholder was on site at the Tygarra facility.



TOWN SERVICES

Airport

- Airport operations during January included an issue with the new Outdoor Payment Terminal (OPT) during the week with the high temperatures. A part has been dispatched from Adelaide.

Facilities and Housing

- General (non-flood related) housing maintenance is being completed by contractors, Forge Solutions are managing all housing and facilities CDO and recovery assessments and re-builds.
- Below are the Council properties remaining to be repaired under REPA . These are still on track for end of February completion:
 - 29 Frew
 - 12A Frew
 - 12B Frew
 - 25 Frew
 - 33 Fitzwalter
 - 2 Speedy St
 - 4 x VIP Units at Yapunyah Caravan Park

Parks and Gardens

- Parks and Gardens staff have been utilising most of their time on rubbish collection and emptying skip bins from homes being now rebuilt. A new staff member commenced in January; this has given more resourcing to complete maintenance of watering systems and cleaning up areas including Yapunyah Caravan Park.

14.10 OPERATIONAL SERVICES REPORT**File Number:** 159648**Author:** George Inocentes, Engineer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:**

1. Makin Traks (under separate cover)
2. Evcore (under separate cover)
3. Spreadsheet and Construction Sales Info (under separate cover)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. receive and note the Operational Services Report for January 2026, and
2. provide direction on the preferred procurement approach for the second-hand dozer approved in the budget revision, being either:
 - a) Continue to seek a suitable second-hand dozer within the existing approved budget; or
 - b) Approve an increase to the budget allocation to reflect current market pricing and enable procurement of an appropriate second-hand dozer

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

- The works are 99% complete, with floodway signage to be installed soon.

TMR RMPC (Routine Maintenance Performance Contract)

- Routine maintenance for all TMR roads is ongoing.
- Council has submitted a tender to TMR for the replacement of two (2) minor culverts along Bundeena Road at Ch. 86.29 and Ch. 86.44.

TMR FLOOD DAMAGE RESTORATION

- Waiting for approval to proceed with stabilisation and sealing works through town, extending from the Bulloo River grid crossing (94A) to the Bundeena Truck Stop (94B).
- Council REPA Works will be carried out in conjunction with TMR Flood Damage.

TMR TIDS (Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme)

- Works include extension of a culvert along the widened section, which is pending the delivery of culverts.
- Upgrades are underway at the Soonah Crossing T-intersection and preparation for sealing.

Roads to Recovery (RTR)

- Works have been progressing slowly due to recent rain events, with these sections experiencing consistent rainfall over the past few weeks. This has resulted in delays to the scheduled completion. The works are still anticipated to be completed by the end of March, pending weather conditions and road access following the rain.

Country Road Connect (CRC)

- Construction is scheduled to commence in April 2026.

Drill of Bore

- Tender documents for drilling of bore/dam have been advertised to close in late February.

Bundilla Culvert Installation

- The culvert design for Bundilla Creek has been finalised and forwarded to a pre-qualified contractor for pricing.
- Council will supply the required culverts for the project.
- Sealing was excluded from the pricing, as this will be accommodated within Council's existing sealing works program.

Council Maintenance

- Vegetation clearing works have commenced along Yenloora Road in the direction of Wombula Station.
- Council crews have completed the replacement of two damaged grids at the following locations:
 - Soonah Crossing Road (Ch. 9.93), on the Kulki–Norley boundary.
 - Hungerford Road (Ch. 25.66).

Repair for Damage at Ballera Bridge

- Works will commence once the required guardrail components are delivered, as the parts currently held at Council's depot are not suitable for replacing the damaged guardrail at the Ballera Bridge crossing.

Sealing Noccundra Airstrip

- The tender evaluation for the construction of the airstrip perimeter fence has been completed and is ready for submission to Council for approval.
- Preliminary design for the sealing of the airstrip has commenced and will be finalised once soil testing from the designated quarry confirms the gravel thickness required to meet the RFDS PCN 15 requirements.

WATER:

Thargomindah Town Water Supply

- Cooling Plant:
 - The Cooling Plant required an electrician to perform an electrical restart of the BESS unit twice during January. The fault was identified to be an Ergon issue which caused the relay switch that recharges the batteries to fail. Ergon has advised that this fault has been rectified.
 - NRG staff were onsite in late January to perform a scheduled service. Thermal monitoring was also performed to ensure the heat exchange unit is working effectively.
 - Cooling the water supply became problematic during the extreme heat experienced in Thargomindah during January. While the water entering the TWS from the Heat Exchange Unit was below 40°C, it reheated considerably while in the reticulation system being delivered to the users. Once the weather cooled, the water temperature achieved into the TWS was around 35°C.
- Bore 02:
 - Final works to connect Bore 02 has now been completed with both bores now working in tandem to supply the Thargomindah Town Water Supply. During these final works it was noted that there would be significant benefit for a pressure releasing valve to be installed along the pipeline from the bores to the Cooling Pond Compound, to allow for the release of any overpressure events such as a water hammer.

Usage

The following readings were recorded for January 2026:

January water supply usage	38,267KL
Average daily water usage	1,234.4KL
Water supply usage for 2025/2026 (July to January)	147,130KL
Council’s annual allocation (Licence No. 618478)	345,000KL
% of allocation used	42.6%
Maximum Air Temperature	48.5°C
Minimum Air temperature	22.8°C
Average Maximum Air Temperature	42.5°C
Average Minimum Air Temperature	32.2°C
Recorded rainfall for January 2026	4.0mm

Hungerford (Non-potable & Raw Water Supplies)

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

- The supplier of the poly manifold is replacing the section that is leaking. This will be installed as soon as it arrives.

Usage

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

Bore Water – Town Usage	
January water supply usage	157.0KL
Average daily water usage	5.1KL
Water supply usage for 2025/2026 (July to January)	977.0KL

Extracted from Bore	
Water extracted in January	673.0KL
Water extracted for 2025/2026 (July to January)	1,769.0KL

Raw Water – Town Usage	
January water supply usage	1,837.5KL
Average daily water usage	59.3KL
Water supply usage for 2025/2026 (July to January)	9,410.0KL

Extracted from Paroo River	
Total water extracted in January	0.0KL
Total water extracted for 2025/2026 (July to January)	0.0KL

Noccundra (Raw Water Supply)

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

SEWERAGE

Sewerage Pump Station:

- An electrical contractor failed at the Pump Station causing one of the discharge pumps to fail. Normal operations recommenced once the contractor was replaced.
- There were two disruptions to the sewerage collection network in the reporting period. Both incidents resulted in the sewer collection lines becoming overwhelmed and the systems needing extra time to process the higher influx of influent.
 - The first incident was caused by a contractor fail which caused the vacuum pumps at the Pump Station to fail, unfortunately the operator on duty did not notice the alarm alerts and the fault was initially reported to Council by Flovac.
 - The second incident was operator error – during routine maintenance the operator unnecessarily closed a major valve and forgot to reopen it.

Sewerage Treatment Plant:

- An electrical contractor failed causing one side of the Treatment Plant (Train A) to shut down, once replaced the plant was fully operational.
- An electrical contractor for the back-up generator failed requiring the generator to be manually started and stopped during a power outage. This contactor has now been replaced.

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 January 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 January)	6,631.0KL

WASTE

- Rubbish collection services for both wheelie bins and skip bins were carried out without incident throughout January.

WORKSHOP REPORT

Previous Plant Damaged /Sitting Down

Ongoing:

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

New Month of January

- **124 EWP** Needs new battery 27H-780HD
- **562 Cat Loader** Air con not working
- **762 Dolly** Wheel bearing need to be inspected
- **5001 Traffic Lights** Solar wiring from the solar is not charging battery
- **5003 Traffic Lights** Control box won't respond & keep breaking fuses
- **5550 Skid Steer** Joystix need replacing (melted)
- **5551 Komatsu Loader** Needs new Batteries 4952L4
- **6024 Toyota Landcruiser ute** Tail light not working
- **6066 Toyota Landcruiser ute** Front driver side wearing uneven & whole car vibrates between 80/90km
- **6069 Fortuna** Needs new battery 370 LN3-MF XdIN66H
- **7006 Isuzu truck** UHF aerial broken needs replacing
- **7009 Truck Isuzu** 25000km Service
- **7048 Kenworth Prime Mover** Air con needs regasing

Plant Defects Register			
STATUS			
DEFECTS			
DATE	MONTH DEFECTS REPORTED	DEFECTS REPAIRED	TOTAL DEFECTS (OUTSTANDING)
24-Dec	3	0	3
30-Dec	74	27	47
January	16	3	13
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			

August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
	93	30	63

Comments:

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

PURCHASE OF COUNCIL NEW PLANT MACHINE

Budget Approved Plant:

- 11-tonne Truck Crane / Tipper – Tender documentation has been forwarded to Procurement.
- Large SUV – Tender documentation has been forwarded to Procurement.
- Medium SUV – Tender documentation has been forwarded to Procurement.
- Pedestrian Roller – Procurement process underway.
- Second-hand Dozer – The dozer originally proposed is no longer available.

New Arrivals:

- 2 x Mobile Kitchen King Caravan - arrived on 28/1/26



Second-hand Dozer

- The dozer originally proposed is no longer available.
- The budget was developed in November 2025 based on the availability and pricing of a single second-hand dozer, with an allowance of \$160,000 included in the budget revision.
- Council adopted the budget on 12 December 2025; however, procurement of the dozer did not commence until early February 2026, at which time the originally identified plant had already been sold.
- Current market pricing for comparable second-hand dozers is significantly higher than the original budget allocation.
- Details of alternative second-hand dozers currently advertised for sale have been provided in the attachments for Council's consideration.

Council Direction Required

Council is requested to determine how it wishes to proceed, noting the current market conditions:

- Option 1 – Continue to seek a suitable second-hand dozer within the existing approved budget; or
- Option 2 – Increase the budget allocation to align with current market pricing and enable procurement of an appropriate dozer.

14.11 BUNDILLA CREEK UPGRADE (BESM ROAD)

File Number: 159797
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Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to engage D and D Concrete Services from Council's Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers for the installation of concrete culverts at Bundilla Creek on Besm Road, in accordance with section 232 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Council's Procurement Policy.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Local Government Regulation 2012*, in particular
 - Section 232 – Contracts with pre-qualified suppliers

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

This procurement is considered a large-sized contractual arrangement with a value exceeding \$200,000 (ex GST). While Council's Procurement Policy generally requires an open tender process, the policy also provides for alternative procurement pathways where permitted under the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Section 232 of the Regulation allows Council to enter into a contract without first inviting written quotes or tenders where the contract is entered into with a supplier from a compliant register of pre-qualified suppliers.

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

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

OP: INF 1.3.2 Provide a rural roads & street network that satisfies the needs of the community, in terms of surface, lighting, safety and access.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

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

BACKGROUND

Council previously replaced aging culverts at Bundilla Creek on Besm Road with a concrete floodway due to the waterway's purple classification. Following construction, the floodway experienced frequent and prolonged inundation, rendering the crossing impassable for extended periods and significantly impacting landholder access, service delivery and transport operations.

As a result, Council determined that the floodway solution did not provide an acceptable level of service and resolved to upgrade the crossing back to a culvert arrangement. Council officers worked closely with the Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries Queensland) to develop a suitable design that met purple waterway and fish passage requirements. The final design has been reviewed and supported by DPI.

Following finalisation of the design, Council issued the documentation to D and D Concrete Services, a contractor on Council's Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers, to provide a quotation for the works. This approach was considered efficient as D and D Concrete Services were already mobilised within Bulloo Shire undertaking other Council projects.

The scope of works includes:

- Installation of six (6) concrete culverts (1200 x 900);
- Associated earthworks and structural works in accordance with the approved design.

Council will separately supply the culverts and complete the final seal as part of other programmed sealing works within the Shire.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The proposed procurement approach involves directly engaging a contractor from Council's Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers and is consistent with:

- Section 232 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*; and
- Section 2.74.1 of Council's Procurement Policy.

While the contract value exceeds \$200,000 (ex GST), the Regulation explicitly permits Council to enter into a contract without calling tenders where the supplier is drawn from a compliant pre-qualified supplier register. Council's Procurement Policy further requires that, in such circumstances, the recommended supplier be approved by Council resolution, which is the purpose of this report.

All required procurement and contract management steps will be completed, including:

- Issue of an official order form;
- Execution of a formal construction contract; and
- Recording of the contract on Council's Contracts Register and publication on Council's website.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2025/2026 Capital Works Budget

- Bundilla Creek Culverts (Besm Road): \$400,000
- Quoted Contract Value: \$316,510 (ex GST)

Sufficient funds are available within the adopted budget.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

If approved:

- Reduced flood-related access disruptions.
- Improved service delivery and community confidence.
- Compliance with environmental and procurement requirements.

If not approved:

- Continued prolonged road closures and access constraints.
- Increased operational risk to landholders, freight and emergency services.
- Potential escalation of costs if works are delayed and retendered.

CRITICAL DATES

Construction completion targeted by 30 June 2026.

CONSULTATION

Engineer

14.12 GRIDS ON SHIRE ROADS**File Number:** 159798**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. 3.05.1 Grids on Shire Roads Policy (under separate cover)**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of requests from landholders regarding the cleaning of cattle grids on Shire roads and to seek Council's direction on the application of Policy 3.05.1 – Grids on Shire Roads, including consideration of a potential Shire-wide grid inspection and staged cleaning program.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION*Local Government Act 2009**Local Government Regulations 2012***POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

3.05.1 Grids on Shire Roads

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Reaffirm Council Policy 3.05.1 – Grids on Shire Roads, noting that responsibility for cleaning grids rests with the benefiting landholder unless it can be demonstrated that the grid has been filled as a result of Council road maintenance activities; and
2. Consider whether Council wishes to undertake a Shire-wide grid inspection program and implement a staged approach to cleaning grids on a limited number of roads per year, with ongoing maintenance thereafter reverting to landholders in accordance with the policy.

BACKGROUND

Epsilon Station contacted Council regarding the condition of a cattle grid located on Moomba Road, which forms part of Epsilon Station, requesting that Council arrange for the grid to be cleaned.

Council provided Epsilon Station with a copy of Council Policy 3.05.1 – Grids on Shire Roads and advised that, in accordance with the policy, maintenance of grids is the responsibility of the benefiting landholder as there are currently no Council contractors working in the area.

Orientos Station subsequently contacted the Mayor, advising that the grids had not been cleaned for a significant period by Council or previous landholders. They stated that the grids were already filled prior to their ownership and do not believe it is their responsibility to have them cleaned. They requested that Council reconsider its position.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Council's Grids Policy has been in place since 2013 and provides guidance regarding ownership, maintenance, and responsibility for grids located on Shire roads. In 2021, the policy was updated to include a specific clause relating to the cleaning of grids.

Clause 3.1.2 of the policy states that Council will only be responsible for cleaning a grid where it is known that, as a result of Council road maintenance activities, the grid has been filled with surplus material. In all other circumstances, responsibility rests with the property owner who benefits from the grid.

Prior to the adoption and clarification of this policy position, Council had historically cleaned grids upon request by landholders.

Council may wish to consider an alternative approach whereby Council undertakes a Shire-wide inspection of grids and, where required, cleans grids on approximately two to three roads per year. Once completed, ongoing responsibility for grid cleaning would revert to the relevant landholders in accordance with the policy. This approach would require a staged implementation over an estimated 8–12 years, based on completing grid cleaning on approximately two to three roads per year.

Implementation of such a program would require:

- Inspection of each grid to determine condition and likely cause of infill
- Photographic evidence to support assessments
- Quotations for works where contractor assistance is required

Not all grids would necessarily require cleaning.

In considering this approach, Council would also need to determine:

1. How roads would be prioritised, particularly where multiple landholders request grid cleaning on different roads. Prioritisation criteria may need to consider factors such as road classification, traffic volumes, safety risks, and operational efficiency.
2. Whether Council would reimburse landholders who undertake grid cleaning themselves where works are considered urgent and Council is unable to address all grids immediately, particularly if Council commits to a Shire-wide grid cleaning program.
3. Whether Council wishes to establish a dedicated annual budget allocation for grid inspections and cleaning, and the level of funding to be set aside each financial year.
4. The standard of cleaning to be applied, including whether Council will adopt consistent criteria for full cleans, partial cleans, or no action, to ensure uniformity across the Shire.
5. Resourcing and delivery arrangements, including whether works are undertaken by Council staff or contractors and how the program is incorporated into the annual works schedule.
6. Whether any exceptions or transitional arrangements will apply, particularly for newly purchased properties or locations where grids have not been maintained for extended periods prior to or following the 2021 adoption of the updated policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of cleaning the grid is currently unknown.

Any cost to Council would require inspection of grids and the obtaining of quotations where works are to be undertaken by contractors. Where Council undertakes works directly, costs would be determined in accordance with applicable schedules and internal resources.

Undertaking grid cleaning outside the adopted policy framework may create an ongoing financial precedent and increase future requests for Council-funded works.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

There is a risk that departing from the adopted policy may set a precedent for Council assuming responsibility for grid cleaning across the Shire, resulting in increased operational and financial burden. Maintaining consistency with Council policy reduces exposure to future disputes and unmanaged costs.

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Mayor

Engineer

15 LATE ITEMS

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

17 NEXT MEETING

18 CLOSURE