



BULLOO BUZZ

FEBRUARY 2022



TOURISM SERVICES



ROAD SERVICES



SPECIAL PROJECTS



Mayor John 'Tractor' Ferguson

It's been a great start to the year, we have welcomed Amer Tawfik into the CEO role but also said good-bye to a couple of great staff members – Teagan Cook and Locky Ferguson. I wish them well and I hope to see them back in the future.

I took a drive with Amer to check out the Warri Gate Road and camp that is being established and we also went down the Hungerford Road and had a look at the work down there but we couldn't get across the Paroo to see Hungerford.

Amer and myself will be attending a few meetings in March, we have the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils Assembly in Charleville, Councillor Integrity Framework Refresher Workshop, Darling Downs & SW QLD Council of Mayors Meeting in Cunnamulla, and a few other little ones in between.

Queensland Treasury Corporation paid a visit on the 16th February, we discussed budget preparations, wants vs needs and how to decide on criteria to assess projects and how we can improve Council reports so Councillors can make more informed decisions.

The CEO of Telstra and other executive officers will be visiting Thargomindah on 15th March to talk about the issues our communities have with our communication services and the placing of the generator at the yard, they are also bringing their Telstra truck out to park at the front of the Visitor Information Centre for people to come in and talk to them.

We have received much needed support from Minister David Littleproud and Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie and they will be looking into putting generators at all Telstra sites in small, remote communities who have the same issues as us.

This is a huge step forward for our community and I want to thank everyone who helped raise this issue with the big guys.

"mistakes are a fact of life,
it is the response to the errors that count"

MAYOR
John 'Tractor' Ferguson



Chief Executive Officer

Amer Tawfik

I started with Council on Monday 31 Jan 22, after a few busy years in NSW building a road similar to Warri Gate Rd. My better half Tanya will join me at the start of March, she will be working at the local clinic.

Flood Damage Works

On my second day Mayor Tractor Ferguson, Council Officers and myself went to Hungerford Rd inspecting the restoration works. The boys were doing good work and the Mayor took the opportunity to give the crew a few pointers in relation drainage among other things. We did not make it all the way to Hungerford as the Paroo River was higher than the bridge.

We have engaged additional resources and we are looking for more local contractors to speed up the flood damage work, as we need to complete all the outstanding items by end of this financial year on June 30.

Council Farewell to Two Staff

I am sad to see two officers leaving Thargo, Teagan Cook, and Lockelin Ferguson; both were a great asset to the shire and the local community; we wish them all the best with their endeavours, and who knows one day they might come back.

Queensland Treasury Corporation

Steve and Jan from QTC in Brisbane hosted a workshop with Councillors and Shire managers on 16 Feb; the session was interactive with practical examples on utilising multi assessment criteria for prioritising community projects; limiting budget variation through better planning and budgeting. QTC commended Councillors on their good work, and the healthy financial position they have managed to achieve.

Warri Gate Rd

The mayor and myself went for inspection on Warri Gate Rd. We visited the project camp site currently under construction; the work will finish over the next week or so, we will move the new dongas sitting in the old shire workshop to the site.

This is a priority project to the shire and our community, as it will provide local employment and job security for the next 8 to 10 years. Council grant officer Daniel Roy applied for \$10M under Remote Roads Upgrade Federal funding.

Final Notes

I'm grateful to Councillors, staff and the local community who made me feel welcome and helped me to get started. Mayor Tractor has one million and one jobs to get done for you, roads, more housing, industrial subdivision, mobile coverage, rest areas, sewer treatment plant and many more. We are getting organised, shire managers and myself will put a plan in place, and submit funding applications to get what the community needs. For this we will need all the help we can get from our local contractors and suppliers. It's busy now and we are planning on getting busier.

Lew Rojahn – Past CEO of Bulloo Shire

A Letter to the Community of Bulloo Shire

As usual, time has moved quickly, and I have now come to the end of my 3-year contract as CEO with Bulloo Shire. I chose to end the contract to make up for the time over my career where I have been absent from my family. We have a lot of adventures yet to complete and grandchildren I want to know better. Whilst I use the word retirement, buying a bait shop or bar on a remote beach is not out of the question.

I am proud of my time in Bulloo Shire. We have come from a struggling Shire when I was first there about 7 seven years ago, to one that is now setting the standard for other shires, punching above its own weight and having \$19 million dollars in reserves in the bank. This makes Bulloo a very capable, independent performing shire with a sustainability guarantee for the future. It was often said that we weren't sustainable because we survived on grant funding. My argument is that whilst we appreciate that fact, we are thankful for the funds, and we manage our opportunities and don't squander the public funds on assets without purpose and projects/jobs that don't contribute to the betterment of the Shire.

My thanks will always go to Mayor Ferguson for having faith in recommending my employment and providing good discussions on the direction of the council. This gave me the confidence to make decisions that I knew would be supported by the Council and provided that necessary team backup to the whole Organisation. To all the current and past councillors, I also offer my thanks for being honest and supportive of me and my staff. Well discussed decisions provided a sound foundation for actions that led to our sustainability. This sort of interaction makes a Council workable and focussed on the needs of the community rather than the individual. Compare our record to those of bigger Councils that theoretically are better resourced and more sustainable. They are not as close to the community as our council is and have a lesser public record of good governance simply because of this separation. Our Council has always been responsible and accountable and that is why I am proud to be associated with the Organisation.

Obviously, I was only one person in a much larger team so my thanks must also go to my team of managers who fully supported me in my time there and the rest of the staff who contribute to make the Council what it is. Without all this input coming together in a cooperative and sharing way, we would still be struggling to get projects on the ground. This combined sense of responsibility has certainly allowed people to contribute at all levels and even if they chose not to, our actions were still supported. For this I thank you all.

I commend people to have a go at committing to the Council in the next election and learn what goes into making a great organisation rather than standing on the outside being critical.

Previous Councils and CEOs have done some great work for the community. I believe my term was similar, with the Innamincka road being completed, the Quilpie road well on the way to completion, the increase in tourist numbers, the commencement of the Warri Gate campaign and the focus to have that road fully sealed within 10 years, the completion of the first stage of the Teelow Centre, the proposed Spa Gazing centre, the annual completion of the RMPC contract with additional funds being obtained, internal restructuring, the increased efficiencies, the increased plant hire we now receive, the new Warri Gate Road camp, resealing streets, proposed duplex units, sale of houses to staff, the amphitheatre.

None of this happens with a dormant council. This happens with a Council that is prepared to risk and manage that risk to make the Community a place that will attract residents and business.

My best wishes to Amer taking over the CEO role. I hope he and his family settle in as well as I did and I am sure he will see the same opportunity that I did to build Bulloo Shire to more than a place of interest.

Bulloo Shire will have a great future and I intend to come back and check on your progress. When that happens is in the hands of the Gods, but it will be sooner rather than later.

I missed the opportunity to say goodbye to everyone due to flooding in the region, but my timing will be better next time. In the meantime though, social media will help me maintain that feeling of being part of what you are all up to in your little (big) corner of the world.

Thankyou for being part of my life and adding so much to my journey. There is more than one chapter for the book based on your friendliness and the antics of some.

I wish you all well for your futures whatever they may be and look forward to our next conversation.

LEW ROJAHN



Senator James McGrath Visit

Senator James McGrath visited Council on Monday, 21st February, Councillors and CEO met with him for lunch. They talked about the issues that the community are concerned about. Warri Gate Road, Telecommunications, Housing and Eulo Bridge.

Cr. Girdler brought up Mobile boosters on Telstra towers between Thargomindah and Quilpie and Cunnamulla to provide more service on those roads.

Cr. Collins brought up the impact of heavy rain and flooding for transport between here and Cunnamulla and that we need to raise the bridges at Eulo and Thargo. Cr. Collins explained how it effects the community.

Cr. Dare brought up the housing issue in Thargomindah and how it is limiting Council's ability to hire more staff.

Senator McGrath advised he will take all of these issues on board and write to the ministers that the issues fall under.



Infrastructure & Project Services

Projects and Engineering have welcomed John Chen as Manager of the department.

You may have seen Teelow Lane (pensioner flat extension) nearing the finish line, this project is at the fittings stage where all fittings are now being installed, Teelow lane is on schedule to finish in April 2022.

The four units (Bulloo Units) are being built off premise and will be delivered in April 2022.

Projects and Engineering have sourced grants to upgrade town drainage around Speedy and Stafford Streets.

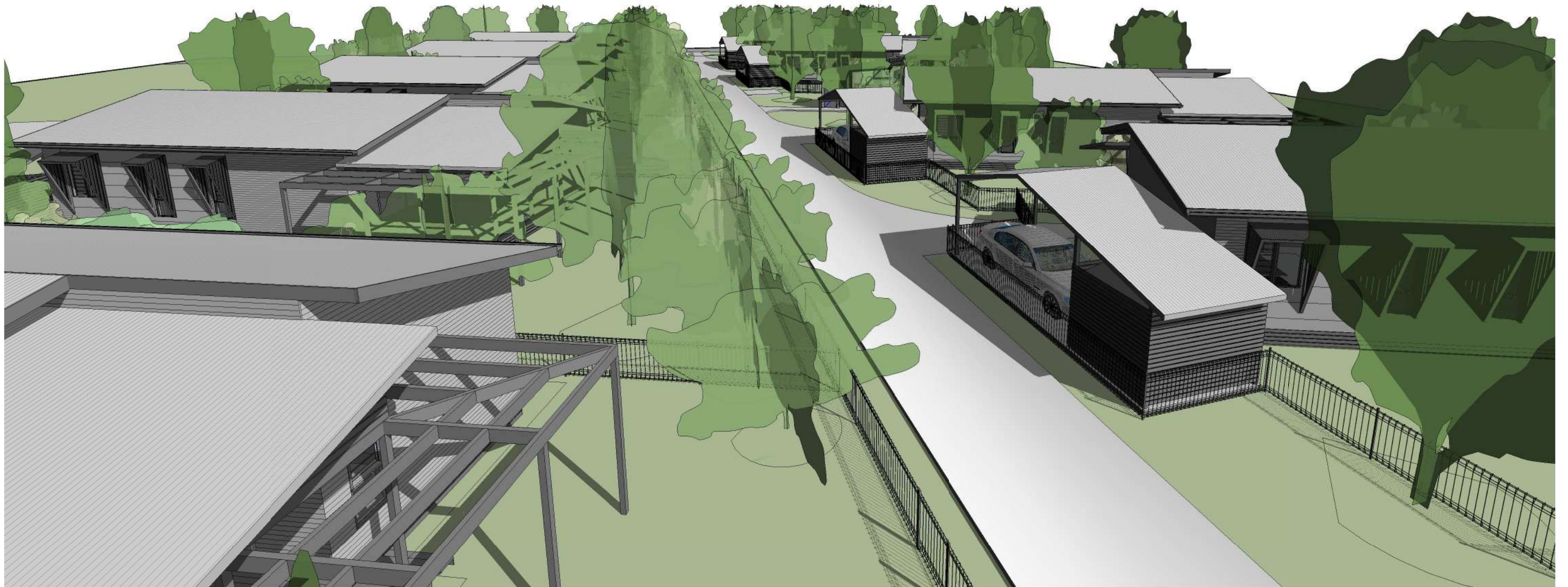
We have also submitted grant funding applications, to install a new culvert along Stafford Street to help clear excess water ponding.





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Roads and Town Services

Wow where do we start, first of Roads and Town Services would like to farewell Jason Teelow who left Council at the end of 2021. With any loss comes gain, as Scott Stewart was fortunate enough to cross over from Special Projects to take on the RMPC role, replacing Jason. Wishing you all the Best Jason.

We started the year off with a wet couple weeks, putting a delay on some works. Council had to dust off the Flood Truck for a solid 10 days of work.

A massive shout out to all Council staff who had shifts working on the Flood Truck during this period, we all know how much our community and visitors appreciate the Flood Truck.

Crew 1 have just completed works on the Cunnamulla Road REEF Widening Project, Clancy and his crew have now moved over to Quilpie Road, commencing preparations for seal.

Crew 2 have been busy working on Warri Gate Road.

Crew 3 have taken a break from working on Hungerford Road, Mook and his crew have been out at Innamincka Road working on floodways near Cooper Bridge.

Crew 4 are continuing on with flood damage, moving over to Hungerford Road to continue on with where Crew 3 finished up.

Crew 5 are currently working on Flood Damage out at Arrabury Road.



Compliments for Bulloo

Dear Bulloo Shire Council,

I am writing to you to express immense gratitude towards your workers involved in the recent flood truck service. As this was our first experience, we were blown away at how well run this service was. We had to rely on the flood truck three times for various reasons and cannot thank you all enough. Everyone was so friendly and helpful and went above and beyond. There were many workers we interacted with but unfortunately I didn't get their names. The only name I did manage to get was Issac. He was very helpful and friendly and nothing was ever an issue.

Thank you all again. It is clear to see why everyone in the South West says what a wonderful community Thargomindah is.

Kind Regards,

LIBRARY NEWS

Playgroup has commenced at the library every Thursday 10-11am.

Afterschool Arts and Craft (8yrs & over), will be held Thursday afternoons from 3:30-4:30pm at the Library.

Over the past couple of weeks we have been enjoying the Schools visits the Library to borrow books, while they await the completion of their new Library building.

Arts and Crafts sessions are held Monday and Wednesday 2-4pm at the library.

The ladies have been trying their hand at paper marbling, clay art and painting techniques over the past few week with some lovely results.

There will be a Healthy Ageing Luncheon, followed by games of "Grocery HOY" on Monday 28th Feb 12:30pm at the Kullilli room please rsvp by Thursday 24th for catering requirements.

Yoga is available on Wednesday @ 6pm, Thursday @ 6:15am and Sundays @ 8:30am in the Kullilli Room, this is a free service provided by RDS.



Rural Services

Widespread rain was received across the region over the past month. Falls on 3 February included Moombidary 63mm, Durham Downs 25mm, Autumnvale 7mm, Dynevor 50mm and Bulloo Downs 12mm.

Following recent rain, James has undertaken weed surveillance on the Eromanga Road. Plants found included Mimosa and Ant Bush. The Mimosa Bush in the road reserve will be treated under the Main Roads RMPC Funding Program.



Ant Bush (Pepper-Leaf Senna)



Mimosa



Floodwaters at the Wilson River

A property visit was undertaken to Nappa Merrie Station where information on weeds, wild dogs and roads was discussed. You can see green pasture below as a result of the recent rains.



Nappa Merrie Station

Fogging for mosquitoes has commenced around town now that the flood waters have receded. Hopefully this will hinder the breeding cycle and reduce some numbers, however, fogging will never eliminate the mosquitoes completely, so remember to apply your repellent before heading outside.



The Hungerford Stock Route inspection was carried out during the month, with water facilities, tanks and pipes inspected as required by the Department of Natural Resources. Weed and pest surveillance also undertaken.



Patterbin bore

Pasture on the stock route through Yenlora which includes Wallaby Grass, Mulga Rye/Wire Grass, Buffel Grass and Mulga Mitchell just to name a few.



Curracunya Bore

An area where many wild dogs have visited frequently, markings are on the ground and the tree. This was on the section of stock route through Boorara.



Bird Data Project – Conservation for BirdLife Southern Queensland (BSQ)

As a national organisation BirdLife Australia has approximately 200,000 members - bird watching is a really popular interest for many people and contributes significantly to regional tourism. BSQ's membership base extends from Brisbane, north to Longreach and all the way west to Birdsville

Many parts of western Queensland remain 'data deficient'. People travelling in search of iconic species will largely hope to locate them in accessible locations - they will not however, trespass on to private land holdings. Consequently, people's bird lists as records of presence, follow highways, water courses and towns.

The project aims to work with land holders and people resident in the community, so birds can be monitored regularly, thereby contributing to BirdLife's knowledge of the distribution and abundance of species in our more remote landscapes. BSQ will be delivering a presentation on the project and then undertake a field demonstration on how to establish monitoring points and how to use the BirdLife Australia's Birdata App':

<https://birdata.birdlife.org.au/>. BSQ are hoping to visit Thargomindah in May 2022, a date to be confirmed closer to the time.

In the meantime.....download the App and start identifying the birds on your property.



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DOGS ON LEASHES

Your Dog = Your Responsibility

This fact sheet provides some information to help you and your dog enjoy our beautiful town and provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all residents and visitors.

As per Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) dogs must be under effective control. This means they are:

- ◇ Under the direct supervision of a person who is physically able to control the dog.
- ◇ On a leash or chain not more than 2 metres long when in public.
- ◇ Not harassing, intimidating, attacking, stalking, another animal or person.
- ◇ Dogs found wandering at large will be impounded. Owners will incur an impounding release fee or be issued with an Infringement fee.



Check for dog signs

Council has installed signage throughout the region to regulate dog activities. Please make yourself familiar with this signage and ensure you comply - that way everyone gets to enjoy the public space as intended.

Note: As it would be unsightly and impractical to have signage everywhere, if you are unable to locate dog signage, your dog must be on a leash at all times. If you are found to have your dog off-leash you may be issued with an Infringement fee.



Where can I exercise/walk my dog?

All dogs must be kept on a leash when in a public space, while exercising/walking them.

The following rules apply when exercising/walking your dog within the Thargomindah township:

- ◇ In all areas, dogs must be on a lead at all times, otherwise infringements may apply.
- ◇ Dog faeces must be removed and disposed of properly.
- ◇ Dogs must not interfere with any other recreational users.
- ◇ Declared dangerous dogs **must** only be walked/ exercised in accordance with the conditions of the



Off-Leash Area

Dogs are only permitted to be "off-leash" in the designated area of the Thargomindah Riverwalk.

- ◇ They must be under the effective control of a competent handler at all times.
- ◇ Declared dangerous dogs are **not** permitted in the "off-leash" designated area.

Take care of our community

Dog owners should always carry and use a bag to pick up their dog's waste.

Note: It is an offence to let your dog defecate in public and not pick it up. The offence carries an Infringement fee.

WANDERING DOGS

Council have received recent complaints of dogs wandering and causing a nuisance.

Local Law No. 2 Animal Management

Section 12: Control of animals in public places

1. The owner or responsible person for an animal must ensure that the animal is not in a public place -

- (a) unless the animal is under the effective control of someone; and
- (b) if the animal is a declared dangerous animal —unless the animal is securely restrained to prevent it from—
 - (i) attacking a person or animal; or
 - (ii) acting in a way that causes fear to a person or animal; or
 - (iii) causing damage to property.



Maximum penalty for subsection (1)—20 penalty units.

2. The owner or responsible person for a dog that is on heat must ensure that the animal is not in a public place.

Maximum penalty for subsection (2)—20 penalty units.

3. An animal is under the effective control of someone only if—

- (a) a person who is physically able to control the animal—
 - (i) is holding it by an appropriate leash, halter or rein; or
 - (ii) has appropriately tethered it to an object fixed to a place from which the object can not be moved by the animal and is continuously supervising the animal; or
 - (iii) has corralled it in a temporary enclosure adequate to contain the animal and is continuously supervising the animal; or
- (b) the animal is tethered in or on a vehicle and unable to reach beyond the vehicle extremities; or
- (c) the animal is a dog in a dog off-leash area and under the supervision of a person who is able to control the animal by voice command; or
- (d) the animal is participating in, or being exhibited or trained at, an exhibition or an obedience trial supervised by a body recognised for this section by the local government; or
- (e) the animal is a working animal actually engaged in moving livestock and under the supervision of a person who is able to control the animal by voice command.

Section 13: Person in control of dog or prescribed animal to clean up faeces

If a dog or any other animal prescribed by subordinate local law defecates in a public place, the person who has control of the dog or animal must immediately remove and dispose of the faeces in a sanitary way.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

Section 14: Duty to provide proper enclosure and prevent animals from wandering

1. A person who keeps an animal must maintain a proper enclosure to prevent the animal from wandering or escaping from the person's land.

Maximum penalty for subsection (1)—20 penalty units.

Fines

Animal within a public place not under effective control.	\$275.00
Failure to keep a proper enclosure so as to prevent an animal's escape from land and wandering.	\$275.00
Animal found wandering at large.	\$275.00
Failure to register an animal for which registration is required.	\$275.00



Gardening Tips

1. KEEP THE WATER FLOWING

Check that hoses and irrigation systems are free of leaks, and unblock the nozzles. Clear debris from gutters so that every shower funnels extra water into your rainwater tank. Do you need another, bigger rainwater tank? Use mosquito mesh to stop mosquitoes and frogs from entering tanks and pipes.

3. PROTECT NEW PLANTINGS

Freshly planted vegetable and flower seedlings are likely to need a bit of sun hardening. Shelter them with 50 per cent shade cloth, old net curtains, dead palm fronds, or leafy branches for a week or two. This helps them establish without harm.

MULCH BENEFITS

Mulch is nature's blanket, keeping soil cool in summer and warm in winter.

A layer of mulch limits moisture loss from the soil and saves you the job of weeding. The trick is getting the depth right. Generally, you need a 50-75mm layer. But only mulch to about 50mm in native gardens or gardens that aren't irrigated. If the mulch is too thick, rain won't always make it down to the soil.

Hay mulches are more gentle on the soil than bark mulches, and they feed it as they break down, however it does need replacing over time.

5. USE YOUR TIME WISELY

Sometimes it's just not possible to do everything you want to do in the garden. If you're short of time but like your garden to look cared for, some fresh mulch, a few strategically placed flowering plants and a freshly edged lawn will give your garden a lift.

Apart from keeping soil cool and conserving water, mulch stops stormwater washing fertiliser away. If you have plants growing among hungry trees, give the plants a foliar feed so they can absorb the nutrients directly, rather than the tree roots getting to them first.

Autumn is a good time to get into the garden. Your soil will still contain a fair bit of warmth from summer before the winter rain hits, so it's a great time to get planting. And you'll also enjoy doing some D.I.Y. without the summer heat.



2. DO HARD WORK WHEN IT'S COOL

It's safer, and you're more likely to do a better job, if you complete energetic work such as mowing in the cool of the day – either before 10am or after 4pm. A good drink of water and a smear of sunblock are prerequisites, because that one five-minute job often leads to another, and another. Sunblock takes 15 minutes to create its protective layer, so use that time to plan your day in the garden.

Don't forget your hat (or umbrella) and sunnies too, and if you do get burned, nothing beats the cooling, healing effect of fresh, home-grown juice of aloe vera. Save some light tasks, such as weeding or propagating, to complete in the comfort of a shady spot.



4. IF YOU'RE GOING AWAY

Before you leave make sure you give everything a deep, long watering and make sure the soil is thoroughly wet. Fruits trees can be soaked by leaving your hose dripping overnight, by which time they should be saturated. Smaller plants in pots can be submerged in a bucket of water till the soil mixture has stopped 'bubbling'; this is a sign all the air bubbles are out of the soil and it's really watered thoroughly.

Don't Forget Your Indoor Plants: Put a plug in your laundry sink and line the base with newspaper. Put your potted plants in the sink and give them a good water, leaving a few centimetres of water at the base. That way your indoor plants will be well watered while you're gone – however, don't do this with succulents or other plants that don't like being waterlogged.



Identify and fix patchy and thinning lawns

One of the biggest worries for a lawn lover is a patchy and thinning lawn, a problem that can happen anywhere a lawn is grown.

Here are some of the classic symptoms, their causes and some suggestions on fixing the problem, and not just a temporary fix.

SYMPTOM: Bare patches, often at the edge of paving, decks or in front of the letterbox or clothes line

- **CAUSE:** These problems are caused by excess wear from high foot traffic and general use.
- **REPAIR:** You can easily repair the area with a patching product or lawn seed but long term you would be better off adding some stepping stones or a small pathway through the lawn.

SYMPTOM: Bare patch or thin areas around edge of garden beds and fence lines

- **CAUSE:** Overshadowing by surrounding plants resulting in lack of direct sun on the lawn.
- **REPAIR:** There are a few approaches that can be used on their own or in combination.
- Appropriately prune or thin the surrounding plants to reduce shade
- Repair and replant with a more shade tolerant lawn variety
- If pruning isn't viable and the shade is too deep, consider a landscape solution. Convert the area to a garden, plant a shade-loving groundcover or just mulch it.

SYMPTOM: Bare patches at random locations in the lawn. often scorched in the centre with bright green grass around the edges

- **CAUSE:** Most probably dog urine! Puppy pee, especially from 'entire' (not desexed) females, is a very concentrated liquid fertiliser, hence the abundant growth around the edges where the concentration is lower
- **REPAIR:** Water the area heavily as soon as you notice the damage or as soon as they wee. Longer term you may want to keep the dog's off the lawn, look into PH balancing food additives and of course buy a reliable patching product.

How to repair your patchy lawn

1. With the spade or fork, remove any dead grass and other unwanted material and break up the soil in the bare area.
2. Add a Lawn Builder Top Dress Mix and blend through the existing soil. Bring the area to a level that's slightly higher than the surrounding soil, removing excess from high spots if required. This extra height allows for natural settling of soil.
3. Following instructions on pack, spread Patch Magic or Seed & Feed evenly over the area. Water gently but thoroughly and keep moist not wet until well established. Keep people and pets off the area until the grass is well established.

SYMPTOM: Thin all over

- **CAUSE:** If you've eliminated too much shade as a cause then the damage is likely a combination of seasonal extremes and neglect (inadequate general care such as feeding and watering)
- **REPAIR:** The best solution for the long term is to adopt a regular lawn care program. The immediate solution is multi-pronged:
- Aerate your lawn
- Apply a soil wetter to improve moisture retention.
- Feed with a suitable variety of Slow Release fertiliser or a seed and feed product .

SYMPTOM: Bare or very thin patches at random locations in lawn. Remaining grass can easily be pulled away from the soil

- **CAUSE:** If you've been feeding and watering your lawn and it's getting plenty of sun then you may be the victim of lawn grubs, beetles or worms that like to chew through the root system.
- **REPAIR:** To identify the culprit you may need to dig up a little soil. Put the offender in a zip-lock bag and take it to your local lawn specialist for identification. Depending on the type of pest and it's lifecycle stage, they should be able to recommend a suitable treatment.

How to repair your thin lawn

1. Mow lawn to usual the height, then vigorously rake over the entire lawn area to remove any dead or unwanted grass, leaves and other debris. This will also serve to scratch up the soil a little, making it more receptive for sowing seed.
2. Spread seed by hand over the thinning areas, noting any instructions on the label about how thick to sow it. You can try using a handheld spreader but most lawn seed is too fine and will either clog the mechanism or pour through too fast, even on the lowest setting.
3. Water in well and keep moist but not wet until well established. Keep pets and people off seeded areas until grass is well established.



Bulloo Shire Council Public Consultation



Bulloo Shire Council is seeking public comment on the proposed change of purpose to the Racecourse Reserve, Lot 7 on WN68, known as the Thargomindah Rodeo Grounds. Community consultation will be open for 1 month from Tuesday 1st March 2022 to Thursday 31st March 2022.

Submission close 5pm, Thursday 31st March 2022.

The purpose of this consultation is to allow public submissions to be made regarding an application to the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME) to change the purpose of the lease from Racecourse Reserve to Recreation Reserve. Recreation reserve being the more appropriate given the current use of the site.

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

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



Have Your Say

You can submit your feedback at the Administration Centre or send in your submission by email or post via the following details:

Address: 68 Dowling Street, Thargomindah Q 4492
Email: Council@bulloo.qld.gov.au
Post: PO Box 46, THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492

Council will hold a consultation session at the Kullilli Room, 38 Dowling Street, Thargomindah on Friday 11th March from 11.00am to 2.00pm to answer any questions you may have regarding the proposal.

Rapid Antigen Testing



About Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT)

A rapid antigen test (RAT) is a single use, self-testing kit that you can use at home to find out if you have COVID-19.

RAT kits are less accurate than PCR tests, but are suitable in most circumstances.

Getting a RAT

If there is enough supply, you are eligible for a free RAT kit from a Queensland Health testing clinic if you:

- ☒ are in home quarantine – because someone in your household had COVID-19 or you’ve recently arrived from overseas – and need a negative test to leave quarantine
- ☒ have symptoms and can’t get a PCR test at a testing clinic, including if you cannot wait extended periods at a testing clinic, such as a person with disability, pregnant woman or an older person.

Between 7 February and 4 March 2022, teachers, school staff and students who have symptoms are eligible for a free RAT from Queensland Health clinics. To manage demand, we may ask you to do a PCR test instead.

A listing of Queensland Health testing clinics is available at www.qld.gov.au/covid19testing

For all other reasons, you will need to buy a RAT kit from a supermarket, pharmacy or other supplier. This includes if you:

- ☒ need a negative test for travel
- ☒ don’t have symptoms but have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19.

How to use a RAT kit

There are different RAT kits available. Make sure you carefully read and follow the instructions in the RAT kit.

If you are using a saliva based RAT you should not eat, drink, brush teeth, chew gum or smoke for 30 minutes prior to taking the test.

If a child needs a RAT, it should be performed by an adult. Some RAT kits cannot be used on young children and babies.

For more information and instructions on RAT kits approved for use in Australia.



If you test negative

A negative result on a RAT kit does not always mean you don’t have COVID-19.

It is best to confirm your negative result by doing another RAT in 2-3 days.

If you have symptoms, you must continue to isolate until you are well, even if your RAT is negative.

If you are completing a period of quarantine, a negative result means you can leave quarantine when your quarantine period is finished.

If you test positive

Immediately isolate yourself from others. You’ll need to isolate for 7 days.

If you are experiencing mild symptoms, go to www.qld.gov.au/health/ihavecovid and follow the advice provided.

Go to www.qld.gov.au/rat-positive to report your positive test result.

Your household members should also quarantine, monitor for symptoms, and take a RAT if they have symptoms.

You should only call Triple Zero (000) or go to the hospital if you have severe symptoms. Most people who get COVID-19 will have only mild symptoms and will be able to recover at home.





FREE ONLINE YOGA

RURAL QLD 2022 YOGA TIMETABLE

Beginners course - starts Feb 2

Pregnancy course - starts Feb 17

Weekly classes Thursday and Sunday



\$10 Adults
\$5 Kids/Pensioners

Sausage Sizzle \$5 with Drink
Cupcakes \$2

RACQ International Women's Day funrun

EVERYONE
WELCOME

Supporting women with breast cancer

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE RACQ INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY 2022 FUNDRAISER

Sunday 6 March 2022

Register now | womensdayfunrun.com.au

EVERYONE MEET AT 7.30AM @ THE HYDRO POWER PLANT



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Jamie's
MINISTRY OF FOOD
AUSTRALIA

LET'S GET COOKING!

Cooking classes from the comfort of your home

We're offering FREE online cooking classes with Jamie's Ministry of Food for residents of SWHHS. Our lessons include knife skills, nutrition tips, budget friendly recipes and food safety in the kitchen.

Classes are held once a week over the course of 5 weeks, occurring at the same time each week. We will provide you with a full ingredient and recipe list.



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THE
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WHEN?

Weekly from Wednesday
2nd March

6:30pm - 7:30pm

WHERE?

Anywhere with a kitchen

COST

FREE

GOOD TO KNOW

All you need is a kitchen, basic cooking utensils, everyday ingredients and a hunger to learn how to cook some of Jamie's popular recipes!

REGISTER HERE





COVID-19 vaccination required

Pre-registration essential - <https://bit.ly/35YTMvT> - pay at gate or online

NOORAMA PICNIC RACE CLUB INC PRESENTS

Noorama Picnic Races

Saturday 2nd April 2022



NOORAMA PICNIC RACES - SATURDAY 2ND APRIL 2022

\$56,000 PRIZE MONEY

GATES OPEN AT 12:00PM
FIRST RACE 1:30PM
CUP CALCUTTA!

ADMISSION \$20
(INCLUDES RACEBOOK)

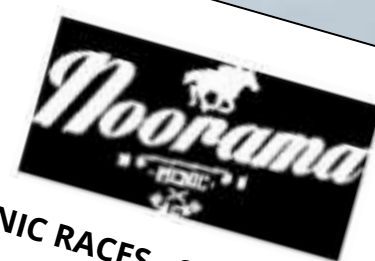


NOORAMA PICNIC RACES - SATURDAY 2ND APRIL 2022

LIVE MUSIC BY
HELL & HEELS

PLAYING TIL LATE!

CAMPERS WELCOME
FREE BREAKFAST SUNDAY



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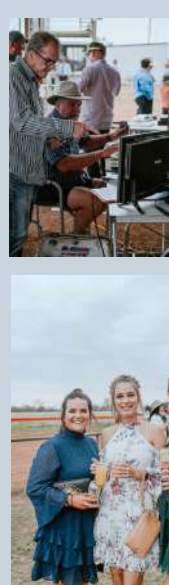
FASHIONS ON THE
FIELD 3:00PM

WIN OVER \$3000 IN
PRIZES INCLUDING
BAROQUE PEARLS, CASH
PLUS MUCH MORE!



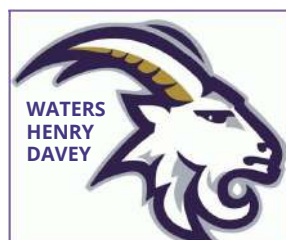
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5 RACE PROGRAMME - BAR AND ALL DAY CANTEN - BOOKMAKERS AND SKY TV



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BULLOO SHIRE

Events 2022

ANZAC DAY PARADE

APRIL 25

CHANNEL COUNTRY CHALLENGE

APRIL 29, 30 & MAY 1

SHEARERS SHINDIG

MAY 20-21

LADIES NIGHT

MAY 27

THARGOMINDAH POLOCROSSE CARNIVAL

JUNE 25-26

BINGO NIGHT - HOSPITAL AUX

DATE TO COME

CHANNEL COUNTRY MUSIC MUSTER

JULY 16-17

THARGOMINDAH BIKE SPORTS AND ENDURO

SEPT 17-18

HUNGERFORD HORSE & MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA & ENDURO

SEP 30 - OCT 2

NOCCUNDRRA CAMPDRAFT, MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA & RODEO

OCT 7-9

HUNGERFORD REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOV 11

CHRISTMAS IN THE BULLOO CAROLS & MARKETS

DATE TO COME

CHRISTMAS TREE

DATE TO COME

CAMERON CORNER NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

DEC 31

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