AUGUST 2026

BULLOO Buzz



Bulloo Shire



MAYOR'S Message

TRACTOR FERGUSON

Council has continued to advocate strongly for the Bulloo Shire community over recent weeks, with a particular focus on transport connectivity, disaster funding and the future of our regional industries.

Western Queensland Alliance of Councils
Council representatives attended the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC) meeting in Brisbane this week, joining fellow western Queensland councils to discuss shared regional priorities and emerging issues affecting local government.

The meeting provided an opportunity to collaborate on key advocacy initiatives, share updates on matters impacting remote communities, and strengthen the collective voice of western Queensland councils when engaging with State and Federal Governments.

Regulated Air Services Contract Extended
Council has been advised that the current Regulated Air Services Contract has been extended 12 months while the Queensland Government finalises arrangements for the next contract procurement process.

While Council had anticipated that a new contract would be progressed through a competitive tender process at this time, the extension provides continued service for western Queensland communities while the procurement process is completed.
Reliable and affordable air services remain critical for remote communities, supporting access to health services, education, business opportunities, government services and family connections. Council will continue to advocate strongly for a long-term air service model that delivers value, reliability and improved outcomes for residents of western Queensland.

Cooper Basin Advocacy
Representatives from Bulloo Shire Council and Quilpie Shire Council recently met with Minister Dale Last to discuss opportunities for regulatory reform within the Lake Eyre Basin framework, particularly in the Cooper Basin.

The discussions focused on identifying practical changes that would support continued investment in the Cooper Basin and improve access to the region's significant natural gas resources, while maintaining appropriate environmental protections.

Both councils continue to advocate for a balanced approach that recognises the importance of the resources sector to regional jobs, economic growth and the long-term sustainability of western Queensland communities. During the meeting, the councils outlined their concerns regarding the current regulatory framework and the impacts it may have on future resource development opportunities.

Minister Last advised that the matters raised were beyond the Minister's authority to resolve. As a result, Bulloo Shire Council and Quilpie Shire Council have requested a meeting with the Premier to further discuss the issue and advocate for regulatory reforms that support responsible development of the Cooper Basin's natural gas resources while delivering economic benefits for regional Queensland.

Disaster Funding Reform
Bulloo Shire Council has lodged a formal submission in response to the Australian Government's Disaster Management Reform Discussion Paper and proposed Disaster Recovery Funding Framework.

Council's submission highlighted the significant financial and operational risks the proposed reforms could create for small and remote councils. Our concern is that any reduction in Commonwealth support or transfer of recovery costs to state and local government could affect the ability of councils such as ours to restore essential public infrastructure following major disasters.

Council will continue advocating for disaster recovery arrangements that recognise the limited revenue base, small workforce, large road network and substantial recovery responsibilities of remote local governments.



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MAYOR'S TRACTOR FERGUSON Message

Western Enabling Network

Council has joined with Quilpie Shire Council and Blackall-Tambo Regional Council to launch a new regional advocacy initiative, the Western Enabling Network (WEN). The initiative seeks to secure long-term State and Federal investment in key road infrastructure across western Queensland, including the completion of the remaining unsealed sections of Warri Gate Road and Blackall-Adavale Road.

The three councils have recently released a joint advocacy document highlighting the strategic importance of these road connections and the significant economic, freight, tourism and disaster resilience benefits they would deliver to western Queensland. The document identifies completion of these missing links as a priority infrastructure investment for the region.

As part of the next stage of the initiative, the councils are seeking meetings with State Government representatives to present the proposal, outline the regional benefits and advocate for future funding support. Council looks forward to working collaboratively with government and industry stakeholders to progress this important regional project.

The Western Enabling Network proposes the sealing of the remaining 176 kilometres of Blackall-Adavale Road and 102 kilometres of Warri Gate Road, creating a more reliable inland freight route connecting western Queensland to key markets and supply chains. The advocacy proposal seeks a strategic investment of approximately $30 million per year over 10 years to complete these works.

Once completed, these links would strengthen freight efficiency, improve network resilience during natural disasters, support economic development opportunities and enhance access to essential services for communities across western Queensland.



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Country Road Connect (CRC)
Works continue to progress on the Country Road Connect project, with two major floodways identified for upgrade to improve flood resilience and maintain access during wet weather events. Embankment works associated with the culvert installations have now been completed.

A Contractor has been engaged to undertake the construction works, including the installation of a box culvert and two sets of reinforced concrete pipes. As part of these works, a cattle grid was also replaced, with new concrete approaches constructed at the same time to deliver cost savings while contractors were on site.

Subject to favourable weather conditions, approximately 5.45 kilometres of road is scheduled for sealing between 23 and 25 September 2026.

Council Maintenance
Council's maintenance crews continue to undertake a range of improvement works across the Shire.

Recent crack sealing works at the Thargomindah Airstrip have been completed in accordance with maintenance requirements identified by BKR. Road patching works have commenced on Warri Gate Road and Hungerford Road, with additional patching planned for these roads as well as sections of Innamincka Road. Maintenance grading and repair works are also continuing along Warri Gate Road.

At Ballera Bridge Crossing, repairs to the concrete causeway crown have been scheduled, with a contractor engaged to undertake the works.

TMR RMPC Program
Council's 2026-27 Routine Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC) program has commenced, with a total annual budget of $1.5 million.

Key achievements and current activities include:

- Approval from TMR for the removal of grids along State Roads 94A and 94B.
- Completion of roadside clearing works on Cunnamulla Road.
- Ongoing shoulder grading works along Bundeena Road.

Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS)
Council has been allocated $1.07 million under the TMR Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) for the 2026-27 financial year.

Survey work has commenced on priority sections of Bundeena Road identified for future upgrades. Design work is also underway on three locations requiring super-elevation treatments to improve road safety, with the proposed designs to be submitted to TMR for review and approval.

These improvements will help enhance road safety, improve driving conditions, and support the long-term resilience of the Shire's transport network.

Paroo Crossing Betterment Works
Planning continues for the Paroo Crossing Betterment Project under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Council has been working closely with TMR and consulting engineers to finalise project delivery arrangements. Orders for the required drainage pipes have been submitted to Civilmart following TMR approval, and Council's tender pricing has been accepted.

Construction is expected to commence following formal project award and approval of the Construction Management Plan. Discussions with TMR have focused on commencing works in September or October to maximise construction opportunities ahead of the summer storm season.

Bundilla Culvert Installation
Major construction works at the Bundilla Culvert have now been completed, including installation of the culvert and associated concrete works.

The final stage, involving installation of concrete canvas protection, will commence once site conditions have dried sufficiently and embankment slopes are suitable for construction activities. This treatment will provide long-term erosion protection and improve the durability of the structure.

Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade
Planning and design work continues on the Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade.

GBA Consulting Engineers are working closely with Council's engineering team and Special Projects Manager to progress the project, while GHD continues hydraulic modelling and technical investigations. These assessments will help inform future design options and project delivery requirements.

In preparation for future works, desilting of the treated effluent storage area near the Golf Club has been completed.

Council News

Flood Study and Flood Mitigation Planning Update

Council is continuing to work with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA), Quilpie Shire Council and Paroo Shire Council on a regional flood risk management program following the 2025 flood events.

The project will be delivered in two key stages:

1.Flood Study

The participating councils have recently gone to tender for the Flood Studies, with completion currently anticipated by **30 December 2026.** This timeframe is dependent on the timely availability of required State Government data to support the studies. The studies will examine flood behaviour across the wider catchment, helping to improve understanding of flood impacts on communities and providing the data required to support future flood mitigation planning.

As part of the project, the study will include:

1. Updated flood modelling and flood hazard mapping for Thargomindah and Hungerford.
2. Floor level capture surveys to support planning and insurance outcomes.
3. LiDAR (aerial mapping) data collection across the broader catchment to improve the accuracy of flood modelling

2.Flood Mitigation Study and Flood Risk Management Plan

Once the Flood Studies are completed, the next stage will assess a range of flood mitigation options for each township, including their effectiveness, costs, benefits and broader community impacts. This work will inform the development of a Flood Risk Management Plan that helps guide future mitigation and resilience projects for our communities.

Importantly, Bulloo Shire Council intends to progress the **Levee Concept Design** for Thargomindah and Hungerford in parallel with the Flood Mitigation Study and Flood Risk Management Plan, rather than waiting for that work to be fully completed. This approach is intended to maintain project momentum and minimise delays in advancing a potential levee solution for Bulloo Shire.

Council recognises the importance of flood mitigation to the future safety and resilience of our community and remains committed to progressing this project as a priority. Further updates will be provided as key milestones are achieved, including the award of the Flood Study contract and commencement of field investigations.

Flood Gauges

To strengthen flood monitoring across the Bulloo catchment, Council is installing a network of flood gauges that will provide water level updates every 30 minutes when creeks are flowing into the Bulloo River system. The gauges will be located at:

- Moble Creek
- Goorie Goorie Creek
- Muliarvia Creek
- Gumbo Gumbo Creek

This project will improve Council's ability to monitor flood movements in real time, support emergency response planning, and provide valuable data to assist with future flood management and resilience initiatives across the Shire.

INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT

Rural Service staff and Clynton (Invasive Plants and Animals contractor) spent two weeks in July surveying and spraying Restricted Category 3 (Category 3 restrictive invasive plants must not be given away, sold or released into the environment, the Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with invasive plants under their control.) Restricted Invasive Weeds.

Surveys were conducted by drone, in the buggy and walking. Surveyed areas included Bundilla Creek, Soonah Crossing, Karwalke, Wongetta, Hungerford Crossing, Bulloo River, Bundeena and Hungerford town. Access to other areas is still limited due to wet conditions.

Parkinsonia was sprayed at Wongetta and on the Bulloo River through Thargomindah Station. Coral Cactus was sprayed on Karwalke and Hungerford Town. A check at Bundeena found that some Coral Cactus has died from the Cochineal Bug, some is partially dead; and some new bushes were found that were healthy and growing well, these were sprayed and some were found with the Cochineal bug well established and killing the plant. There was no evidence of new plants of Opuntia Puberula that was found and sprayed last year.



Large Coral Cactus plant at Bundeena



Parkinsonia at Wongetta

Council News

Paint, Create & Connect

Brings Community Together at Nockatunga Station

Community members from across the Noccundra and Cameron Corner region recently gathered at Nockatunga Station for a day of connection, creativity, conversation and companionship during the Paint, Create & Connect gathering for women and the BBQ, Grill & Chill event for men.



The day provided an opportunity for people to step away from the demands of everyday life, catch up with neighbours and friends, meet new people, and enjoy the warm hospitality of the Nockatunga Station family. Filled with laughter, great food, shared stories and genuine community spirit, the gathering was a reminder of the importance of taking time to connect and support one another.

For many participants, the event was also a chance to strengthen relationships and reconnect following the challenges experienced across the region in recent years. While disaster recovery often focuses on infrastructure and physical rebuilding, community recovery is equally about supporting people, strengthening wellbeing, and creating opportunities for meaningful social connection.

Through shared conversations, creative activities and relaxed social interaction, participants strengthened existing friendships, formed new connections and reinforced the informal support networks that play an important role in wellbeing, recovery and resilience across remote communities.



The strong attendance highlighted the value people place on these opportunities, with community members travelling from across the region, including some of the most remote parts of Outback Queensland. Several attendees made round trips of up to four hours to be part of the day, demonstrating the importance of maintaining connections across large geographic distances.

A special thank you goes to the Nockatunga Station family and friends for their generosity in hosting the event. The planning, preparation, catering and welcoming atmosphere contributed greatly to making the day such a success.

Events like these help strengthen the social connections that enable communities to support one another through challenges and build resilience for the future. They are a reminder that recovery is not only about rebuilding what has been lost, but also about investing in relationships, community spirit and the networks that help people thrive.

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Paint, Create & Connect

Brings Community Together at Nockatunga Station







The Food Was Incredible!





🤝 Building Connections Through Community 🤝

Our sincere thanks to the Nockatunga Station family and friends whose generosity, hospitality and tireless efforts brought people together from across the region. Events like these strengthen the relationships and support networks that help communities recover, adapt and thrive.

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Council News

AI for Impact

Building Skills and Resilience Across Bulloo Shire

Businesses, community organisations, volunteers and community members from across Bulloo Shire recently participated in the AI for Impact workshops and one-on-one consultations delivered by Despina Karatzias from the Institute of Excellence. The sessions explored practical ways Artificial Intelligence (AI) can help strengthen organisational capacity, improve efficiency, and support community recovery and resilience.

Survey results highlighted the ongoing challenges many organisations continue to face following recent flood impacts. Participants reported ongoing disruption to operations (86%), increased administrative workloads (57%), reduced staff or volunteer capacity (43%), and difficulty accessing support services due to increased demand (29%).

The workshops focused on practical applications that could help address these challenges. Participants identified the most valuable outcomes as saving time on administration and reporting (86%), increasing confidence using digital tools (86%), creating communication and social media content (71%), improving grant writing capability (57%), and strengthening research and information gathering skills (57%).

Importantly, participants indicated the benefits would extend beyond themselves, supporting local businesses, community groups, volunteer networks and the broader Bulloo community. The skills gained are expected to help organisations operate more effectively with limited resources while strengthening their ability to deliver services, engage their communities and support ongoing recovery efforts.



A special thank you to Despina Karatzias for sharing her expertise, practical knowledge and enthusiasm with communities across Thargomindah, Hungerford, Noccundra and Cameron Corner.

By investing in digital skills, community capability and organisational resilience, the AI for Impact workshops have helped equip local businesses, community groups and volunteers with practical tools to support recovery, strengthen connections and build a more resilient future for the Bulloo Shire.

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Building Skills and Resilience Across Bulloo Shire





As Despina reflected following her visit:
"A very special community and a deep honour for the opportunity to support business recovery, resilience and growth now and well into the future."





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AI for Impact

Building Skills and Resilience Across Bulloo Shire





From Thargomindah to Hungerford, Noccundra and Cameron Corner, our communities are strengthened by the people who volunteer, lead local initiatives, support others and keep local businesses running. Investing in their skills and capacity helps build a stronger, more connected and resilient future for our region.





Council News

Community Unity Through League Strengthening Connection and Resilience

Community members of all ages came together recently for the Community Unity Through League program, a weekend focused on connection, wellbeing and strengthening community resilience.

While the return of the Thargo Bulls brought excitement and community pride, the program provided opportunities for participants to reflect on the importance of staying connected, supporting one another and maintaining wellbeing throughout the ongoing recovery journey.

Young participants shared valuable insights into what helps them thrive, highlighting the importance of routine, healthy habits, staying active, spending time with family and friends, and maintaining strong social connections. They also discussed the qualities of a good team member, including trust, honesty, cooperation and helping others.









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Adult participants reflected on many of the same themes, recognising the importance of family, friendships and community support during challenging times. Conversations explored gratitude, personal strengths and the role that optimism, perseverance and positive relationships play in navigating adversity.

The program reinforced an important recovery message: rebuilding after a disaster is not only about infrastructure and physical assets. It is also about strengthening social connections, supporting wellbeing, building confidence and fostering a sense of belonging within the community.

Participants also benefited from sessions delivered by David Shillington of Prime Effect, who shared practical strategies around resilience, mindset and navigating challenges, and Grant Bignell of Big Talk, who encouraged participants to better understand emotions, strengthen communication skills and build healthy relationships.









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Community Unity Through League Strengthening Connection and Resilience

One of the strongest messages to emerge from the weekend was the value of getting involved in community activities and taking opportunities to connect with others. Whether through events, workshops, volunteer activities or social gatherings, community participation helps strengthen relationships, support wellbeing and build the networks that contribute to long-term resilience.

Bulloo Shire Council extends its appreciation to everyone who attended, shared their experiences and contributed to a positive and meaningful weekend. Through activities such as Community Unity Through League, community members continue to strengthen the connections, confidence and support networks that help our communities recover, adapt and thrive together.



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Bush Telegraph Mates:
Keeping the Spirit of the Bush Telegraph Alive

In remote communities, some of the most important support doesn't come from formal services. It comes from neighbours checking on neighbours, friends sharing information, and mates looking out for mates.

Following the 2025 flood event, Bulloo Shire Council is exploring the development of the Bush Telegraph Mates Network, a community-led initiative designed to strengthen local connections, improve information sharing and help ensure that no one is left behind during times of recovery, isolation or future disruption.

The concept builds upon something rural communities have always done well: caring for one another. By creating small, local networks of trusted community members, the program aims to support people to stay informed, connected and supported through everyday challenges as well as emergency situations.

At the heart of the initiative are Bush Telegraph Mates Leaders. These are not committee members or formal coordinators. Instead, they are trusted local people who naturally keep an eye out for others, share important information, check in on neighbours and help connect people with available support services when needed.

Could you be a Bush Telegraph Mate or Bush Telegraph Mates Leader?

✅ Express your interest in becoming a Bush Telegraph Mate
✅ Nominate yourself as a Bush Telegraph Mates Leader
✅ Share your ideas to help shape the network
✅ Support a stronger, more connected and resilient Bulloo Shire

Simply scan the QR code to get started.

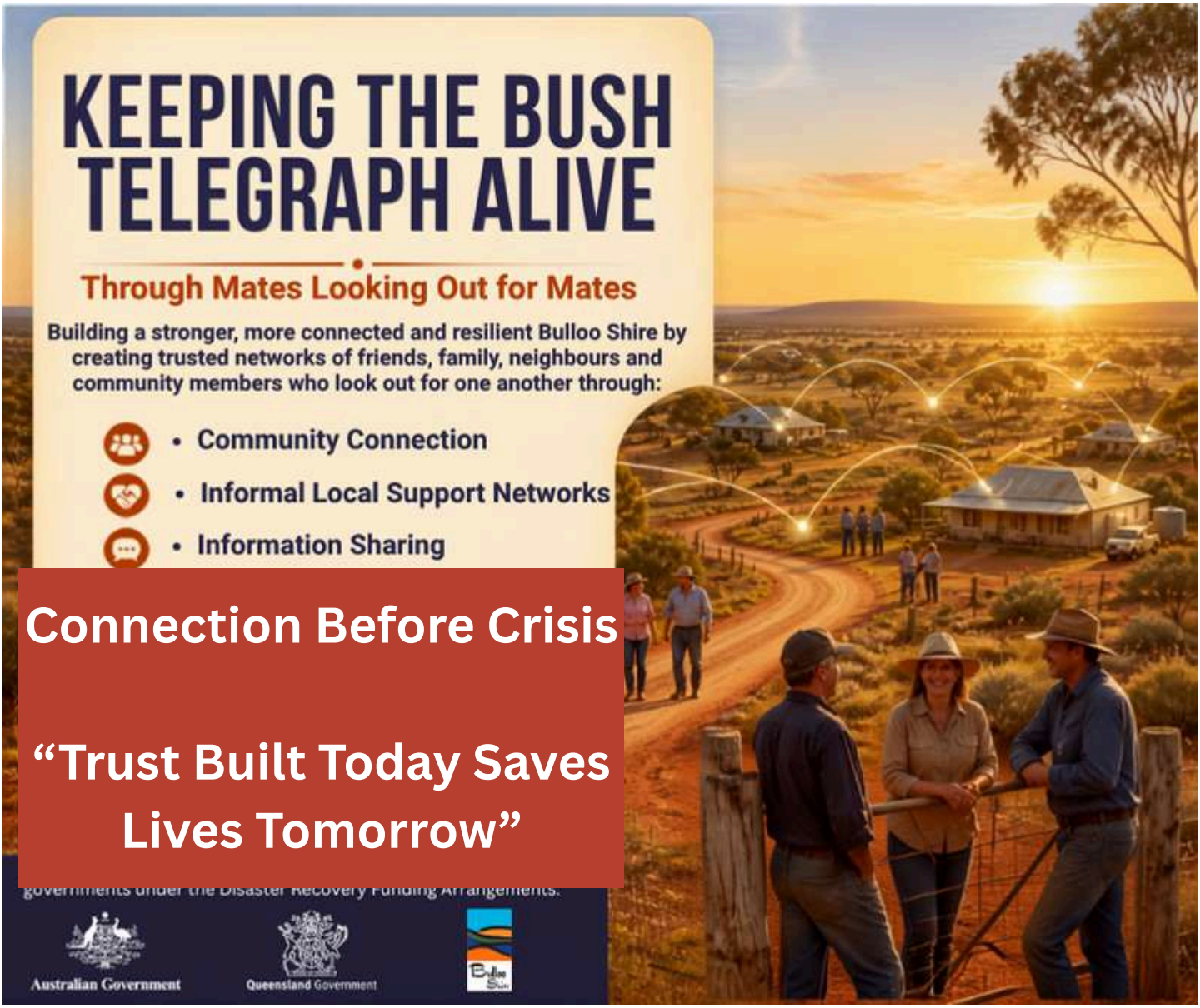
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The network is intended to strengthen community resilience through simple, practical actions such as neighbour-to-neighbour contact, buddy check-ins, local knowledge sharing and community-led communication networks that can continue to function even when formal communication systems are disrupted.

A key focus of the program is ensuring vulnerable and isolated residents remain connected to their community and aware of available support. The network would help foster local awareness of who may need additional assistance, encourage early recognition of isolation or hardship, and strengthen pathways to services and community support



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The project also includes a Voices of Country component, which seeks to work collaboratively with the Kullilli People, Traditional Owners, long-term residents and landholders to capture local knowledge, flood experiences and lessons learned over generations. By bringing together traditional knowledge and lived experience, the initiative aims to strengthen future resilience planning and ensure valuable community knowledge is preserved for future generations.

More than anything, Bush Telegraph Mates is about strengthening the social connections that help communities recover, adapt and thrive. It recognises that resilience is built through relationships, shared responsibility and a strong sense of community belonging.

As the concept continues to be developed, community feedback will play an important role in shaping how the network operates across the Bulloo Shire and ensuring it reflects the needs, strengths and values of local people.

Strong communities are built on connection. Resilient communities are built on people. Sometimes all it takes is mates looking out for mates.

Connection Before Crisis

The strongest communication networks aren't built during emergencies.
They are built through everyday conversations, trusted relationships and neighbours looking out for one another long before the next challenge arrives.

Could you be a Bush Telegraph Mate or Leader?

Simply scan the QR code to get started.

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Rock, Reflect & Reconnect at the Hungerford Gymkhana

This October, the Hungerford Gymkhana will host more than just great entertainment. It will provide an opportunity for the community to come together, share stories, reflect on recovery and celebrate the strength that has carried our region through the challenges of the 2025 floods.

Rock, Reflect & Reconnect is a Community Recovery and Resilience initiative designed to strengthen community connection, support wellbeing and capture the experiences, lessons and strengths that have emerged from recovery.

The weekend will feature live music from Rock City Rock, alongside opportunities for meaningful community participation and conversation.

Friday Night: Community Reflection Wall & Free Camp Oven Dinner
Join us at the Royal Mail Hotel for a free Camp Oven Dinner and an evening of connection. Community members will be invited to contribute to a Reflection Wall, sharing what helped them recover, what they are grateful for, what makes the community strong, ideas for future resilience, and any challenges that remain.

Sometimes the most valuable conversations happen around a shared meal, and this activity aims to celebrate the relationships, support and community spirit that help people through difficult times.

Saturday Night: Bull Dust & The Real Dirt Story Spotlight
On Saturday evening, community members will have the opportunity to share stories of recovery, resilience and community strength through the **Bull Dust & The Real Dirt Story** Spotlight.

These stories will help capture local knowledge, lessons learned and lived experiences from the flood recovery journey. With permission, stories may contribute to future community storytelling initiatives, helping preserve the wisdom, experiences and resilience of our community for future generations.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to connect with local support services, including Lifeline, Farm Angels, GIVIT and RFDS, and learn about ongoing recovery and resilience-building initiatives.

Whether you're attending for the Gymkhana, the music, the camp oven dinner or simply to catch up with neighbours, everyone is welcome.



Music that brings us together. Stories that keep us strong.
2-4 October | Hungerford Gymkhana
Featuring Rock City Rock

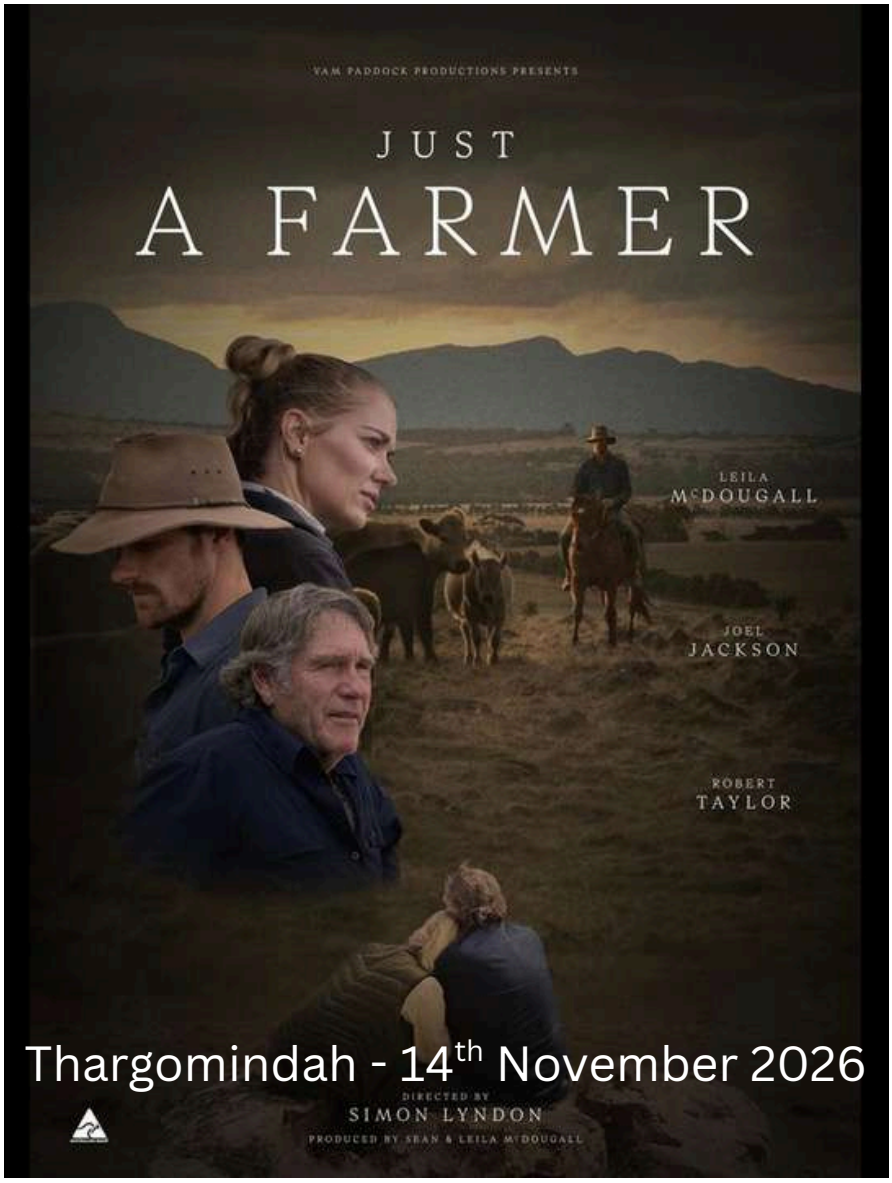
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Just a Farmer Coming to Thargomindah
Free Community Screening

Bulloo residents are invited to a special screening of the acclaimed Australian film Just a Farmer on 14 November 2026 in Thargomindah. The event is being supported through the Community Recovery and Resilience Officer (CRRO) program as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen wellbeing, connection and resilience across the Bulloo Shire following the 2025 flood event. The screening was secured after advocacy to ensure Bulloo residents had access to the same recovery and wellbeing opportunities being offered in other South West Queensland communities.

More than just a movie, Just a Farmer highlights the realities of life in rural Australia, the challenges faced by farming families, and the importance of recognising when people may need support. By bringing the community together to share a meaningful experience, the event aims to encourage conversation, strengthen social connections and promote awareness of available wellbeing and support services. These outcomes align closely with the CRRO program's focus on enhancing community connectedness, recovery and resilience.

Everyone is welcome to attend and be part of this important community event. Further details will be released closer to the screening date.



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Lifeline
DARLING DOWNS & SOUTH WEST QLD

27th August 2026

To the Revenue Department
Bulloo Shire Council

Good morning,

We are writing to inform you that our Financial Counselling Program covers the Bulloo Shire Council area. We kindly ask if you could advise your rates clients that we are available to assist them — the earlier the intervention, the better! We have observed an increase in rates arrears alongside mortgage arrears, and given the current housing challenges, helping clients to stay in their own homes benefits both the individuals and their communities.

While we appreciate that most councils have effective interventions such as payment plans, some clients may prefer to speak with an independent and confidential, professional service. Our program supports clients not only with their rates payments but also with their overall financial situation that may be contributing to difficulties in meeting their rates obligations.

Our free service includes financial counsellors and financial capability workers who work with clients to create personalised plans aimed at improving their financial position and literacy. Some councils have even made an assessment by a financial counsellor, a suggested condition to be met before approving payment plans or hardship arrangements.

Clients can be referred to our program by your team, or they can self-refer via:
- Online: https://www.lifelinedarlingdowns.org.au/make-a-referral
- Phone: 1300 991 443
- Email: FCT@lifelinedarlingdowns.org.au

We offer support face to face, by phone, email, or via Teams.

We have included a brochure for you to share with your clients. Additionally, clients may find it helpful to access resources such as the National Debt Helpline (https://ndh.org.au/) and the government's Moneysmart website (https://moneysmart.gov.au/).

Thank you for your support in connecting clients with this valuable service.
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like more information!

Kind regards,

Brittany Shortland
Financial Capability Coordinator

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How to access this service?

If you need support please call Lifeline Darling Downs South West Qld Ltd

on

1300 991 443

You can also self-refer or refer a current client by visiting our website and clicking the "Make a referral" option under the 'Our Services' or visit:

lifelinedarlingdowns.org.au/make-a-referral

Service providers can also refer current clients by emailing a Lifeline referral form to:

lifeline@lifelinedarlingdowns.org.au

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For more information or an appointment

please phone Head Office on

1300 991 443

www.lifelinedarlingdowns.org.au

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If you require urgent assistance, please phone the Lifeline National Telephone Counselling Crisis Line

13 11 14

(24 hours)

or Text

0477 13 11 14

(Available 12pm-midnight)

We pay our respects to the traditional custodians across the lands in which we work and acknowledge their elders past, present and future.

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Financial Counselling and Financial Resilience

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Financial Counselling and Financial Resilience

Our Financial Counselling & Financial Resilience programs provide a free and independent service to people who want information or assistance with:

- Negotiating with creditors
- Options concerning debt or over-commitment
- Legal rights and responsibilities about contracts and debts
- Understanding the debt collection process
- Exploring financial options
- Developing budgets
- Creating an individual plan to help with money management
- Understanding Centrelink benefits or debts

Our Financial Counsellors and Financial Resilience Workers may also:

- Give information on Part IX debt agreements and bankruptcy
- Advocacy
- Conduct community education
- Participate in group advocacy, community development and education as well as social action reform



Things that can be done before the debt situation gets worse.

There are a number of options and actions that can be taken:

1. Make contact with creditors and advise them of the situation. They cannot assist if they do not know what is happening.
2. Ask for a hardship application. Many creditors have some form of hardship relief available. It is useful to negotiate for time to pay and for reduction or cessation of interest and penalties.
3. Start a budget by downloading the budget planner from the money smart website at www.moneysmart.gov.au

Other helpful numbers

National Debt Helpline
1800 007 007

Mob Strong Debt Help

1800 808 488

Please note our Financial Counselling and Literacy programs do not provide Emergency Relief support, if you require food or material assistance please contact your local Emergency Relief provider.

Community Events



Community Events

Bring your swag to the....

HUNGERFORD SPORTS

Horse & Motorbike Gymkhana

2ND OCT - 4TH OCT 2026



BIGGER PROGRAM OF EVENTS SATURDAY

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER - 6PM
Doug's camp over dinner @ Royal Mail Hotel
SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER - 9AM
Adults & Childrens Horse Gymkhana.
Adults & Childrens Motorbike Gymkhana.
Novelty Events
Ol' Mac's Double Barrel Showdown
Bike vs Horse $1000 Men's & $1000 Womens
Winner takes all!

LIVE MUSIC
BAR
FULLY CATERED

150 YEARS OF HUNGERFORD 1875-2025 QLD

BOOK LAUNCH

MORE NOVELTY EVENTS

PARADE

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER - 8AM
Continuation of Motorbike Gymkhana.
$10,000+ prize money
Free camping, modern amenities, hot showers

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.HUNGERFORDEVENTS.COM.AU

Community Events



DATES
9 – 11 OCTOBER 2026

VENUE
NOCCUNDRA RODEO GROUNDS

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY
$31,275

★ RODEO PROGRAMME ★

EVENT	ENTRY	PRIZE MONEY	TOTAL	AGE
Junior Steer	$30	$300 / $200 / $100	$600	8–14
Juvenile Steer	$30	$300 / $200 / $100	$600	14–18
Station Buck Jump	$60	$800 / $500 / $300	$1,600	16+
Bullock Ride	$60	$800 / $500 / $300	$1,600	16+
Bronc Ride	$80	$1,000 / $700 / $500	$2,200	16+
Bull Ride	$80	$1,000 / $700 / $500	$2,200	16+
Feature Bronc	–	$700 Jackpot	$700	16+
Ladies Barrel	$80	$1,000 / $700 / $500	$2,200	16+
Mini Barrel Race – LED	$5	$150 / $100 / $50	$300	Under 8
Mini Barrel Race – UNLED	$5	$150 / $100 / $50	$300	Under 8
Junior Barrel Race	$20	$350 / $225 / $125	$700	8–14
Juvenile Barrel Race	$20	$350 / $225 / $125	$700	14–18

Rodeo prize money total: $13,700 • No points • Places paid to 3rd

★ CAMPDRAFT PROGRAMME ★

EVENT	ENTRY	PRIZE MONEY (1st–5th)	TOTAL
Encouragement	$25	$300 / $200 / $100 / $75 / $50	$725
Mini	$5	$150 / $125 / $100 / $75 / $50	$500
Junior	$15	$150 / $125 / $100 / $75 / $50	$500
Juvenile	$15	$150 / $125 / $100 / $75 / $50	$500
Futurity	$30	$500 / $300 / $200	$1,000
Maiden	$40	$700 / $500 / $200 / $100 / $50	$1,550
Novice	$40	$800 / $500 / $200 / $100 / $50	$1,650
Ladies	$40	$800 / $500 / $200 / $100 / $50	$1,650
Open	$60	$1,500 / $1,000 / $700 / $500 / $200	$3,900

OPEN FOR OPEN SHOOTOUT • $1,000 JACKPOT TIME PERMITTING

CAMPDRAFT PRIZE MONEY: $12,975

CAMPDRAFT ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:
$25 Stock Levy | $2 Trophy Levy | $2.50 First Aide Levy
$1.10 Cattle Reserve Levy

Campdraft Nominations open on 15th September

★ SUNDAY GYMKHANA ★

HORSE GYMKHANA • 8:00 AM START | MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA • 11:00 AM START

AGE / CLASS	ENTRY	PRIZE	GYMKHANA
Under 5	$2	$30 / $20 / $10	HORSE & MOTORBIKE
5 – 10 Years	$5	$30 / $20 / $10	HORSE & MOTORBIKE
10 – 14 Years	$10	$40 / $30 / $20	HORSE & MOTORBIKE
14 – 16 Years	$15	$50 / $30 / $20	HORSE & MOTORBIKE
Open	$20	$70 / $50 / $30	HORSE & MOTORBIKE

RODEO ENTRIES OPEN 10AM 22ND SEPTEMBER

★ EVENT INFORMATION ★

DETAIL	INFORMATION
Gates Open	09/08/2026 6am
Campdraft	9 – 11 October 7.30am
Rodeo Start	10 October 5 pm
Evening Entertainment	DJ until late
Thursday Night	Noccundra Hotel BBQ
Friday Night	Pig on the Spit at grounds
Saturday Night	Main Meal at grounds
Food & Refreshments	Kiosk at grounds all weekend

★ COMPETITOR INFORMATION & THANKS ★

Entries / Draw:
Contact Linda Evans 0427 561 005 / 07 46 554 311

The Noccundra Rodeo Club thanks all competitors, volunteers, officials, sponsors, supporters and the local community for helping make this event possible.

★ NOMINATIONS & ENQUIRIES ★

Campdraft and Rodeo Nominations:
via iCompete

Rodeo Nominations on the Day:
Nominations will be accepted on the day if stock is available

Further Enquiries: Linda Evans – 0427 561 005
Email: secretarynoccundrarodeo@outlook.com

★ *Noccundra... where the outback comes alive!* ★

2026/27 Bulloo Shire Council's Projects and Priorities

NEW PROJECTS FOR 2026/27

EXCITING UPDATES

The 2026/27 Budget includes funding for:

- Construction of one new three-bedroom house
- Construction of four new two-bedroom houses
- Upgrade of the Dowling Street / Gilmour Street median strip
- Construction of four new cabins at the Explorers Caravan Park
- Replacement of the gazebo and seating at Memorial Park
- Water infrastructure extension to the new industrial subdivision
- Construction of disabled amenities and solar lighting at the Golf Club
- Delivery of Sport and Recreation Recovery Grant projects, including restoration works at the Community Centre, Park, Oval, Golf Club and Rodeo Grounds
- Purchase of new plant and equipment to support service delivery
- Purchase of additional land from the State to facilitate future expansion of the Thargomindah township
- Sale of residential and industrial lots
- Roads to Recovery - sealing of Warri Gate Road

Welcome to the team

Jane Vaschina - Executive Assistant (EA)



Tell us a little about yourself...

Just spend the last four month working on a cattle station outsides Birdsville. Before this was nearly seven years with State Government in Townsville and Bundaberg. I spent 6 years in Boulia at the council.

What's your goal for 2026?

Not even close to finishing my goal for 2026. Can I reset for 2027??

What's your favourite food?

Katsu Curry

What's your favourite TV show or movie?

BBC North and South

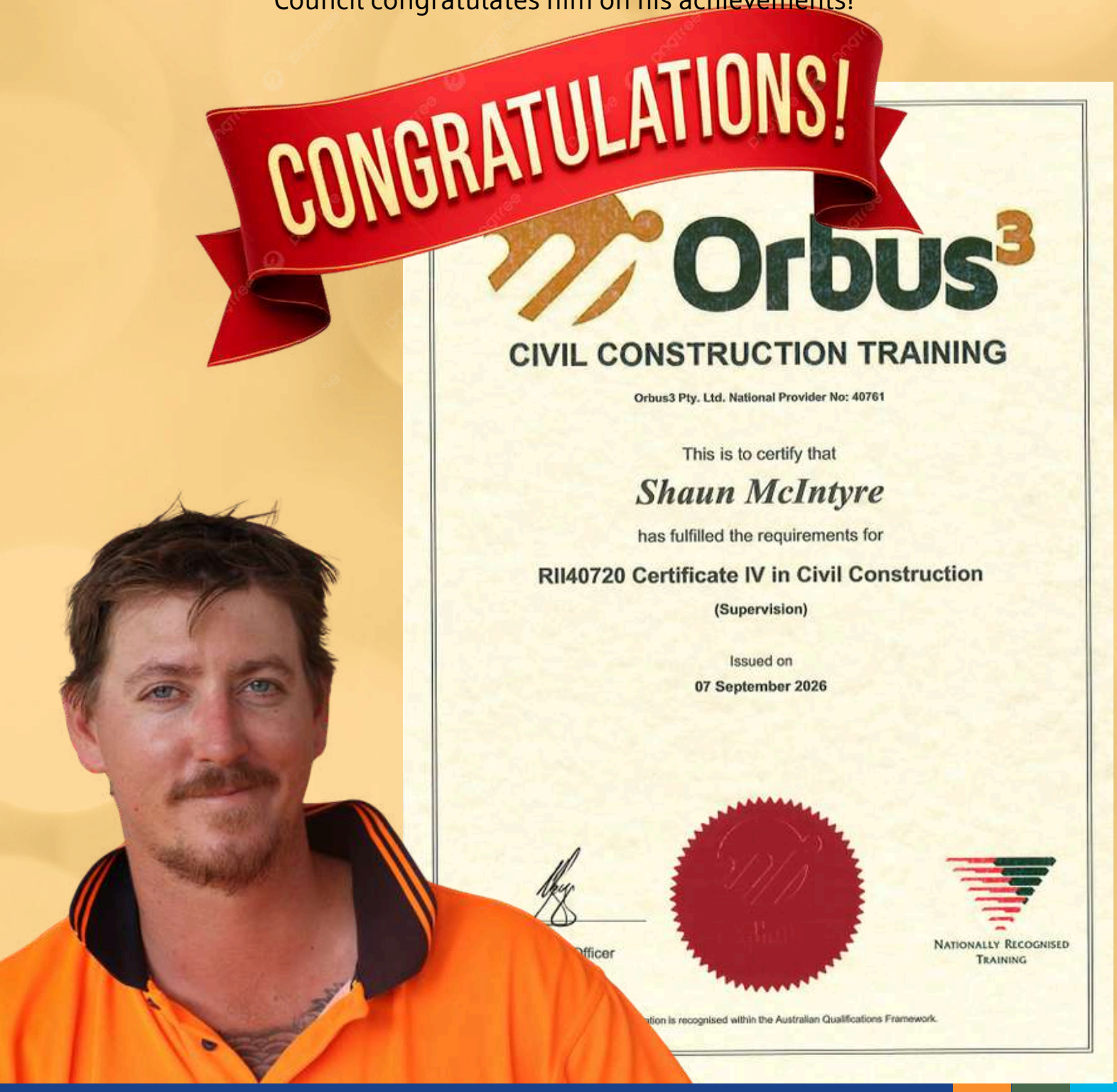
What do you like about the Bulloo Shire Community?

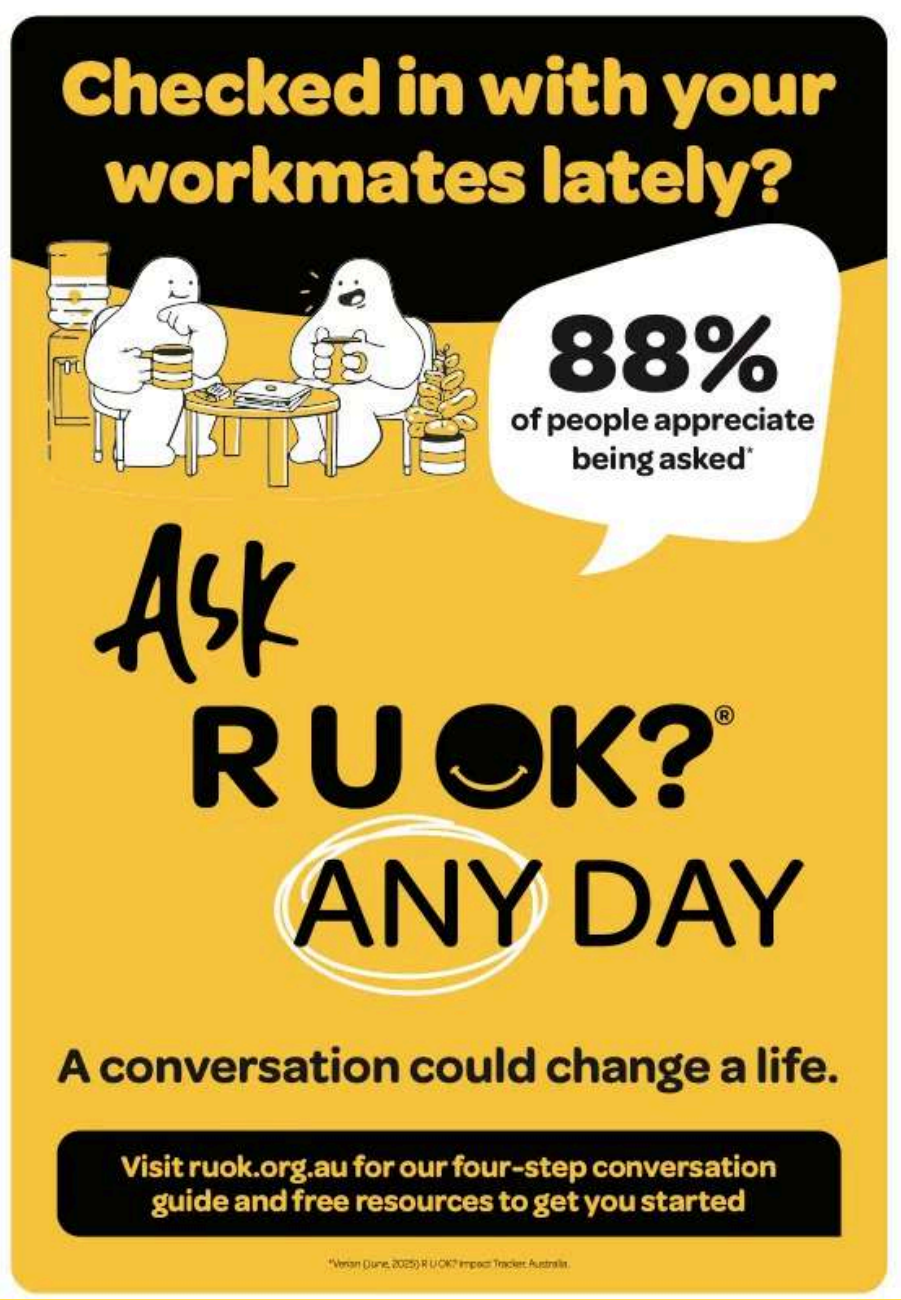
Nice, small country community.

Shaun McIntyre

Shaun commenced employment with the Bulloo Shire Council in 2022 as a Concrete Labourer. In the years following, Shaun has continually and consistently shown eagerness and ambition to learn and grow professionally, completing his Cert III in 2025, and this year, he has completed his Cert IV in Civil Construction (Supervision).

Shaun is a highly contributing, valuable member of the team and the Bulloo Shire Council congratulates him on his achievements!





ALL COUNCIL STAFF ARE INVITED TO THE BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL'S

R U OK? DAY MORNING TEA ON THURSDAY THE 10TH OF SEPTEMBER 2026

ON THE DECK OF THE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

FROM 10:00AM UNTIL 11:30AM

YOUR Councillors



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Explore Bulloo
Visitor Information Centre
Ph: 07 4621 8095

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Explorers Caravan Park
Thargomindah
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