

Thargomindah ~ Noccundra ~ Hungerford ~ Cameron Corner ~ The Dig Tree

AUGUST 2021

BULLOO BUZZ

Ever
Changing,
Always
Amazing...

ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES

CORPORATE
SERVICES

ROAD & TOWN
SERVICES

RURAL
SERVICES

SPECIAL
PROJECTS

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A group of children are playing with bright, multi-colored powders (red, yellow, blue, green) in front of a light-colored brick wall. The children are smiling and laughing, with the powder dusting their faces and clothes. The scene is outdoors, with trees visible in the background under a clear sky.

WELCOME TO THE BULLOO BUZZ

G'day and welcome to the Bulloo Buzz. Bulloo Shire Council strives to produce a well informed monthly Newsletter to keep all locals and visitors up to date with Council news, local events and much much more.

We hope you enjoy reading.....

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We are committed to honouring Australian Aboriginal peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land and waters. We wish you a safe passage and protection and ask that you respect the protocols and rules of the land by leaving this country as you find it.



FROM THE CEO'S DESK

Lew Rojahn

We have finally been able to commence negotiations with a contractor to start on our Independent living Centre. Congratulations to John Chen for his persistence in getting this to happen. The final decision is yet to be confirmed by Council but I am confident we may have a way forward to commence what I believe will be a significant asset to our town. Not only will it support the families of Thargomindah and the Bulloo Shire, but also if the opportunity arises, the families of the whole region. This is just part of the fabric of making our communities sustainable. The State Government places a great emphasis on Council's being managed in a way that they will be sustainable into the future but the Bulloo Shire passes that emphasis to making our communities sustainable so people will have a shop and post office and a school and a future.

The Spa Gazing centre is still progressing. Because we have made it such an interesting building there are some design hurdles we need to jump. However, we have appointed an architect to develop the engineering plans so we can appoint a builder and, once this is done, we should have a better idea of what the final design will look like. This is a really great project but unfortunately the timeline for the funding and the delay we have had in preparing the design has unfortunately clashed, and we have had to reallocate the funding to the development of the Warri gate road because we could not get an extension on the funding. However, all is not lost as the third round of the funding is released in January 2022 and we will be able to allocate that funding to the project. Unfortunately, again, we will need to find someone to build it.

At the moment, all our crews are working on TMR works on Cunnamulla Road and Flood damage works. I am sure you have seen the new culverts being installed near Nine Mile Creek on Cunnamulla Road. You will soon see more work being undertaken to widen the road so there will still be a little bit of inconvenience over the next couple of months. The roaming grader crew have run into some mechanical issues and have had to change over vehicles. They have moved down to the Hamilton Gate Road towards Hungerford and will start again shortly. We currently have a contractor working on the Quilpie road doing shoulders as

part of our RMPC contract with Main Roads and our Maintenance crew are doing Guide Posts down the Bulloo Downs road and have just repaired a broken grid out on Innamincka Road. This grid was seriously damaged and required an emergency repair with all the heavy vehicles travelling that road at the moment.

As part of the future support for the development of Warri Gate road it was decided that to gain interest from stakeholders, we needed to create an event we labelled as a "Roundtable, that would attract a significant amount of industry and political representatives. This will be based on a similar event that was held in north Queensland that Asst Minister Scott Buchholz attended. This provided evidence to the Politicians that the projects and the issues raised were of significance to the people of that region.

It is intended that the event will be held over two days namely 4th and 5th November 2021 with guests flying in on 3rd and then able to fly out on the 7th. The guests being targeted for an invitation will include local industry representatives as well as people from the following industries:

- Oil and Gas
- Transport
- Politics
- Tourism
- Cross Border Shires
- Neighbouring Local Government
- Aviation
- Political figures from Qld, NSW and SA. Eg tourism ministers etc.

It is hoped that by creating the roundtable, people who may not normally attend, will be attracted by the attendance of a large and varied group eg politicians. This will also be to identify opportunities between the industry groups and to try to get an idea of users of outback facilities including roads, fuel stops, accommodation etc. The flow on from this is that Council will be able to lead the conversation around the development of the Warri gate road and how it will feature in the development of opportunities. Aviation will have significant time devoted to it as well. For the support of existing services but also looking at the linkages to SA possibly via Alice Springs and the tourism aviation that could feed from SA to Thargomindah, thus creating greater use of our airport and its facilities and providing another revenue stream into our tourism.

And we are only one month into the new financial year.....

Lew Rojahn

Chief Executive Officer

TOURISM NEWS

Thargomindah residents, you should be proud of yourselves! I take pleasure everyday in being the receiver of some truly remarkable comments about our town and community. Visitors from all walks of life visit our town each and every day during season and nine out of ten of them comment on just how beautiful our town is, they are not only talking about the infrastructure and landscaping, they often comment that it looks as if everyone takes such pride in caring for their own homes and yards. We are often compared to other towns of this size and told that we are punching way above our weight. WELL DONE EVERYONE keep up the good work.

Comments include;

Lyn, Victoria

First impressions, it's a beautiful, clean, appealing town and will stay a few extra days. ☆☆☆☆

Ian, Victoria

Extremely clean, tidy town with lots of clean toilets, beautiful!! ☆☆☆☆

John, NSW

Great country town with a very friendly clean community. ☆☆☆☆

Our visitor numbers this year have been up or equal with the last 4 years and people are staying in town longer therefore spending more money. Yeah!!

- July 2017, 1536 visitors
- July 2018, 2116 visitors
- July 2019, 1518 visitors
- July 2020, 2103 visitors

I know that Covid-19 has had a negative impact on most of the county with their tourism numbers but thankfully with our wide-open spaces, fresh air and fantastic season the outback has been a huge drawcard for a lot of city folk.

Once again thank you for being so welcoming to our visitors, word of mouth is the most powerful way to spread what a wonderful part of the world we live in. More visitor's equal positive economic growth.



RURAL SERVICES

Weeds and Wild Dogs

- Checking and spraying of Parkinsonia at Bingara has continued in partnership with Paroo Shire and SQ Landscapes
- Trapping of wild dogs continues at Autumnvale, Wiralla, Thargomindah Stn and Picarilli
- Spraying of Calthrope at Yakara in consultation with station owners
- A Native Pear bush was found at Bingara.

Native Pear - a slender or woody twiner or creeper, growing on trees, logs or fences often 2m or more in height. The branches, stems and flower stalks are covered with minute hairs and exude a white milky sap when broken. It has opposite linear 4 – 10cm long leaves. Flowers are clusters of 6-15 flowers at the end of a stalk arising beside the leaf base. It has a thick walled broad-tapering pod 4-10cm long, drooping, green coloured and finely haired, splitting along one side at maturity to release numerous flattened black seeds. It is usually found as an isolated plant twining into the lower branches of trees. When accessible, the foliage is sparingly grazed by stock and some reports indicate that the young shoot buds and fruits were eaten by aborigines.



Water Agreements

The Kihee agreement has been signed and returned.

Property Visit

James visited Orientos Station to provide wild dog baits.

Common Fence

A new holding paddock has been completed in the south east corner of the Town Common to make mustering easier. This was completed by Brocky, Aaron and James.



ROADS AND TOWN SERVICES

Again a Massive Shout Out and Thank You to all the Road Crews and Contractors who have been very busy working hard on Flood Damage these past few months. Road Inspections will continue on, with the help from our contracted Inspectors from Shepherds Services.

Crew 1 are continuing on with Flood Damage on Besm Road.

Crew 2 are continuing on with Flood Damage Works on Soonah Crossing Road and Norley Road.

This week they moved over to prepare the culvert on Innamincka Road for Bitumen Seal where the Culvert was replaced, earlier this year.

Crew 3 are continuing on with Flood Damage on Hungerford Road. While in the area they graded Picarilli Access Road.

The Maintenance Guys have been out and replaced a grid on the Innamincka Road that was damaged. The guys have also been busy pot hole patching, guide posting, and doing grid inspections and slashing at the airport.

The Roaming Grader Crew have recently been moved down to New Hamilton Gate Road, to start Flood Damage Works.

The crew will be down on Hamilton Gate Road for the next month.

On top of our 5 Roads Crews, have Robbie Hilt carrying out his usual plant inspections. Robbie also recently cleaned out a culvert on Besm Road. Womba has been very busy carting gravel to our RMPC job site on Bundeena Road and for the TMR REEF culvert replacement on Cunnamulla Road.

Colin has been flat out floating plant all around the shire. From floating plant out near Nappa Merrie, down near Cameron Corner, even down to New Hamilton Gate Road, just off from Hungerford Road.

Tuckerbox has been working hard on some fairly large projects over the last few months Starting with the Culvert Replacement on Cunnamulla Road, Durack Civil have been out on site these last couple weeks replacing the culverts and are now back filling. Once Durack are finish this week over on the Culvert Replacement, Clancy and his crew will go back over to prepare for the bitumen seal which is scheduled for the week of the 23rd August 2021.

Second big job has been on the Culvert and Pipe Replacement on Bundeena Road (Grey Range).

Once Durack are finish on the Culvert Replacement on Bundeena Road, Brad and his crew will go back over to prepare for the bitumen seal, which is also scheduled for the week of the 23rd August 2021.

Soil testing is to be done within the next fortnight, on both Cunnamulla Road and Bundeena Road.

I would like to give a massive thank you to Tuckerbox with all the hard work he has put into these two jobs, he has stepped up and taken the initiative to control the workforce and organise schedules between the Contractor and Bulloo Shire Council.

THANK YOU TUCKA !!





Out'n about the



BULLOO SHIRE



Dictionary Meaning:

WOOP WOOP

Or

"in the middle of nowhere"

Far away from anything / Remote outback towns

When we say,

"JUST DOWN THE ROAD"

1435 km north of Melbourne

1200 km north of Adelaide

3495 km east of Perth

1000 km west of Brisbane

2106 km south west of Cairns

2980 km south east of Darwin

1230 km north west of Sydney

1170 km north west of Canberra

2090 km south east of Alice Springs

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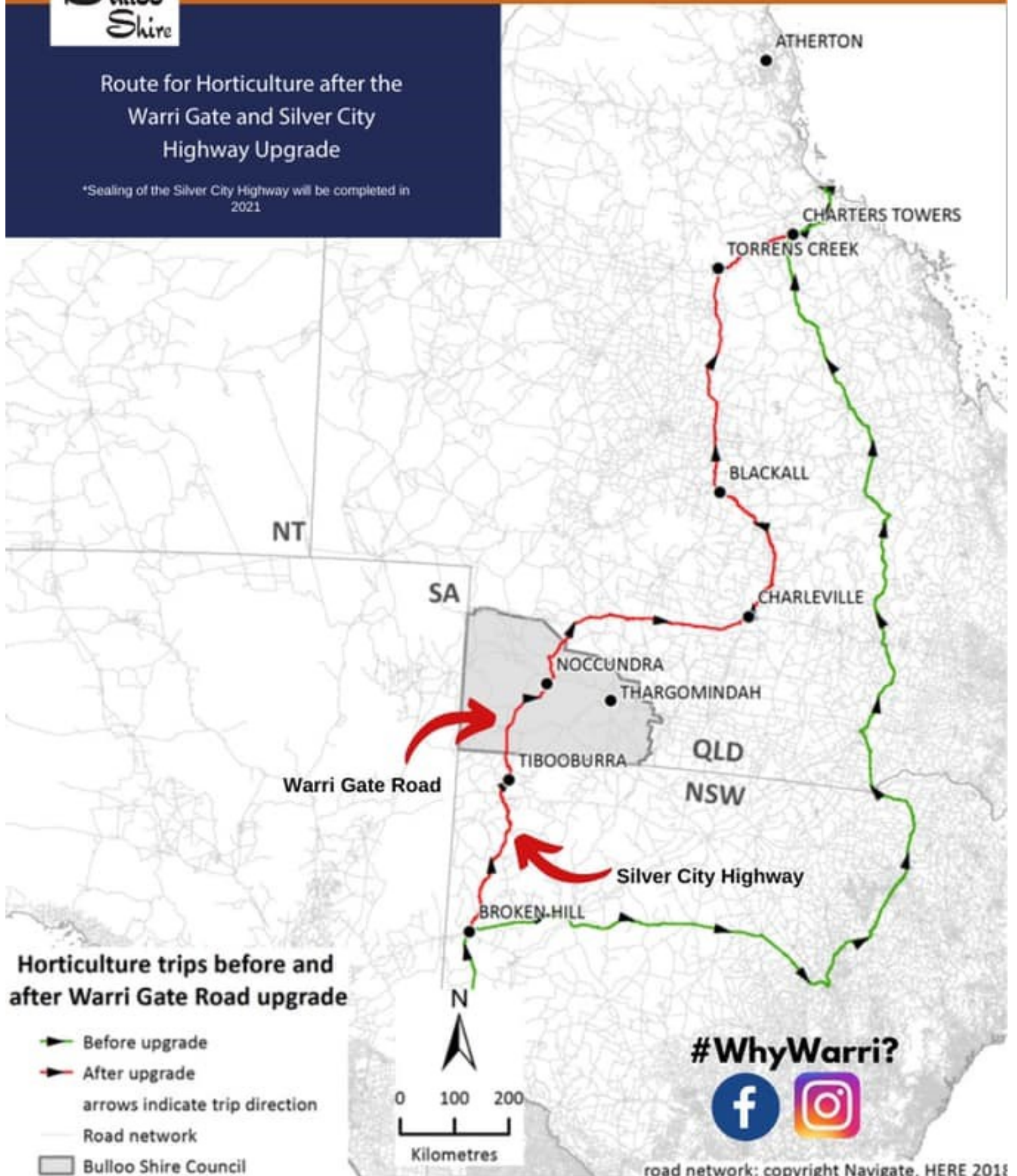


Warri Gate Road

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Route for Horticulture after the
Warri Gate and Silver City
Highway Upgrade

*Sealing of the Silver City Highway will be completed in
2021



#WhyWarri?



155km left to seal



**\$11.58/tonne/trip
saved when sealed**
*savings average over \$850,000/annum

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#WhyWarri?



HOW TO **REPORT CRIME** IN QUEENSLAND

**IF A CRIME IS
HAPPENING RIGHT NOW,
CALL TRIPLE ZERO**

000

Call 000
where there is a risk of
harm or damage
to a person or property
and it is happening now.

**IF *NOT*, THINK
POLICELINK.**

CALL 131 444.

Call Policelink when a
crime has already
happened, such as
a house or vehicle has
been broken into.
And is not urgent.



**Any information on crime
or activity that maybe
unlawful, such as drug
activity or a suspicious
person, vehicle or activity**

Telstra payphones are now free for calls within Australia

3 August 2021 – Telstra today announced that all Australians can now make calls right across the country for free on Telstra's network of more than 15,000 payphones.

In the past year, about 11 million calls were made across Australia from Telstra payphones. This included more than 230,000 calls to critical services like '000' and Lifeline, proving a crucial service for some of the country's most vulnerable people and communities, especially those in regional and remote areas.

Telstra CEO, Andrew Penn said this decision meant everyone could now use payphones to make a free local or national call to a standard fixed line or a call to an Australian mobile, when they needed to.

"Telstra payphones are now free phones for everyone to anywhere in Australia. They are an iconic and critical part of our community, and for many Australians, the availability of a payphone is a vital lifeline, especially for those vulnerable including the homeless, people who are isolated or someone escaping an unsafe situation. That's why I have taken this decision to make national calls from payphones free, because they play such a critical role in our community, particularly in times of need and for those in need."

"I have been moved seeing firsthand queues of people waiting in line, to use a payphone to tell their family and friends they're safe after a bushfire, a cyclone or some other natural disaster has taken the mobile network down. I can only imagine the relief their families feel knowing their loved one is safe."

"During COVID-related lockdowns, we've seen domestic and family violence agencies report a 60 per cent rise in new clients seeking help for the first time, and an increase in abusive behaviours overall. It's not always easy for people in these situations to use a home phone or their mobile to get help, so I hope making payphone calls free might play a small part in helping them get the assistance they need."

"Our payphones have previously been made free to communities devastated by natural disasters when communications were vital to keep communities connected. Telstra also made domestic calls free across nearly 600 payphones in remote Indigenous communities in 2020 to ensure these areas remained connected during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Mr Penn said as Telstra's purpose was to build a connected future so everyone could thrive, we wanted to contribute to a better, more caring and more inclusive Australia.

"An Australia where people can reach out for help if and when they need, or just connect if they feel like it. We take our responsibility for keeping people connected seriously, and today's announcement reinforces that commitment."

Today's initiative builds on Telstra's five-year program providing free national calls on its payphones during the Christmas and New Year period which it works closely on with the Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army's Major Brendan Nottle welcomed today's news, saying, "This is an absolute game changer for many of the people we work with across the nation. The reality is this piece of infrastructure is absolutely critical because a lot of Australians either don't have a mobile phone, lose it or the phone's charger, or simply run out of credit."

"Connection is absolutely vital for every human being, but particularly for those who are vulnerable. It's really important for them to break down that sense of social poverty, social isolation, and to connect with a friend or with support services."

Standard national calls and SMS from Telstra payphones will be free from today. International and calls to premium and satellite numbers will still incur a cost, while Telstra Air remains free to eligible Telstra customers. Payphones will also become coinless from 1 October 2021 with Telstra Phonecards recommended for dialling international and premium numbers.



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NOCCUNDRRA CAMPDRAFT, RODEO & GYMKHANA 2021



FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER - 12:00pm

M & R Myers Futurity Draft (Horses 4 & Under) - Noms \$30. Starts 12pm Sharp Limited to 30 runs. One run per Competitor
1st \$400, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$100

Restricted Open Draft (Restricted to OPEN HORSES only) - Noms \$40
1st \$400, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$175, 4th \$125, 5th \$75

Camrandale Transport Encouragement Draft - Noms \$20 1st \$200, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 4th \$65, 5th \$55

MOTOREIKE GYMKHANA Saturday 9:00am START

Novelty events plus Double Barrel race
Sponsored by: Punk Geiger



Conditions - Nominations for Campdraft close Wednesday 29th September or first 600 Noms filled. Horse's names must be submitted with nominations. Horses are to be ridden in order of the draw. Camp drafters limit 3 calls per competitor otherwise disqualified. Judges decision will be final.

Committee reserves the right to alter the programme. RSA and ACA rules apply.

Friday & Saturday Night Music

Catering & Refreshments available all weekend.
Showers & Camping Facilities in use

SATURDAY 9th OCTOBER - 6:00am

Maiden Draft - Noms \$30
10% of Scorers to Compete in the Final

Rodney Betts Memorial Novice Draft - Noms \$35
10% of Scorers to Compete in the Final

Final Maiden Campdraft
1st \$350, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$110, 4th \$80, 5th \$60

Final Novice Draft
1st \$450, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200, 4th \$100, 5th \$50

RODEO STARTS 4:00pm

JLD Rugs Mini Barrel Race - Noms Free
1st \$50 + Trophy, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20

S Morton Juvenile Barrel Race - Noms \$20
1st \$100 + Trophy, 2nd \$70, 3rd \$30

Cloncurry Mustering Company & T & K Warner Open Barrel Race - Noms \$30
1st \$400, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100

Luckcraft Earth Works - Mini Bulls
Under 9 - Noms \$10
1st \$50 2nd \$30 3rd \$20

10-11s - Noms \$15
1st \$75 2nd \$50 3rd \$25
12-15 years - Noms \$20
1st \$100 2nd \$70 3rd \$30

Noccundra Hotel Bullock Ride - Noms \$30
1st \$400, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150

Southwest Contracting & Michael Absalom Saddle Bronc - Noms \$40
1st \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200
Buckle Donated By: Kitty Lawton

Hawkeye Helicopters Station Buckjump - Noms \$30
1st \$400, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150

Dunns' Earthmoving Open Bull Ride - Noms \$40
1st \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200
Buckle Donated By: Pete Degoumois

SUNDAY 10th OCTOBER - 7:00am

Morton Family Juvenile Draft - Noms \$15
1st \$100 + Trophy, 2nd \$70, 3rd \$45, 4th \$30, 5th \$25

Charleville Pharmacy Junior Draft - Noms \$10
1st \$50 + Trophy, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20, 4th \$15, 5th \$10

N & J Keogh Mini Draft - Noms FREE
1st \$30 + Trophy, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$20, 4th \$15, 5th \$5

Alf Johnson Memorial Ladies Draft - Noms \$35
Sponsored by: Whip & Jackie Degoumois
1st \$450, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200, 4th \$100, 5th \$50

Cleveland Agriculture & Noccundra Committee Open Draft - Noms \$40
10% of Scorers to Compete in the Finals

Final Open Campdraft
1st \$800, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$300, 4th \$200, 5th \$100



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Noccundra Committee would like to thank our sponsors for 2021

M & R Myers *Southwest Contracting* *Degoumois Family* *Morton Family* *Charleville Pharmacy*
JLD Rugs *Michael Absalom* *Cleveland Agriculture* *Gibson Grazing* *Circle T Cattle Co* *Tas Mini Motors*
Punk Geiger *Keogh Family* *Rayner's Crane & Plant Hire* *Coulton Cattle Co* *S Morton* *Louise Hall*
Luckcraft Earth Works *Bulloo Shire* *Lawton Family* *Adcock Partners Property & Livestock*





REQUEST FOR TENDER

T2021-2022-102

94A Cunnamulla Rd Widening - Drainage Upgrade Works

Bulloo Shire Council is seeking the services of a suitably qualified contractor to supply and deliver 94A Cunnamulla Road Widening - Drainage Upgrade Works.

Documentation can be obtained by visiting Council's webpage at

<http://www.bulloo.qld.gov.au/tenders1>

Applications should be clearly marked with RFT no.

'T2021-2022-102'

and submitted either via email to

Tender@bulloo.qld.gov.au

or by post to:

Lew Rojahn - Chief Executive Officer
Bulloo Shire Council, PO Box 46
THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492

**Submissions Close: 4.00pm on
Friday, 3rd September 2021.**



REQUEST FOR TENDER

T2021-2022-103

94A Cunnamulla Rd Widening - Bitumen Seal Supply

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'T2021-2022-103'

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RATE NOTICES

Rate notices for the period 1 July 2021 - 31 December 2021 will be issued on **Wednesday 25 August 2021.**

Rates are due **Monday 27 September 2021.**

Discount will be allowed if payment is received by 5.00pm on the due date. Interest is applicable after this date.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to advise Council of any change of address.

Ratepayers who have not received their rate notice should contact the Council office immediately on 07 4621 8000.

Payment options are outlined on the back of the rate notice as well on the Rates information Brochure.



W E L C O M E T O



Bulloo Riverside

F R E E C A M P G R O U N D



Council by-laws apply





Bulloo Shire

Events 2021

RURAL MENS NIGHT

MARCH 20

SHEARERS SHINDIG

MAY 20-22

THARGOMINDAH POLOCROSSE CARNIVAL

JUNE 26-27

CHANNEL COUNTRY MUSIC MUSTER

JULY 13-18

THARGOMINDAH BIKE SPORTS AND ENDURO

SEPT 18-19

HUNGERFORD MOTORBIKE & HORSE GYMKHANA

OCT 2-3

NOCCUNDRA CAMPDRAFT & RODEO

OCT 9-10

HUNGERFORD REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOV 11

CHRISTMAS IN THE BULLOO

DEC 5

CAMERON CORNER NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

DEC 31

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