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WELCOME TO THE BULLOO BUZZ

G'day and welcome to the Bulloo Buzz. Bulloo Shire Council strives on producing 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.

ABOUT THIS PLACE



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FROM THE CEO'S DESK

Lew Rojahn

Warri Gate road is back on the air for us again this year. We have recently had two people out that assist us with the promotion of this road to gain funding. Kalair McArthur is a consultant that prepares our funding applications and the other was Simone Talbot, the new Co-Ordinator for the new South West Queensland Region of Councils that Council has recently signed up with to promote the south west.

Kalair was already fairly well in the loop but took the opportunity to actually experience the condition of the road and get a feel for the type of work that we need to encapsulate in the final construction. That will help us formulate business cases and prepare better estimates of the construction. Simone, as the SWQROC person is helping us to promote it as our main project for the Shire. This will sit in place with projects from the other shires. Simone will now have a better idea of the road and will be able to speak more confidently on our behalf when she is conversing with politicians and other development agencies.

One of the other changes that may be a little controversial is that we have placed 'No Motorbikes' signs on the BMX track. There has been significant use of this track in recent weeks and the dust that is being created is spilling across houses in the vicinity. It is also restricting use of the track by young kids on BMX bikes because it is dangerous for them to be in the same area. The track was built as a BMX track originally but because it hasn't been managed, it has defaulted to a motorcycle track.

Consequently, we understand this will frustrate some people, but we will endeavour to create a temporary track to the North East of the airport just off Bundeena road. I emphasise the word 'temporary' because we will need to undertake a design process and speak with interested parties about where and how to establish another. The other places to consider are down at the rodeo grounds where a track is already partially established or towards the golf course on the flats there. Each site has its issues, but eventually we want to remove a problem, replace it with a practical solution and give everyone some input. Watch this space.

It's a big week this week. Cr Girdler and I will be attending a SWQROC meeting in Roma along with a CEO meeting. On top of this we are trying to finalise budgets for the coming year and each manager is under the pump to have a complete understanding of their section and to fully understand how the budget works and how the system of financing works. This is a bit of an adventure because in the past, the budgeting system has been controlled by the accountant and managers didn't have a good grasp of what was actually in their budgets.

Councillors also had limited access to the preparation and had to approve a document that they didn't have a lot of ownership over. This year it is entirely different and I have requested each Manager to have full control over the preparation so I am expecting a much more inciteful budget that better focusses on community needs and better reflects operational control.

Its finally happened. Now the rain has eased, we can proceed to get the Quilpie Road sealed and finally seal the 'missing link' on the Innamincka road. This will all be done in the next couple of weeks. (Don't worry Brad, we wont send you out again for a while!!)

Lew Rojahn
Chief Executive officer.

Bulloo Welcomes Neil Crotty

The Town and Special Project Services Department are excited to welcome Neil Crotty to the team. Neil comes with a wealth of Local Government knowledge and experience, and has big plans on leading our team through a very busy 2021!

Some of the projects Neil will be overseeing include:

- The Noccundra Sports Ground Upgrade;
- The Thargomindah and Hungerford Town Water Supply Security;
- The Thargomindah Sewerage System Modernisation;
- Future Proofing the Community Gym and Multi-Purpose Court;
- The installation of footpaths around Thargomindah;
- Kerb and Channeling of Town Streets;
- Beautification of the Cemetery; and
- Installation of Security Fencing at Tourism Locations

The entire team at the Bulloo Shire Council are thrilled to welcome Neil on board. We hope you'll do some amazing works here!



CARRYING OUT ASSESSABLE DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT PERMIT

In accordance with section 163(1) of the Planning Act 2016 a person must not carry out assessable development, unless all necessary development permits are in effect for the development.

Where Council has no record of a Development Application for Building Work being submitted prior to commencement you will be requested to cease immediately and not recommence until all necessary approvals are in place. If building work is complete, take steps immediately to submit all required applications and supporting documentation to enable formal approval to be considered.

Please be advised that submission of an application does not guarantee approval.

Council may commence further enforcement steps if a Development Application for Building Work is not submitted.

Carrying out assessable development without permit may result in a maximum of 4,500 penalty units. 1 penalty unit is \$133.45

Under the *Planning Act 2016*, Building Work is defined as follows:

“(a) building, repairing, altering, underpinning (whether by vertical or lateral support), moving or demolishing a building or other structure; or”

Pursuant to the *Queensland Building Act 1975*, a building is defined as:

“(1) A building is a fixed structure that is wholly or partly enclosed by walls or is roofed;

(2) The term includes a floating building and any part of a building.”



Community Centre Mural

Council have engaged Brightsiders to complete the Mural on the Community Centre and Swimming Pool façade. This Mural will be completed as part of the Thargomindah Street Art project and is an initiative of the Queensland Government.

Council has decided on a concept centred around 'Exploring' the natural environment for the Murals and the Brightsiders have been perusing Councils website, Facebook page and other local pages for ideas.

Brightsiders are a Brisbane based collective specialising in large scale public murals. You can view projects completed by them on their website <https://brightsiders.com.au/> or their Facebook page. Council is very excited for this project to commence.



Roads Department

To say the Roads Department is busy would be an understatement. All teams are out working hard to complete their jobs in a timely manner. The Roads Department would like to welcome Locky Ferguson to Road Services as a new member.

ROADWORKS

Work on the Innamincka Road missing link has been interrupted by storms which flooded the side tracks and the Wilson River rising. While the crew waits for the side tracks to dry out they are working on grading the shoulders on Innamincka Road for the reseals coming up in March and the stabilizer was diverted to Quilpie Road.

Work is going well on the Quilpie Road with the bitumen sealed scheduled on the 26/27/28th February. This work would not be possible without the TIDS funding that Council receives every year. We are slowly but surely working towards having the Quilpie Road fully sealed 2026.

Grading of the Hungerford Road to repair flood damage. This will be followed by a re-sheet on Eulo-Hungerford which is funded by a sole invitee through TMR.

The maintenance team have been super busy this past month completing various jobs, including:

- Laying of Pipe on Innamincka Road
- Site circle at Noccundra Airstrip
- Pot Hole Patching around town
- Stabilising on Eromanga Road
- Removing the garden bed out the front of the Swimming Pool
- Desilting Bundeena Road



The Grader crew are waiting on parts for the roaming grader before they can head back out to camp and continue on with the maintenance grading with 16km left to do on Cameron's Corner Road .

Contractors will continue RMPC works on Bundeena Road Shoulder Grading, Cunnamulla Road Shoulder Grading and future works will include Quilpie Road.

Upcoming Jobs for Roads

- Eulo/Hungerford Resheet
- Cul-de-sac at the cemetery
- Innamincka & Hungerford Rd reseals
- Town & Depot Reseals



Photos

1. Innamincka Pipe (Maintenance Boys)
2. Stabilising Quilpie Road
3. Rex's New Friend
4. Noccundra Airstrip
5. Quilpie Road



Removal of old Council buildings

Work is well underway on the relocation, removal or demolition of some of Council's old buildings.

The house that was located on the corner of Gilmour and Sams Streets has been relocated to the corner of Frew and Eccles Streets, and the old poison shed on Gilmour Street has been demolished making way for the first stage of the Independent Living Units.

Demolition of the old Council Chambers has been completed, which will just leave the old Caretakers Unit at the Yapunyah Caravan Park and the Club House/Grand Stand at the Sports Oval to be removed.

Watch this space for new and exciting things happening around Thargomindah!



A temporary motorbike track has been created at the back of the airport off Bundeena Road. If your children are going to be using the track can you please ensure you let them know to shut the gate, so the horses don't come back into town now that the road corridor fence has been installed.

Also please let your children know to watch out for the fence.



Be careful and have fun !



RATE NOTICES

Rate notices for the period 1 January – 30 June 2021 were issued on 17 February 2021.

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.

Library/Health & Wellbeing News

Healthy Body Happy Mind

Come join in the craft activities at the Library- Mondays and Wednesdays 2-4pm. At the moment the ladies have been working on Macramé, Quilling, Beaded Water bottle holders and some very challenging Jigsaw Puzzles.



Yoga

Thanks to Rochelle South from Sun Yoga for coming to Thargomindah to hold Yoga Classes. Rochelle will be returning each month and between visits her online sessions will be available. Free "Senior Sessions" (55yrs and Over) will be held in the Kullilli Room Mondays at 4pm and General sessions at 5:45pm. Cost of general session is \$20 which gives you one face to face session and 3 online sessions with Rochelle per month.



Valentines Pool Competition

Another great day of Pool was had at the Bulloo River Hotel on Saturday 13th Feb, 8 teams competed in the Valentines Pool Comp with the winners being Teagan and Isaac, Congratulations guys! Once again thanks to everyone who came to play or watch, the Cunnamulla Newsagents for their donation of a Scratch-its bundle and to the Bulloo River Hotel for free use of the pool table. Keep watch for our next Comp in May.



Aurora
your local library network

Remember as a library member you have access to **Aurora Montage** online where it is possible for you to search the State Library Catalogue and reserve books to be delivered to our library for pick up. If you need any further information on this service, do not hesitate to call into the library.

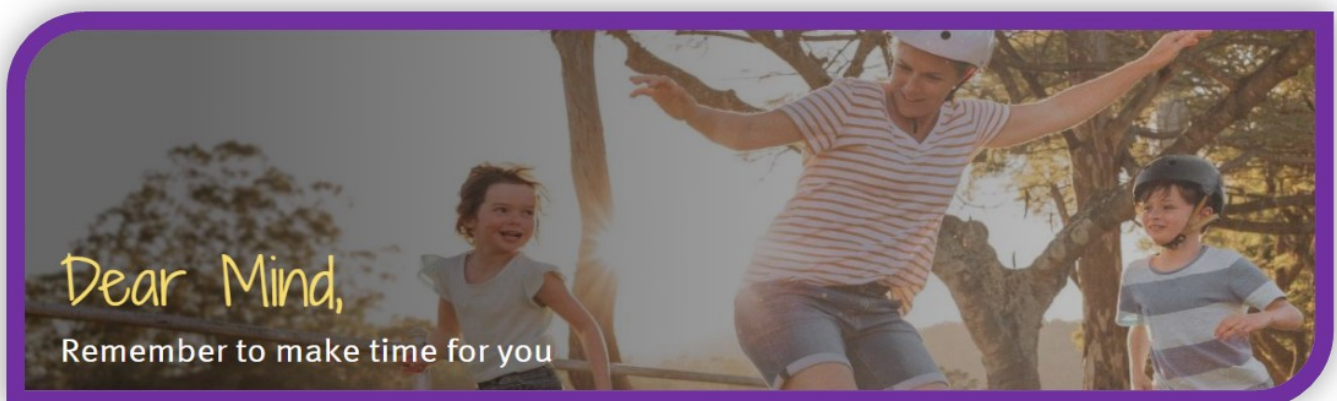
InBody Scan

The body scan is back in use so if you would like to have an overall view of your body composition come into the Library and see Gerda or I and we will explain the results of your scan.



10 Healthy Lifestyle Tips for Adults

- 1 Eat a variety of foods
- 2 Base your diet on plenty of foods rich in carbohydrates
- 3 Replace saturated with unsaturated fat
- 4 Enjoy plenty of fruits and vegetables
- 5 Reduce salt and sugar intake
- 6 Eat regularly, control the portion size
- 7 Drink plenty of fluids
- 8 Maintain a healthy body weight
- 9 Get on the move, make it a habit!
- 10 Start now! And keep changing gradually



Hungerford Hall

The Hungerford Hall has recently had a much needed facelift which included a full paint job – both inside and out, the floors were sanded and re-polished, new windows were installed in the main hall, and all air con's were replaced with split systems. This upgrade will allow functions to continue at the Hungerford Hall for many years to come.



Council welcomes your feedback on our services so if you have a concern, compliments or suggestions about the way we have provided a service, we encourage you to notify us so we can review the matter.

To ensure enquiries and complaints are handled correctly please contact Council via:

Phone: (07) 4621 8000

Visit: Council Office at 68 Dowling Street, Thargomindah

Email: Council@bulloo.qld.gov.au

Write: The Chief Executive Officer

Bulloo Shire Council

PO Box 46

Thargomindah QLD 4492



Please note:

The Chief Executive Officer does not personally handle each enquiry or complaint. On receipt at Council, complaints/enquiries are assigned to the responsible officer for attention and resolution.

Council cannot guarantee processing and resolution of enquiries and complaints not submitted through the correct channels as listed above.

Property Visits & Water Agreements

James and Dicky Knee completed mapping of water facilities for inclusion of the Nockatunga water agreement. On the 18 February 2021, James and Donna completed a property visit to BESM to meet Rob and Joy Worsnop and discuss general pest management issues and water facilities.



Travelling back to town from Besm, Rex and Brad on the Quilpie Road where Council is preparing the road for a 4km bitumen seal.



Bundilla Creek, Besm



Sesbania Pea

Grows on a range of soils, especially those that are disturbed or seasonally flooded. It may be quite common on roadsides or areas that have been heavily grazed. This photo is taken in the road reserve on the Hungerford Road.

Curracunya Bore

James and Doug Clifford inspected the Curracunya Stock Route Bore Facility, located on the Yenlora/Boorara boundary during the month. This bore is leaking and requires repairs, a funding application has been submitted to the Department to fund these repairs.



Locusts Count

The Australia Plague Locust Commission contacted Council during the month requesting a locust count. A survey was undertaken at a number of locations where locusts were starting to lay eggs. Locusts were trapped at Kulki and samples were also collected from Nockatunga and Yakara. These were measured, aged and details forwarded to the Australian Plague Locusts Commission. The Australian Plague Locust Commission is a division of the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, created in 1974. The Australian Plague Locust Commission (APLC) undertakes monitoring of locust populations in inland eastern Australia and manages outbreaks that have the potential to inflict significant damage to agriculture.



Locust samples collected



Here is a Common Prickly Pear infestation on the Blackgate Road that James has successfully treated with Grazon.

Weeds

Here is a Common Prickly Pear infestation on the Blackgate Road that James has successfully treated with Grazon.



DROUGHT SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR FARMERS, FARM WORKERS, CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS

YOU COULD BE ENTITLED
TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF UP TO
\$3,000 THROUGH THE
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT
DROUGHT COMMUNITY SUPPORT
INITIATIVE ROUND 2

TO BE ELIGIBLE YOU MUST BE:

- 18 years or older
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Living/working in an eligible Local Government Area
- Impacted by drought

ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS CAN APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE BY:



Apply online
vinnies.org.au/drougthelp



Call our Drought Team
1300 846 643
Mon - Fri, 8am - 8pm

This an Australian Government initiative. Round 2 started on the 19th of November 2019 and will continue until funds have been exhausted or no later than the 30th of April 2021. Vinnies is assisting to distribute the funds. To find see a full list of eligible Local Government Areas visit www.vinnies.org.au/drougthelp or call 1300 846 643. You can only receive one payment during this round.



Australian Government



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Thargomindah Landfill Site

Council would like to remind all users of the Thargomindah Landfill Site that **ALL CARDBOARD PRODUCTS** (especially cardboard boxes) are to be placed in the skip bins at the main entrance. Cardboard being dumped in the general recycle area has become problematic, and Council would appreciate all assistance in keeping the recycle areas for the designated items as signposted.





Bulloo
Shire

Rubbish Collection Guidelines

- Wheelie Bins **WILL NOT** be emptied if they are not placed on the KERB
- Wheelie Bins need to be placed on the curb with handles facing house/business
- Wheelie Bins are to be placed on the kerb the night before or prior to 6:00am morning of collection
- Residential bins collection day is Thursday
- Business bins collection days are Monday and Thursday
- Only Household garbage items to be placed in Rubbish Bins
 - **NO garden waste**
 - **NO animal products**
 - **NO ash product**
- Large items placed next to wheelie bin will NOT be collected
- Number of Bins collected will be as per the Rates schedule
- If you would like an additional bin please contact Bulloo Shire Council on 07 4621 8000.
(PLEASE NOTE: Additional fees apply and will be added to your Property Rates charges)

Bulloo Shire Council thanks you kindly for your co-operation



DRAIN BLOCKAGE

Common Causes - Don'ts - Handy Tips

PIPE CLOGGED WITH FATS & OILS

A RAGBERG CAUSED BY WET WIPES & PAPER TOWEL

Before the repercussions of a blocked drain occur, it's good to know what causes a blockage so that you can avoid the stress of flooding, foul odours, leaking or worse happening in your home.

There are some reasons a drain becomes blocked that is totally beyond our control – such as tree roots growing through small cracks or drains and pipes being installed incorrectly. However, the majority of the blockages we experience within the Bulloo Shire are preventable by making some small changes around the home. Foreign objects being put into the drain, like children's toys, rocks or stones can cause blockages.

Do NOT put the following in the sewerage system:

- Plastics
- Motor oils, paints or pesticides
- Non-biodegradable products
- Fats, oils or food scraps
- Cotton buds, nappies, condoms, sanitary products and wrappers
- Medicines
- Items of clothing/pieces of fabric
- Wet wipes, facial tissues or paper towel

We also suggest you follow these handy hints.

- Only flush the 3 p's – pee, poo and (toilet) paper
- Use a sink strainer to prevent food scraps and other household waste from going down the drain. Consider using a compost heap to dispose of food scraps.
- Pour kitchen fats and oils into a container, seal it and throw it in the bin. Alternatively let the grease solidify, wrap it in newspaper and put it in the bin.
- Wipe greasy pots and pans with a paper towel before washing.
- Dispose of items such as cotton buds, nappies, condoms, sanitary products and their wrappers in the household rubbish.
- Use less detergent. The average household uses three times more detergent than manufacturers recommend.
- Choose a washing detergent with a low salt content. Concentrated detergents often contain much less salt than conventional varieties.
- Ask the Clinic or council for advice on how to dispose of medicines and hazardous chemicals.



What happens if they do go into the system?

These products can cause:

- Damaged pipes
- Blocked pipes which may impact your property, your neighbour's property and or the sewerage mains, reticulation system.
- Harm to the environment

Remember we all pay through our rates for the blockages and damage done to the entire sewer system caused by these products being flushed down the drains.

Let's get Wise with our Water

Did you know the average Australian goes through approximately 340 litres of water per day? Did you also know that the residents of Thargomindah used 29,264 kilolitres of water during the month of January alone – this actually equates to a whopping 4,290.91 litres of water per person per day! Some easy ways to cut back on water usage around your home includes:



Install a water saving shower head – they use around 40% less water than a standard shower head.

Keep showers short and sweet – a standard shower uses 15-25 litres of water per minute, reduce your shower time to reduce water usage.

Turn off the tap when you brush your teeth – this can save 6 litres of water per minute.

Fix dripping taps – a dripping tap can waste 15 litres of water a day, or 5,500 litres of water per year.

Only run fully loaded washing machines and dishwashers – those half-filled loads add up to lots of wasted water over time.

Be water efficient whenever possible – for example, wash your car on the lawn to water and fertilise the grass at the same time. Car shampoos use phosphates similar to many fertilisers.

Don't use water if another tool can do the job – use a rake, broom or outdoor blower to clean paths and driveways rather than a hose.

Only water your lawn when it needs it – if it springs back after stepping on it, it doesn't require watering. When you do water, a good soaking every now and then is preferable to frequent light watering. Thorough watering encourages deeper roots, giving you a stronger, more drought resistant lawn.

Water at the right time – watering your garden in the early morning or evening reduces water loss through evaporation. Don't put the sprinkler on if it's too windy.

Choose the right plants – local native varieties and other water wise plants attract wildlife and need less maintenance and watering.

Mulching plants is key to retaining moisture – as well as reducing evaporation and water run-off, a good quality mulch will also provide nutrients to the plants and restrict weed growth.

Your daily walks along the town walking trails are about to get a little more exciting. We are about to install Outdoor Exercise Stations at 5 separate locations around the town walking trail. These stations include weight bearing units using your body weight, as well as cardio units. Have you noticed the solar lighting that has been installed in the Memorial Park? 4 solar lights have been installed to brighten up the pathway as well as the playground equipment area – so evening BBQ's at the park are now something your whole family can enjoy.

How different is the main street starting to look now that the demolition of Old Admin Office is almost complete? Work has also commenced on removing the old Caretaker's Cottage (or Jack's House as we all call it) at the Yapunyah Caravan Park and the Clubhouse at the Sports Oval. Rubbish Collection Guidelines – from facebook post (ask Jackie or Dan for a copy of what was put on Facebook).



COVID-19 Safe Events

HEALTH DIRECTIONS FOR HOLDING A SAFE EVENT

Effective from Wednesday 17th February, all events that are run over multiple days and include on-site camping must have a COVID Safe Event Plan approved by the local public health unit (Darling Downs Public Health Unit) or the Chief Health Officer regardless of the number of people attending.

The planned event must be hosted in accordance with the following conditions:

Fewer than 500 people (indoors) and 1500 people (outdoors)—can proceed by following the [COVID Safe Event Checklist](#), no further approval needed

Between 500 people (indoors) / 1500 people (outdoors) and 10,000 people—develop a COVID Safe Event Plan and submit via the [COVID Safe Event Plan Submission Portal](#) for approval by the local Public Health Unit.

Over 10,000 people—develop a COVID Safe Event Plan and submit via the [COVID Safe Event Plan Submission Portal](#) for approval by the Queensland Chief Health Officer.

Multi-day events involving on-site accommodation including camping—develop a COVID Safe Event Plan and submit via the [COVID Safe Event Plan Submission Portal](#).

Therefore:

- If you plan on holding an event over multiple days but expect no more than 500 people for an indoor event or 1500 people for an the event and there is no camping on-site, than you can operate the event under a COVID Safe Event Checklist.
 - ♦ However you still must notify the Darling Downs Public Health Unit that you are holding a multi-day event without on-site camping under a COVID Safe Event Checklist.
- If you are holding a multi-day event that includes on-site camping or accommodation with shared facilities, you MUST develop a COVID Safe Event Plan for the Darling Downs Public Health Unit's approval, **regardless of the number of attendees** or if you are holding the event under an approved COVID Safe Industry Plan.
- If an event is being held at a Council Facility for only one day or multi-day and there is on-site camping or accommodation, the Council facility must have a Health Management Plan, that council have submitted to the Darling Downs Public Health Unit. Council will supply a copy of this Health Management Plan to the event organiser to submit with the COVID Safe Event Plan and the COVID Safe Industry Plan (if being used) through the [COVID Safe Event Plan Submission Portal](#).

COVID Safe Event Plan

You can contact the Bulloo Shire Council on 07 4621 8000 to receive a copy of the [COVID Safe Event Plan Template](#).

To develop your COVID Safe Event Plan, you will need to follow the process under the Industry Framework for COVID Safe Events.

- The Framework can be found at: https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/132570/industry-framework-covid-safe-events.pdf

This Framework sets out key public health principles and event-specific public health strategies that will limit the transmission of COVID-19 at events and help event organisers operate safely, and is applicable for all events.

The Framework does not alter the existing approval arrangements that apply to events. As an event organiser, you are still required to obtain the relevant approvals/permits from the venue/land owner, local council and/or Queensland Police Service if required.

Should you have any queries relating to the Industry Framework for COVID Safe Events contact the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport on 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

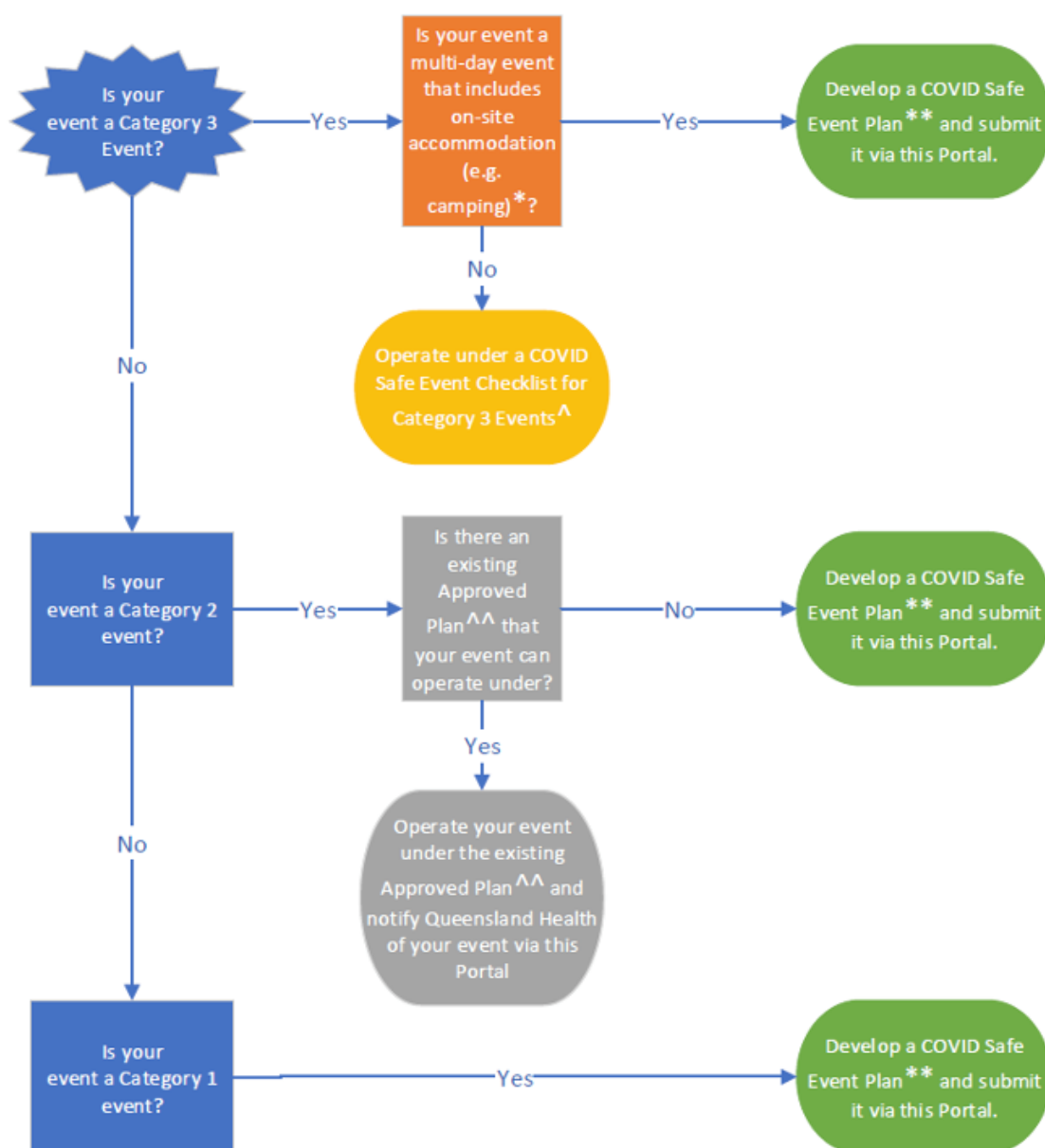
For further information on COVID Safe Event Plans, contact the Darling Downs Public Health Unit on 1800 490 468.

COVID-19 Safe Events

HEALTH DIRECTIONS FOR HOLDING A SAFE EVENT

Event Submission Decision Tree

The following Event Submission Decision Tree will enable Event Organisers to identify how they are to proceed with their event submission via this Portal.



* If you are holding a multi-day event that includes camping or accommodation with shared facilities, you MUST develop a COVID Safe Event Plan for Public Health Unit approval, regardless of the number of attendees or if there is an applicable COVID Safe Industry Plan or COVID Safe Site Specific Plan.

** When developing a COVID Safe Event Plan, event organisers MUST follow the process under the Industry Framework for COVID Safe Events.

^ Download and comply with a COVID Safe Event Checklist https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/132701/covid-safe-event-checklist.pdf

^^ Events may operate in compliance with an existing approved COVID Safe Industry Plan or COVID Safe Site Specific Plan (if applicable). If you are operating your event under an existing Approved Plan, you must notify the Public Health Unit via this Portal.

COVID-19 Safe Events

HEALTH DIRECTIONS FOR HOLDING A SAFE EVENT

According to the Industry Framework for COVID Safe Events section 2.3.2 multi-day events with fewer than 1,500 people per day which incorporate on-site accommodation such as camping, falls under a Category 2 event and must be submitted through the COVID Safe Event Plan Submission Portal

Once you have your COVID Safe Event Plan ready you then must submit your plan through the [COVID Safe Event Plan Submission Portal](#). You will need to register to access this portal.

Your COVID Safe Event Plan must be submitted at least 10 business days prior to the event.

- ◆ It is recommended that all plans are submitted 3 months prior to the event, as Queensland Health cannot guarantee that plans submitted within 10 business days of an event will be assessed in time to allow the planned event to proceed.

Please ensure that your 'COVID Safe Event Plan' is thoroughly completed and you have addressed all of the required criteria prior to submission. Missing information and lack of detail can cause delays and may result in your COVID Safe Event Plan not being approved.

A list of approved COVID Safe Industry Plans are available at:

<https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/approved-industry-covid-safe-plans>

Organisers must ensure compliance with Approved Plans for the relevant components relating to your event, including any specific requirements regarding approvals.

Organisers of events with more than 500 (indoors) / 1500 ([outdoor*](#)) people and operating in compliance with an Approved Plan other than a COVID Safe Event Plan must notify the Public Health Unit of the event a minimum of 10 business days before the event by emailing via the [COVID Safe Event Plan Submission Portal](#).

For more information visit [COVID Safe Events](#).

Frequent Asked Questions can be found at: https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/132571/industry-framework-covid-safe-events-faqs.pdf

Application to Use Council Facilities for Events

You must submit the appropriate application form to use any of the following Council Facilities to hold an event.

- Thargomindah Sports (Rodeo) Grounds
- Thargomindah Sports Oval
- Thargomindah Town Hall
- Hungerford Sports Grounds
- Hungerford Town Hall
- Noccundra Sports Grounds
- Noccundra Town Hall

Please be advised that the Thargomindah, Hungerford and Noccundra Sports Grounds are all technically closed due to COVID-19 and if you are wishing to hire one of these facilities to hold an event (one day or multi-day), you must submit your request in writing to Council's Chief Executive Officer.

- Your approved COVID Safe Event Plan, as approved by the QLD Chief Health Officer, or a copy of the COVID Safe Industry Plan or COVID Safe Event Checklist must accompany your application to hire any Council facilities.
- You also need to attach a copy of the Statement of Compliance for which COVID Safe Event Plan, COVID Safe Industry Plan or COVID Safe Event Checklist you are using.
- Please contact the Bulloo Shire Council for the correct Council Facility Hire Application Form.

If you have any further questions, you can contact Dalena McNamara on 07 4621 8000 or via email at Council@bulloo.qld.gov.au

Home Swimming Pools

POOL OWNER'S POOL SAFETY AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Do you have a swimming pool at your residence, including a portable pool or an inflatable kiddies pool?

Is it more than 300 millimetres deep?

Does it have a volume of more than 2000 litres?

If you answered yes to any of the above, then you need to make sure that you are complying with the pool safety responsibilities under Chapter 8 of the Building Act 1974 (BA).

Pool safety laws

Queensland's pool safety laws apply to all new and existing pools.

The pool safety laws require pool owners to construct and maintain a compliant fence around their swimming pool regardless of when the pool was installed. The pool safety standard is the minimum requirements that a swimming pool barrier must meet to comply with Queensland's pool safety laws.

Different rules apply depending whether you own a property or you're buying, selling or renting a property with a pool. Read the [Guidelines for pool owners and property agents](#).

For further information check the Queensland website at <https://www.qld.gov.au/housing/buying-owning-home/pool-safety/pool-laws-and-standards>

Swimming pools covered by the legislation

Generally a swimming pool is an excavation or structure that is:

- capable of being filled with water to a depth of 300 millimetres or more
- solely or principally used for swimming, bathing, wading, paddling or some other human aquatic activity despite its current use.

Swimming pools include spa pools, spa baths continually filled with a water depth of more than 300 millimetres and wading pools (other than a portable wading pool).

The laws do not apply to portable pools if they:

- are incapable of being filled with water to a depth of more than 300 millimetres
- have a volume of less than 2000 litres
- have no filtration system.

If a pool **meets all three** of the above criteria it is a portable wading pool (not a swimming pool) and does not need to comply with the pool safety laws. However, owners should be mindful of the risks associated with leaving young children unsupervised around water.

If a pool **does not meet one or more** of the above criteria, it is a swimming pool and you will need to:

- obtain a building approval before erecting or installing the pool
- obtain a certificate from a licensed building certifier stating that the pool and the pool barrier comply with the pool safety standard before filling the pool with more than 300 millimetres of water
- ensure the pool is included on the pool safety register.



Home Swimming Pools

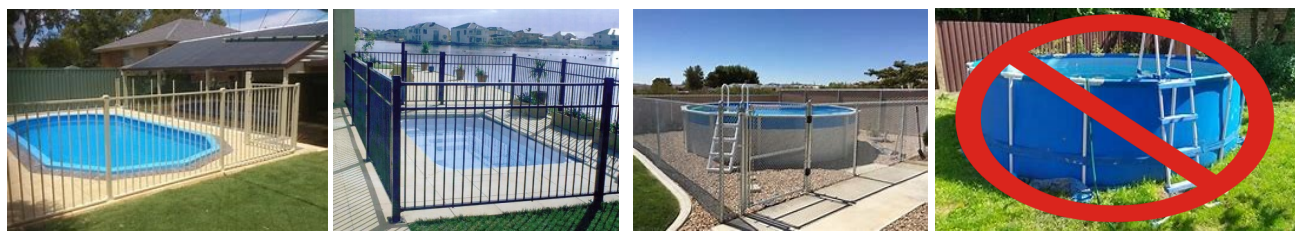
POOL OWNER'S POOL SAFETY AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Legal obligations of pool owners

The pool safety laws require pool owners to construct and maintain a compliant fence around their swimming pool regardless of when the pool was installed.

All pool fences and barriers must comply with Queensland Development Code [MP 3.4—Swimming pool barriers](#)

It is the responsibility of the occupiers and pool owners to ensure that gates and doors giving access to a pool area are kept securely closed at all times when they are not in use



Registering a pool or spa

All residential pools and outdoor spas in Queensland must be registered with the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC).

Pool owners can check if their pool is registered by simply conducting a property search on the pool register: [Register a pool or spa or check registration details](#) (or www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/home-building-owners/poolsafety/registering-your-pool).

Penalties for unregistered pool or spa:

An on-the-spot fine of \$235.60 or a maximum court penalty of \$2356 may apply to owners with unregistered pools.

CPR and warning signs

If you have a pool, you must display a CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) sign prominently.

The role of Local Government

Local governments play an important role with regards to pool safety. They can:

- enter properties to inspect pools
- prosecute owners of non-compliant pools
- decide impracticality exemptions and existing disability exemptions
- cancel pool safety certificates for noncompliant pools
- declare areas as 'remote' to help minimise inspection costs for pools in remote areas

They are also required to:

- inspect pools if asked by a pool owner
- provide records of existing pools to help establish the state-wide swimming pool safety register
- undertake enforcement action following an immersion notice from Queensland Health, a complaint notice or a notice from the QBCC

For further information or to organise a pool inspection contact the Bulloo Shire Council on 07 4621 8000 or via email at Council@bulloo.qld.gov.au

You can also view Council's [Pool Regulations](#) on the website at <https://www.bulloo.qld.gov.au/planning-development/pool-regulations>.



Small Business COVID-19 Adaption Grant Program for Regional Queensland - Round 2

Applications can be made via the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority's (QRIDA) application portal. The available grant amount is a minimum of \$2,000 and up to a maximum of \$10,000 per eligible small or micro business. In recognition of the significant impacts of COVID-19 on small businesses, the funding can be used towards the following:

- financial, legal or other professional advice to support business sustainability and diversification
- continuing to meet business operational costs including utilities, council rates, rent, telecommunication charges, insurance fees, licensing or franchise fees
- strategic planning, financial counselling or business coaching aligned to business development and diversification
- building the business through marketing and communications activities (e.g. content development – web pages, mobile apps, visual and audio media etc.)
- digital/technological strategy development
- digital training or re-training and up-skilling employees to adapt to new business models
- capital costs associated with meeting COVID-19 safety requirements
- specialised digital equipment or business specific software to move business operations online (e.g. logistics program for online ordering).

Grant funds can be used towards any of the above activities occurring from 23 March 2020 onwards, however the project must be completed within a maximum of 6 months from the date of approval. For more information about the grants or advice on your application, please contact the Small Business Hotline on 1300 654 687, email: adapt@desbt.qld.gov.au;

FairPlay Vouchers – Round 4

Voucher applications provide up to \$150 which can be used towards sport and active recreation membership, registration or participation fees with registered activity providers. There is a limit of 1 voucher per child per calendar year. A child/young person (aged 5 to 17 years), or the parent, guardian or carer, must hold a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card with the child/young person's name on it to be eligible. If there are significant issues that prevent the parent/carer/guardian from applying, a referral agent may apply on their behalf. Voucher applications will close on 17th March 2021 and Round 4 vouchers expire on 12th May 2021. Search the activity provider directory to check that:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay/find-provider> your chosen activity is listed; and there is a registered provider near you. For more information contact: Danny Nearhos Ph 4531 8526, Penny Pike Ph 4596 1006, email: southwestsportrec@npsr.qld.gov.au; or fairplayvouchers@npsr.qld.gov.au

Arrow Energy Brighter Futures Program – Round 1 2021

Applications will open Friday, 5th March 2021 and close on Friday 2nd April 2021 for small scale investments to meet community needs including local capacity building and assistance for one-off, local events or projects. Preference is given to applications that: - address an identified area of need in the community; build local skills or capacity; or provide opportunities for community involvement. Priority is given to applications from communities within Arrow Energy's areas of operation. For more information Ph 1800 038 856, email: brighterfutures@arrowenergy.com.au; contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://www.arrowenergy.com.au/community/brighter-futures>

Wettenhall Environmental Trust – Small Environmental Grants Scheme

Grants offer varying amounts in support of groups or individuals undertaking projects that will make a positive difference to the natural living environment, in land, sea or air, rural or urban. Projects meeting eligibility criteria around flora and fauna conservation, threatened mammal conservation, and landscape restoration and education will be favourably received and should involve any of the following:- monitoring, recording and sharing data; delivering community education; providing community capacity building (e.g. skills training, organisation); research and science. For more information Ph 0431 219 980 email beth@wettenhall.org.au

Connellan Airways Trust - General Grants

Applications are to be received by 15th February, 15th May, 15th August and 15th November 2021 for small grants to assist people of all ages living in outback Australia for educational, health, communication and transport needs. To view eligibility guidelines and the application process, please visit:

<https://www.connellanairwaystrust.org.au/general-grants> . For more information contact Connellan Airways Trust Executive Officer, Ph 1800 733 810 or email: info@connellanairwaystrust.org.au;

Ann Leahy's Scholarships Guide

The Guide is a summary of contact numbers and website addresses for scholarships at major universities, agricultural colleges, training and apprenticeship information, and a listing of scholarships in a range of areas such as rural industry, veterinary, medicine, pharmacy, teaching, sport, engineering and the arts. Year 12 students in the Warrego Electorate will receive a copy of the 2020/21 Guide, however, should any other students, teachers or mature age students require a copy it will be made available upon request from my Electorate Offices Ph 1800 814 479 or Ph 1800 625 430 or email warrego@parliament.qld.gov.au.

QCWA Public Rural Crisis Fund (PRCF)

The QCWA are currently assisting farmers and their families with household support in flood and drought affected areas, in every part of Queensland. Assistance is limited to one successful application per calendar year. Support is given in the form of grocery vouchers, store credit or being able to pay some overdue accounts such as utility bills. For more information, Ph 07 3026 1220 email: prcf@qcwa.org.au; or visit: <https://qcwa.org.au/Public-Rural-Crisis-Fund>

Australian Government Support and National Services

Individuals, families, farms, and rural and regional communities can access a range of services and support to help them manage during times of hardship, including drought, and prepare for future conditions. It is important that those in need of support do not self-assess their eligibility for assistance and instead seek advice from an expert, like a rural financial counsellor. For more information on services and assistance available, please access the following link: <https://farmhub.org.au/>

The Rural Financial Counselling Service Southern Queensland (RFCS-SQ)

Rural Financial Counselling Service Southern Queensland provides free, impartial, confidential, and responsive rural financial counselling services, supporting and assisting primary producers, and small and medium businesses experiencing financial hardship. For more information, Small and Medium Business call 1300 732 777, Primary Producers 07 4622 5500 or visit: <https://www.rfcssq.org.au/>. If you do not have internet access, please contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or warrego@parliament.qld.gov.au; for assistance.

Other Grants and Assistance available to Businesses and Employers, Individuals and Households:

To find information and stay up-to-date on the Australian Government's latest support for businesses and employers, individuals and households visit: <https://ourcomeback.gov.au/#useful-links> or call 13 28 46.

For Queensland Government business grants and assistance visit: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/> or Ph 1300 654 687.

If you do not have internet access or you require assistance, please contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or warrego@parliament.qld.gov.au; for further information regarding any of these grant programs.

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MONDAY 14TH AND TUESDAY 15TH JUNE 2021

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MONDAY 9th AND TUESDAY 10th AUGUST 2021

MONDAY 6TH AND TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2021

MONDAY 4TH AND TUESDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2021

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MONDAY 29TH AND TUESDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2021



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Thargomindah Memorial Park

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- **Generators permitted from 8am to 8pm**
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- **Prize for Shopper Dockets**

WALK UPS with Rob & Dawn TUES. 13th JULY

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- Planned Activities throughout the week
- Food available at the grounds
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- Firewood supplied
- Dogs allowed but must be kept on leads

Entry Fees: Main Shows Sat. & Sun. • **NON CAMPERS 25th JULY \$25 p/p per day**
NON POWERED \$5 per site • POWERED \$15 p/site p/night (medical only)

For Bookings & Information

Contact: Ged & Trudy Hintz

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Or...

Thargomindah Visitor Information Centre • Ph: 07
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