



BULLOO

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Newsletter

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MAYOR FERGUSON'S MESSAGE

The Hungerford Field Day was well organised and attended event on Friday 2nd June, with around 60 stalls, more than 350 farmers and outback ag enthusiasts gathered at the Hungerford sports ground for a dose of farming innovations, fashions and fun at Australia's remotest agricultural field day event.

The Hungerford Progress Association very active and enthusiastic team have yet again pulled off a ripper event and raised over \$34,000 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

It was really good to see so much support for this event that had to be post-poned in 2021 due to Covid. Looking forward to seeing the Hungerford Field Day continue into the future.

Thargo's annual Shearers Shindig was yet again a good show for locals, tourists and competitors, with a calculation of 94 competitors, 550 attendees, \$24,400 in total prize money and 16 stalls it sure was a great effort once again by Bulloo staff.

Channel Country Music Muster is shaping up well, currently a bit wet but fingers crossed the weather holds off and the event goes ahead, if not Council have Plan B in motion.





FROM THE CEO'S DESK

Visitors are once again arriving for the season, bringing with them new money to our community and giving us the chance to provide unique outback service and showcase our wonderful facilities. For June the Visitor Information Centre was averaging 35 visitors per day. It was great to see visitors attending the recent Thargomindah Polocrosse Carnival. What an opportunity to watch locals show their skills on the field, congratulations to the Polocrosse Committee for putting on a great weekend. Thargo sure has some outstanding young players coming through the ranks.



End of Financial year is fast approaching and our road crews are busily completing bitumen seals that have 30 June deadlines. Below is a photo of the newest section of bitumen on the Quilpie Road, congratulations to Clancy and his team for finishing this section despite the wet weather. There is now only 7kms remaining, Council will be working with Transport and Main Roads to seal this over the next couple of years.



WARRI GATE SEAL



TOURISM

SHEARERS SHINDIG

As a community we should all be very proud!!

Go back 5 ½ years to 2018 when the idea started it was to have the Tourism Team coordinate and run an annual event. Councils vision for this event was to attract and entertain both locals and visitors to our town. We were trying to attract visitors to our region for an extended stay and to promote what and how our area has become what it is today.

Fast forward to now, 2023, and 5 ½ years on in this event has proved just how economically beneficial it is for our community and our vision is coming to light and growing every year.

Events like the Shindig are held all around the country, however what makes ours so different is that everyone in the community gets behind it and is so supportive. From the elders to our young school students who participated in everything there was to offer. The feedback that we receive from stallholders, entertainers, competitors through to the general public, including our visitors, is all so positive...

- “what a beautiful community”
- “we’ll bring the whole family next year”
- “everyone is so friendly”
- “nothing is ever any trouble”
- “so much to do and see”
- “we’ll be back”....

It’s quite overwhelming organising an event such as the Shindig, trying to coordinate everyone into a jam packed, full of action two days and getting the correct people in the right places helps endlessly. This event would not continue to grow and be the success it is without the help of so many different people.

Firstly, the Bulloo Shire Council who funds the majority of this event, this event would not be possible without these funds and support. The council ensures we have the best facilities and access to staff, plant, machinery & resources to pull this all together every year.

Picarilli Merinos have been the major sponsor of this event right from the start. Anthony and his family supply not only top of the line Merinos for the shearing competition, but work with the Events team continuously to ensure the smooth-running of the event year after year. From attending and participating in the shearing info chat on Friday morning, to doing the last run taking sheep home once the competition has finished late on Saturday night. Picarilli Merinos also provided the use of sheep and somewhere to keep them for the working dog demonstrations this year. Thanks to all of Glasson family and the Picarilli team for your continued support.

SHEARERS SHINDIG

Hiscock Cattle Company Autumvale, for their very kind donation of 50 sheep panels and 2 gates for the Bulloo Shire Council to have for any of our events.

Gold, silver, bronze and pig sponsors, there is no way we could attract the elite level of Shearers and entertainment without your continued support. Council are very appreciative of your partnership in the running of the Shearers Shindig.

Joel Selmes and his partner, Faith, and their crew of workers for the ongoing commitment of running the entire process of the Shearing. Right from the set up and dismantling of yards to crutching the sheep and coordination of which sheep will be shorn in the finals, great work yet again, it's a lot less stressful as the years go on. Joel and his team of helpers travel many kilometers to be here and take a week out of their own working lives to help this event be the success it is.

Chloe Selmes who coordinated the running of the officials table for the shearing. The professionalism shown by herself and Jane Selmes during this high-pressure job is a credit to you both, thanks Chloe – I know that its not easy.

Chrissy Selmes for the music throughout the entire afternoon of shearing, it takes a lot to organise music to suit this event appropriately.

Sheep judges Bobby Nick and Peter Selmes, this is not an easy or lightly taken position as it solely depends on a red or green light decision to determine if the competitors are in the running to win the big money in the finals.

Dogga Dare and Ferit Selmes for the ever entertaining and informative shearing talk.
Mayor Tractor Ferguson for his passionate talk about his bees and the bee keeping industry.

Hardy Gray for donating his time driving sheep to and from Thargomindah, during the day and night and Thargo Contract Mustering for donating the fuel for the truck.

Rusty Ferguson for the use of his stock truck.

Tamie Warner, Donna Hobbs and Tiffany Dare for being so supportive of myself and my team throughout the entire process.

Polocrosse and Channel Country Challenge committees for the coordination of the bar service, it was not an easy task and I truly thank everyone of you who stood in and gave a hand.

BKR Contracting (Bruce & Liz Riley) & their team for keeping the oval & facilities clean and in a very presentable state throughout the entire weekend.

SHEARERS SHINDIG

Adam Kilpatrick for his MC capabilities and support of anything that needed to be done throughout the entire event.

Council employees, who helped get the oval ready just in the nick of time – I really appreciated your hard work and dedication to make it happen with no mishaps.

Sean Kirby for keeping the children entertained with supervising the jumping castles and games.

To everyone else who gave a hand wherever needed, we would not be able to do it without you. This is what makes our community one of the best!

Erin Lee, Gerda Glasson and Dan Roy thanks for your outstanding effort and confidence to stand up and make decisions when needed. We were all very exhausted come Monday, however, very happy with the outcome of attendance and support that was shown.

Last but not certainly not least all of the shearers who travelled from all over Australia to compete in the 2023 Quick shears and all of the locals and travellers who made the effort to attend and support this event.

Lets start planning for 2024, lock in the dates 24 and 25 May!!



ROADS SERVICES

Crew 1

Lance Casey and crew have finished working on the Quilpie Road TIDS Project, sealing 4.4km section of road.

Crew 2

Greg Brown and crew have finished the widening works on the Warri Gate Road with the widening being sealed on the 20 June 2023.

Crew 3

Jack Nicholas and crew completed the final 19km QRA Restoration works left on Bransby Santos Road.

They have now commenced carrying out QRA Restoration works on the Cameron Corner Road.

Crew 4

Nathan Hortin and crew have been carrying out QRA Restoration works on the Omicron Road.

Concrete Crew/ Maintenance Crew

The concrete crew with the help of maintenance crew completed the new Council House Shed Slabs, completing a concrete margin on Quilpie Road and continuing to work on replacing the culvert on Bundeena Road.



Workshop and Boilermakers

This Month Troy, Dalton & Khayla have been working on minor repairs; pre-trip vehicle check overs & plant services. Major repairs on the low loader, prime movers & rollers. Brocky and Choco constructed all the carports at new Council Houses in Sam Street and Frew Street. They also fabricated and fitted new gates at the Explores Caravan Park

Contract Graders

Strezborn Pty Ltd have completed 56.5km on the Southern end of Orientos Road doing a Medium Formation Grade. They have now move onto the Northern End of Orientos Road.



HUNGERFORD FIELD DAY 2023







Come and Join

Wine & Cheese Painting Party

Painting Kit, Finger Food & selection of
Wine included
(or BYO your favorite drop)



Choose your own
picture from
www.partyinapaintbox.com.au
and we will order it!
Limited places!!
RSVP 23/6/23

Contact for Enquiries

- Thargomindah Library
- 46218095

When

6pm
Saturday
29th
July

Where

Town
Hall

Cost

\$20
Non
Refundable
All Material
Provided



RFDS DOCTOR VISITS

Every 2nd Saturday

July
15th
29th



Healthy Ageing Best of 2022/23





Gardening Tips

A common mistake we tend to make is forgetting about our garden during winter.

We wrongly assume that winter is the season where all plants go dormant.

A garden requires maintenance all year-round, and the effort you put in the colder months will go a long way, come Spring.

1. PLANTING

Even though the soil is cold, Winter is the season to plant bare-rooted trees and shrubs, including fruit trees, while they are dormant. Garden centres will be full of stock from late June right through to early Spring. Some flower and vegetable seedlings can also go in now. Here's a few suggestions:

The flower garden

- Bare root roses and deciduous trees and shrubs
- Seedlings of Iceland poppy, cineraria, calendula, pansy and viola
- Make a list of shrubs you like for their Winter flowers - and remember to plant them next Spring! Camellias, daphnes, magnolias and wattles bloom from mid to late Winter.



2. FEEDING

While most of the garden 'goes to sleep' over Winter, vegetables, bulbs and annuals flowering or cropping now will benefit from an occasional application of plant food

Garden beds

- Fertilise Winter flowering bulbs such as jonquils when buds first appear. Continue feeding all bulbs after flowering has finished to ensure strong bulbs for next year
- Fertilise leafy Winter vegetables with a Fruit & Vegetable fertilizer every fortnight to keep plants growing strongly
- Add some [Scotts Osmocote All Purpose Controlled Release Fertiliser](#) to the holes when planting bare rooted trees and shrubs. Cover with soil so roots don't come into direct contact with it.

Short days, cold nights and biting winds all indicate Winter is with us again.

There's plenty to do outdoors to keep warm!

3. TAKE CARE OF YOUR LAWN

Maintaining your lawn in winter will make sure it is lush and green in the growing season. During winter, your lawn soil is at risk of becoming compacted, which means water won't reach the roots of the lawn and can potentially pool.

Our suggestion is to aerate the soil so the water can reach the roots. For smaller lawns, a pitchfork can be used, but larger lawns require an efficient lawn aerator.

Another option is to top-dress the lawn with coarse sand or loam. If puddling persists, opt for a hose on wetting agent that will breakdown the soil without harming the lawn.

Be sure to limit feeding and fertilizing your lawn during winter. Not much growth takes place in cold weather so your lawn doesn't require extra nutrition.

Last but not least, keep an eye for weeds in your lawn in winter. A key tip to ensure the weeds don't return is by removing them after it rains. A weed hand is important to use for stubborn weeds such as bindis to prevent harming the lawn.

4. PLANT A WINTER VEGETABLE GARDEN

Planting vegetables now will mean that they'll be ready by late winter or early spring. Select an area with a decent amount of winter sun as winter vegetables still need some warmth to germinate, grow and thrive.

It is suggested that the best vegetables for winter temperatures are snow peas, broad beans, English spinach, green beans and peas. If you live in milder, subtropical areas you have a larger range of choices, including broccoli, lettuce, onions, radishes, shallots, spinach, spring onions and turnips.

A good way to ward off garden pests without using pesticides is companion planting and organic pesticides, to avoid harmful toxins on your vegetables.

Indoor plants not only bring a touch of the outdoors inside, they also improve air quality and the overall wellbeing of those surrounded by them. For people unable to garden outdoors, growing indoor plants allows them to indulge in a hobby that gives great pleasure.



▶ Removing Weeds from Lawns

If you mow your lawn correctly and frequently, you should manage to avoid the invasion of most weeds. But if you have found that some of these undesirable weeds have infiltrated your lawn, then there is a few methods for weed removal.

Weeds are lining up to attack!

Who doesn't want a piece of your lawn party? Alien space invaders in the form of weeds do too, but you can catch them out before they poke their heads up with a pre-emergent herbicide.

A pre-emergent herbicide targets weed seeds before they take hold by forming a barrier at soil level that affects the germination of any new seedlings.

[OxaFert](#) is in granular form, and when applied forms a film at the base of the turf. This film kills new weed seed germinations, leaving your lawn free of crow's foot, summer grass, winter grass, creeping oxalis, and others.

When do you apply it?

Apply OxaFert year round to control the above mentioned weeds. If you are looking to target a certain weed, look at when that seedling normally germinates and apply OxaFert a few weeks prior. For example, if you wanted to control winter grass in your lawn, you'd apply OxaFert from March onward, as soil temperatures begin to decrease and winter grass seedlings then begin to germinate.

How often do you apply it?

Again, this depends on what you want to control. If you want year-round control, apply OxaFert every eight to 10 weeks to keep your lawn weed free. If you are just controlling a certain weed, use OxaFert every eight weeks until the conditions no longer suit the germination of that weed.

How long does it last?

OxaFert controls the emergence of weeds for up to 12 weeks, however it is recommended to reapply every eight to 10 weeks.

Your lawn still needs a feed

While OxaFert has a fertiliser component, you should still fertilise

Applying a pre-emergent herbicide is a lawn care practice that takes time to get used to as there is no visible result from applying it to already weedy lawns. It only prevents new weeds from forming. If you've got a lawn full of weeds, then get them under control first and then apply a pre-emergent regularly to keep them under control.

Keeping your lawn in good condition through regular maintenance and fertilisation helps keep weeds at bay and is a better option than controlling weeds by spraying all the time.



Weed Removal Options

Hand Removal

Many small weeds can be carefully pulled out by hand; however, you will need to make sure you have removed the roots. Using a weeding trowel or long handled mechanical device and prizing around the roots will help ensure total removal. The bigger the weed, the bigger and stronger the roots.

To make this job a little easier, you might want to try something like a Fiskars weed puller. It is very easy to use and saves you from bending down. It quick and easily digs down underneath the weed and when extracted removes the entire weed, roots and all.

Herbicide Treatment Options

There are various herbicides available, including selective and non-selective types.

Non-selective products like Round Up (Glyphosate) kill most plants including your lawn; selective herbicides target specific weeds only.

Post-emergent Broadleaf Herbicides

For common broadleaf weeds like cudweed, clover, bindii or creeping oxalis, you can use a broadleaf herbicide like Bin die or Lawn Solutions All Purpose Weed Control. These products generally contain actives like Bromoxynil, MCPA and Dicamba. For buffalo lawns, except ST varieties, make sure you use the Bromoxynil based products like Lawn Solutions All Purpose Weed Control as Dicamba can harm your buffalo grass.

Some other weeds require a particular herbicide for treatment, so identification is very important.

Quick selective weed killer solutions guide

- Winter Grass – Amgrow Winter Grass Killer (Not safe on Kikuyu or Fescue)
- Nutgrass / Mullumbimby Couch – Sedgehammer or Sempra
- Paspalum, Crabgrass, Summer grass – Paspalum herbicides contain the active DSMA. Make sure it's safe to use on your turf as many varieties like buffalo and kikuyu are spot treatment only.

Prevention – Pre-emergent Herbicides

There is also a way to prevent some weed types from appearing at all.

A pre-emergent herbicide like [Oxafert](#) targets weed seeds before they take hold by forming a barrier at soil level that stops the germination of any new seedlings. Pre-emergents can be used in

Rural Services

Coordinated Aerial Baiting

The week of the 15-19 May 2023 saw our Coordinated Aerial Baiting campaign take place. 10 properties participated with 6250kg of meat distributed over 1,086,945Ha including the Wild Dog Barrier Fence. The meat was distributed from Lake House, Yakara and Currawinya air strips.



Baiting has been conducted on properties inside the Wild Dog Barrier Fence.

Visitors and local community members are to be vigilant with their pets during baiting periods and take caution whilst travelling around the Shire.

1080 baits can remain live for long periods on properties adjacent to main roads and other road networks within the Shire Boundary.

Please ensure you do not take your dogs onto private property without first contacting the owner.

Hungerford Field Day

Rural Services held a stall at the Hungerford Field Day. The stall provided information on pests and weeds that are in the Bulloo Shire with visitors able to take pamphlets and information booklets home with them. We also ran a Quick Quiz Competition of three questions to win a prize. The lucky prize winners were: Bucket of dog trapping supplies – Melanie Zilm, Trail Camera – Karen Luckraft, UHF Holder - Oscar.

Pickles and Preserves Masterclass and Workshop

Landholders attended the Pickles and Preserves Masterclass and Workshop in Hungerford and learnt how to make Pumpkin Jam and Sauerkraut. Funding for this workshop was from Western Queensland Primary Health Network. Sheila Marshall from "Eat, Grow, Learn" in St

George was our mentor for the day. Sheila also shared ideas on ways to preserve home grown vegetables and herbs.

Sheila, Mary and Karen preparing the pumpkin and ginger for the jam.



Stacy, Mary, Karen listening to Sheila explain the finer details of making Sauerkraut.

WE'RE HIRING

INFRASTRUCTURE TOWN SERVICES LABOURER



An exciting opportunity exists to join our Infrastructure department. Council is seeking enthusiastic, committed and amiable persons to fulfil the role of Town Services Labourer.

Benefits & Allowances

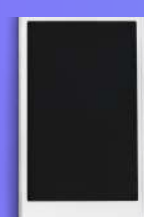
- Level 4/5 under stream B local Government Award
- CRAMWA
- Locality Allowance
- Super
- Job stability with 9 day fortnight
- Employee health and wellbeing benefits
- Housing & Furniture Packages or relocation help available

Send Your resume, Cover letter & selection criteria to :

council@bulloo.qld.gov.au

For Selection Criteria please go to:

www.bulloo.qld.gov.au



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APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 4PM 14TH JULY 2023



15TH - 16TH JULY 2023



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BRIAN LETTON

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THARGOMINDAH s.w. qld
Featuring Top Line Australian Artists



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BUSH POET

REX BALDWIN



TOM MAXWELL

Give the Bush a Helping Hand

Saturday Night Party at the Bulloo River Hotel Motel

Walk Ups with Rob & Dawn from Monday 10 July 2023

Planned Activities throughout the week

Damper Cooking Competition (The Golden Camp Oven Award)

Camp Oven Cooking Demonstrations

Food Available on Site

Regular Shuttle Bus to Town | Prizes for Shopper Dockets

EFTPOS available for Camping & Festival tickets only

Entry Fees

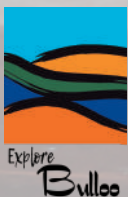
Walk ups & activities throughout the week leading up to the main event - Free

Main Event

\$30 p/p per day

Bookings & Information

Contact Ged & Trudy Hintz
Ph: 0417 981 640
Email: thintz7@bigpond.com



Thargomindah Channel
Country Music Muster

ON SITE CAMPING

Early Bird Camping from Wednesday 5 July 2023

NON POWERED

\$5 per site per day

VERY LIMITED POWERED SITES AVAILABLE FOR MEDICAL REASONS

\$15 per night or shared power \$10 per night

Showers, Toilets & Water available on site

Dogs allowed but must be kept on leads

Generators permitted from 8am - 8pm

Firewood Supplied





Bulloo Shire 2023 EVENTS

JAN 26	AUSTRALIA DAY
MAR 11	CCC CRICKET DAY FUNDRAISER
MAR 18	RURAL MENS NIGHT
APR 25	ANZAC DAY PARADE
MAY 26 - 27	SHEARERS SHINDIG
JUN 2	HUNGERFORD FIELD DAY
JUN 17 - 18	THARGOMINDAH POLOCROSSE CARNIVAL
JUL 15 - 16	CHANNEL COUNTRY MUSIC MUSTER
AUG 26	THARGOMINDAH POLOCROSSE BLACK TIE BALL
SEP 16 - 17	THARGOMINDAH MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA & ENDURO
SEP 30 - OCT 1	HUNGERGFORD HORSE & MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA PLUS MOTORBIKE ENDURO
OCT 6 - 8	NOCCUNDRA CAMPDRAFT, MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA & RODEO
NOV 11	HUNGERFORD REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
DEC 1	CHRISTMAS IN THE BULLOO MARKETS & CHRISTMAS TREE
DEC 31	CAMERON CORNER NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

For more info contact the Thargomindah Visitor Information Centre



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