

BULLOO BUZZ

MARCH 2022





Mayor John 'Tractor' Ferguson

What a month it's been, there's been a few changes in the Council structure - Most of our managers have had a title change and a few movements in the staff.

Council have resolved to donate to the Premier's Flood Appeal along with the other 22 Councils that attended that WQAC Assembly. Each Council will donate \$5,000 to help with the clean up along the South East Coast.

We have advertised the Coffee Shop again and this time we have had a lot of interest, so we're hopeful that someone will take it on for the 6 months.

Lea Macken and Sheree Parker will be utilising the Hungerford hall this tourist season as a driver reviver stop, tourism information facility and a gallery which is a great idea!

Amer and myself have been for a few trips around the Shire, we have visited the Warri Gate Camp, Arrabury Road, Orientos Rd, Nappamerie Rd, Ballera, Womanooka Rd and caught up with Steve Bonsey who is working out there at the moment.

We attended that SWQROC Meeting where we talked about housing, it is being pushed big time by all the Council's in SW QLD. Hopefully we will see something come out of all of our lobbying in the near future.

We are investigating why the Warri Gate Rd isn't on the ROSI Program. The ROSI program stands for 'Roads of Strategic Importance' and roads have a much higher chance of being funded by the government when on the program. We will keep pushing for it to be added.

Under a partnership between South West QLD Water & Sewerage Alliance and Gold Coast Water & Sewerage, arrangements have been made for 2 guys to travel out from the Gold Coast and spend 2 or 3 days each with Bulloo & Quilpie Shire's water & sewerage staff to share knowledge and ideas on sewerage operations.

On a final note, I would like to say farewell to Richard, he has kept our Roads department running for the past year and I wish him well in his future endeavours.

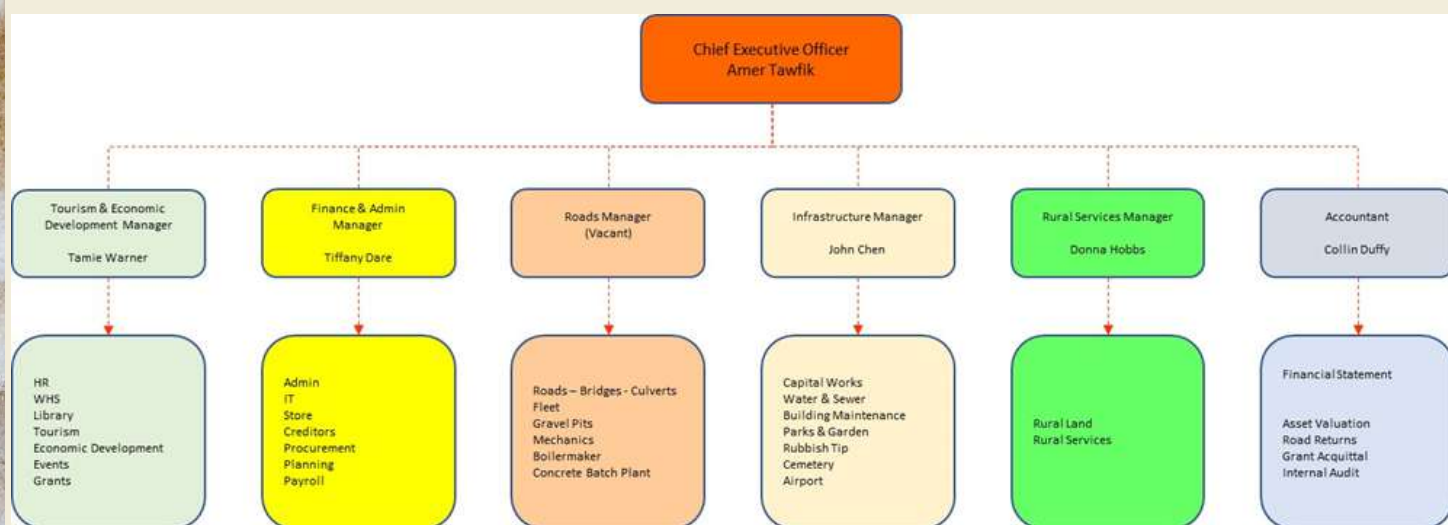
MAYOR
John 'Tractor' Ferguson



Chief Executive Officer Amer Tawfik

Re-Shovelling Responsibilities in Council Department

Council approved modifications to re-shovelling responsibilities within shire departments to improve our efficiency and increase productivity, as presented in the figure below.



Currently Council is looking for recruiting a Roads Manager after Richard's decision to pull the pin and head east for greener pasture.

The key change is to Focus the Roads Manager on roads and bridges, and get our Infrastructure Manager John Chen to take care of utilities, and town services.

We consolidated finance activities (payroll, creditors, procurement) under Tiffany Dare – Finance & Admin Manager. Tamie Warner will be managing Tourism and Economic Development department including grants. We increased the functional responsibilities for Council accountant Collin Duffy, to include Asset Valuation, with the plan to propose to Council to crease a new position for next financial year.

Issues with the Water-Cooling Plant

John is working on sorting a few teething issues with the water-cooling plant. First the E.coli contamination, we are sorting a few things to clean the tanks, before putting the system back on-line; the second is related to protecting the electrical components from being damaged from power surge. Please be assured that the contaminated water did not enter our town water reticulation system.

Warri Gate Camp

The Mayor and myself inspected the Warri Gate Camp, the boys are finishing the pad with the plan to cast the footing for the shed on Friday 25 March, and the shed to be installed the following week. The next step will be to start shifting the accommodation dongas and complete the electrical and plumbing works for the camp.



Rest Areas

Providing rest areas at sites with picturesque views is one of many ideas Mayor Tractor has, this will provide an opportunity for a day picnic trip or for overnight camping. Tamie is working on a strategy for multiple locations, which will include providing information signs, about the history of the area and its interesting features. This item will be included in next financial year's draft budget for Council's approval.



Potential Rest Area Site – Arrabury Road Site

Tourism in the BULLOO

This year has been a busy one already and we are only 3 months in. Our Tourism Coordinator, Danielle, travelled to Moreton Bay for a Caravan Camping Expo, where she was a part of a tourism stand for the SWQROC. Then over to the expedition for the Outback Queensland Digital Acceleration Workshop and Tourism Muster for 2 days. We were lucky to get her back I must add as she was almost to the range at Withcott when all the big flooding was happening down on the coast through to Toowoomba. A little detour via the new range bypass road and she made it to Toowoomba, then back home safely.

We have had some beautiful storms coming through and we love rain! It is always good to have some greenage in the paddocks, but rain does make it tricky for our travellers as the Warri Gate is unsealed and if closed our visitors cannot get to Cameron Corner, a destination that has been inquired about quite a bit lately, or down through to Tibooburra.

With tourist season fast approaching staff have been very busy with lots of projects, making sure we are on top of them before our visitors start flooding in. New brochures for our attractions and maps of our shire and town have been ordered. The Shearers Shindig planning is in full swing and coming together nicely. Thargomindah is definitely the place to be on the 20th-21st May 2022. You will see posters/posts for the Shearers Shindig and the Channel Country Music Muster, which will be in July, start popping up around town and on our social media pages.



Roads and Town Services!

Crew 1 have started works on the Quilpie Road, to start the next lot of seal.

Crew 2 have been busy working away over on the Warri Gate Road and Warri Gate Camp.

Crew 3 and Crew 4 are working alongside each other with Flood Damage works on Hungerford Road.

Crew 5 are continuing on with works on Flood Damage out at Arrabury Road.

Maintenance Crew have been busy this past month with signage, logging defects and stabilizing outside the shop.

Maintenance Crew will be also be going down to Hungerford in the next couple weeks to work on fixing the Paroo Crossing.



Rural Services Bulloo Buzz March 2022

TAFE Queensland are hosting training days in Thargomindah. They are offering:

- Standard Mental Health First Aid on the 9th & 10th June 2022
- Provide First Aid in remote or isolated site on the 15th & 16th June 2022
- Infection Control Skill Set on the 16th June 2022

These courses are fully funded under the Workforce Transition Support program. You are eligible if you are from a regional community impacted by drought, bushfires and COVID-19. They are designed to help you build safe work practices on farms and in the community. See poster for more information.



If you're from a regional community impacted by drought, bushfires and COVID-19 then this program will help you build safe work practices on the farms and in the wider community.

This mix of accredited and non-accredited units will provide you with the skills and knowledge to:

- offer initial support to adults who are developing a mental health crisis and support others until appropriate professional help is received or the crisis resolves
- provide a first aid response to a casualty in a remote or isolated site over an extended period of time until medical assistance is provided
- implement standard and transmission-based precautions, and respond to infection risks in the workplace

DURATION: 5 Days

Fully funded under the Workforce Transition Support program. Eligibility criteria applies.

Thursday 9/6/22	Friday 10/6/22	Tuesday 14/6/22	Wednesday 15/6/22	Thursday 16/6/22
Standard Mental Health First Aid (NONAC06022)		Provide First Aid in remote or isolated site (HLTAID013)		Infection Control Skill Set (HLTSS00064)

When	Where
From Thursday 9 th June to Thursday 16 th June From 8:00am to 4:00pm each day	THARGOMINDA
Please enquire as soon as possible as places are limited. Applications required by Friday 27 th May 2022	Location: Echidna Place Visitor Centre – Kullilli Room 37 Dowling St, Thargomindah QLD 4492

For more information or to apply call (07) 4694 1944

or email WTSP.Southwest@tafeqld.edu.au

1300 308 233 tafeqld.edu.au

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Hungerford happenings.....



Doug Clifford has been volunteering at the Ross Wallace Sports Grounds, planting trees and installing watering systems.

James spreading the
Cochineal Bug onto
Coral Cactus.



Discussing local issues
with Moc & Sheree
Parker at Hungerford



Moc & John at the town water supply in Hungerford



Moc Parker starting the river pump at the Hungerford Storage Dams

Top Country Nutrition Workshop - Thargomindah

Kelsey Smith and Courtney Jackson from Top Country in Roma visited Thargomindah during March to meet with landholders to provide information on the range of Top Country stock feed supplements. Eleven participants listened to Livestock Nutritionist Kelsey explain the advantages of adding supplements to feeding cattle, sheep, goats and horses. Property visits to Besm, Thargomindah Station, Waverley Downs and Moombidary were also undertaken while Courtney and Kelsey were in the region.



Japanese Encephalitis

Japanese Encephalitis is a viral zoonotic disease that is spread by mosquitoes. Waterbirds act as natural reservoirs for the virus, and mosquitoes can spread the virus to people, horses, pigs and other animals. It is caused by a flavivirus, Japanese encephalitis virus.

In animals, signs of disease are most common in horses and pigs.

Japanese encephalitis is not a food safety concern. Commercially produced pork meat and pork products are safe to consume.

It is not known how the virus came into mainland Australia. The movement of infected mosquitoes or migratory waterbirds may have played a part in the virus spread.

There are no state or territory movement restrictions on the movement of horses.

Japanese encephalitis in people

Most human infections of Japanese Encephalitis cause no symptoms or mild symptoms such as headache or fever. A person with severe disease may present with inflammation of the brain(encephalitis), characterized by sudden onset of vomiting, high fever and chills, severe headache, sensitivity to light, neck stiffness and nausea/vomiting. Less than 1 in 200 persons who get infected will develop encephalitis.

Queenslanders are encouraged to take necessary steps to prevent being bitten by mosquitoes. (apply insect repellent, wear loose, light coloured clothing to cover up arms, legs and feet) Read more information from Queensland Health.

Japanese Encephalitis in Horses

Japanese encephalitis is a notifiable disease in Queensland. If you see signs of Japanese Encephalitis in horses or donkeys, immediately contact Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 or phone the all-hours emergency Animal disease Watch hotline on 1800 675 888.

Signs of Japanese Encephalitis in horses:

- ❖ Elevated temperature
- ❖ Jaundice
- ❖ Lethargy
- ❖ Anorexia
- ❖ Neurological signs which can vary in severity. Signs can include incoordination, difficulty swallowing, impaired vision, and rarely hyperexcitability.

Most cases in horses are subclinical, meaning they are infected but show no signs of disease. Most clinical disease is mild, however more severe encephalitis can occur which may be fatal. While reports of the disease in other species are rare, the disease has been reported in donkeys overseas. Horses are known to be a “dead end host”. They do not carry a blood infection that will reinfect mosquitoes. Help horses to avoid mosquito bites by rugging your horse and applying a safe insect repellent.

For more information go to the Queensland Health website – health.qld.gov.au



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6TH MARCH 2022

See you all next year!

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FREE ONLINE YOGA

RURAL QLD 2022 YOGA TIMETABLE

Beginners course - starts Feb 2

Pregnancy course - starts Feb 17

Weekly classes Thursday and Sunday



21st March, 2022

Roads Manager

Are you a Road Builder?

\$130,000 - \$150,000 per year

Leaseback vehicle
Furnished Council house provided
Relocation assistance

We are looking for an experienced and dynamic Roads Manager who is a strategic thinker with fresh ideas to join our dedicated team in Thargomindah, the last frontier in outback QLD. You will lead road infrastructure maintenance and construction works and provide innovative solutions and strategies to deliver quality services for our community.

You will be someone who "leads from the front" with a passion for identifying and implementing opportunities for improvement. Your extensive practical knowledge of civil engineering maintenance and construction activities will support your ability to analyse, evaluate and report on key metrics to drive performance improvement. This truly is an opportunity to make a difference in a key Council role. Ideally you will have:

- Tertiary qualifications in Civil Engineering or similar.
- Excellent knowledge of roads, drainage and related legislation.
- Strong leadership skills to encourage a high performing team.
- The ability to communicate effectively with staff at all levels.

Applications shall include a cover letter, a statement addressing key selection criteria, and your resume, and emailed to Tamie Warner on tamiew@bulloo.qld.gov.au . Tamie can be reached on (07) 4621 8000.

Applications will close Sunday 10 April 2022 4:00pm

 tamiew@bulloo.qld.gov.au

 07- 46218000



30th April – 1st May 2022

CHANNEL COUNTRY CHALLENGE



TWO HANDED CUTTING CAMPDRAFT & GYMKHANA



SATURDAY 30th APRIL

6:30am Start

Maiden Draft - Noms \$25
Top 10% of scorers to compete in the Final

Local Draft - Noms \$20
1st \$250 2nd \$100 3rd \$75 4th \$45 5th \$30
Local draft restricted to Bulloo Shire residents & is run in conjunction with Maiden Draft.

Novice Draft - Noms \$30
Top 10% of scorers to compete in the Final

Open Draft - Noms \$45
Top 10% of scorers to compete in the Final



Lifeline representatives will be in attendance over the weekend. If you have a spare minute stop in and have a chat.

This event is supported by Bulloo Shire Council TRAIC Funding.

5:30pm Start

BARRELS

Junior (12yrs & under) - Noms \$10
1st \$100 2nd \$70 3rd \$50 4th \$30

Juvenile (13-17yrs) - Noms \$20
1st \$150 2nd \$100 3rd \$65 4th \$35

Open (18yrs & over) - Noms \$30
1st \$300 2nd \$200 3rd \$150 4th \$80

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER SATURDAY NIGHT - 6pm

Two Handed Cutting 6:30pm Start

Open (18yrs & over) - Noms \$30
1st \$400 2nd \$300 3rd \$200 4th \$100

Junior (12yrs & Under) - Noms \$5
1st \$60 2nd \$40 3rd \$30 4th \$20

Juvenile (17 & Under) - Noms \$10
1st \$100 2nd \$70 3rd \$50 4th \$30

Rookie (never won) - Noms \$15
1st \$200 2nd \$120 3rd \$80 4th \$50

**Saturday night music
by DJ Johnny Mac**

SUNDAY 1st MAY

6:30am Start

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

Final Maiden Draft
1st \$350 2nd \$200 3rd \$125 4th \$75 5th \$50

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



Horse Gymkhana
8am Start
(Nominations close 7am)



EVENTS WE WILL BE HAVING:

Bending; Flag; Barrel; Scudda Ho; Big T; Bounce Pony; Snakes & Ladders; Apple Bobbing; Musical Flags; Bang & Go Back.

\$5 PER EVENT PER COMPETITOR.

AGE CATEGORIES

Under 8 & Lead; 11 & Under; 14 & Under; 17 & Under; 18 & Over.

PRIZE MONEY

1st \$20 2nd \$10 3rd \$5

**Food & Bar
all weekend**

Event enquiries and nominations please contact:

Kerry Ferguson (Secretary)
PH: 0447 553 254

Rusty Ferguson (President)
PH: 0488 166 791

NOMINATIONS: channelcountry4492@gmail.com

ALL COMPETITORS: Waivers must be signed by every competitor before competing.

Competitors insurance fees - Open \$20, Juvenile \$10, Juniors \$5.

Campdraft & Two Handed Cutting noms to be paid by 23rd April 2022.

Two Handed Cutting limited to one horse per rider - per event.

Campdraft limited to 3 horses per rider - per event.
Cut off at 250 nominations.

All runs will include a \$5 per head stock levy.

All changes to runs to be made prior to the commencement of each draft.
Once draft commences, NO changes will be accepted.

Scratching: A 100% refund of the nomination will be given if the competitor withdraws more than 168 hours (7 days) prior to 8am on the first morning of the program. If a competitor withdraws less than 168 hours (7 days) prior to the first morning of the program, then the entire nomination fee may be retained by the committee.

COME AND ENJOY A GREAT FAMILY EVENT AT THE THARGOMINDAH RODEO GROUNDS



Helmets: Riders under 18 must wear a properly fitted helmet whilst mounted on a horse for all events this weekend. Helmet must comply with current AS/NZS safety standards (3838) and be less than five years old from the date of manufacture. Helmets must be fastened under the chin at all times while mounted.

JUDGES DECISION WILL BE FINAL.

The committee reserves the right to alter the program.

Medical services provided by Queensland Ambulance Service.

No glass area!

Club Eftpos available for bar tickets only, no cash out. Canteen operator to decide canteen rules, their decision is final.

Conditions: Nominations for campdrafts close Friday 23rd April or 250 nominations filled. Horses are to be ridden in order of the draw. Campdrafters limit 3 calls per competitor otherwise disqualified. Individuals participate at their own risk.

Horse Status: The status of a horse winning a Campdraft will be determined by the highest class of horse that competes with the exception of Juniors, Juveniles, Ladies, Old Buffers, Associates & Encouragement Campdraft. The winner attains the status of the highest class of horse participating (e.g. if one Open horse competes then it is classed as an Open draft).

Dogs must be kept on a leash or securely tied up at all times.

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QUICK SHEARS
ROOFTOP EXPRESS SHOW**

**MC
Adam
Kilpatrick**



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Fri. & Sat.**



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16TH - 17TH JULY 2022

AT THE THARGOMINDAH RODEO GROUNDS S.W. QLD

CHANNEL COUNTRY MUSIC MUSTER

Featuring **GIVE THE BUSH A HELPING HAND**
Top Line Australian Artists

GED & TRUDY HINTZ

Singers/Songwriters, multi award winning duo

ROYDEN DONOHUE

One of Australia's most talented young country music artists. A must see for his Elvis impersonations.

OWEN BLUNDELL

An Australian country music singer. Owen is known for his song writing, comedy and many impersonations.

GOTTANI SISTERS

Singing Duo, they are famous for their harmonies, performing country, rock & roll, roots & bluegrass music.

ROB BREESE

Singer/Songwriter/Recording Artist

POET

(TBC)

BRIAN LETTON

Multi Talented, one of Australia's leading country singer/songwriters.

ALASTAIR MCLEAN

Known for his many hats and he is a Brilliant keyboard musician

LOCAL TALENT Jacinta Byrne

(Saturday Only)



- Saturday: Party Night at Bulloo River Hotel
- Generators permitted from 8am to 8pm
- Regular Shuttle Bus
- Camp Oven cooking demonstrations
- Prize for Shopper Dockets

WALK UPS with Rob & Dawn From Tues, 12th JULY

- Showers, Toilets & Water available on the grounds
- Damper Cooking Competition (The Golden Camp Oven Award)
- Planned Activities throughout the week
- Food available at the grounds
- Early Bird Camping from Wednesday, July 6th
- EFTPOS Available for camping & festival entry only
- Firewood supplied
- Dogs allowed but must be kept on leads

Entry Fees:

MAIN SHOWS - Sat. & Sun. - \$30 p/p per day

- VERY LIMITED POWERED \$15 per night (medical only)
- NON POWERED \$5 per site per day
- VERY LIMITED SHARED POWERED \$10 per night (medical only)

For Bookings & Information

Contact Ged & Trudy Hintz

Ph: 0417 981 640

Email: thintz7@bigpond.com

For Information

Thargomindah Information Centre

Ph: (07) 4621 8095

Email: tourism@bulloo.qld.gov.au

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MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR COFFEE ON DOWLING OPERATOR

Council is seeking qualified persons interested in the below arrangements for the management of Coffee on Dowling.

- Open for 6 months during the Tourist Season (01 April 2022 - 30 September 2022)
- Operating hours to be between 6:00am to 2:00pm - 7 days per week
- Council to provide a subsidy of \$1,000 per week to the operator
- Council will be responsible for building maintenance and equipment
- Operator will be responsible for utility bills, cleaning, purchasing of goods and supplies
- Operator to pay \$50 per week rental fees to Council

Interested parties can contact Chloe Tuite on 07 4621 8000 or chloet@bulloo.qld.gov.au to request an EOI form, please have this form back to Council no later than 12:00 pm on Thursday, 31st March 2022 addressed to the below.

Management of Coffee on Dowling
Chief Executive Officer
Bulloo Shire Council
PO Box 46
THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492



BULLOO SHIRE

Events 2022

P&C CRICKET DAY

APRIL 2

ANZAC DAY PARADE

APRIL 25

CHANNEL COUNTRY CHALLENGE

APRIL 30 & MAY 1

SHEARERS SHINDIG

MAY 20-21

LADIES NIGHT

MAY 27

THARGOMINDAH POLOCROSSE CARNIVAL

JUNE 25-26

CHANNEL COUNTRY MUSIC MUSTER

JULY 16-17

THARGOMINDAH BIKE SPORTS AND ENDURO

SEPT 17-18

HUNGERFORD HORSE & MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA & ENDURO

SEP 30 - OCT 2

NOCCUNDRA CAMPDRAFT, MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA & RODEO

OCT 7-9

BINGO NIGHT - HOSPITAL AUX

OCT 28

HUNGERFORD REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOV 11

CHRISTMAS IN THE BULLOO CAROLS & MARKETS

DATE TO COME

CHRISTMAS TREE

DATE TO COME

CAMERON CORNER NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

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For more information contact:
Thargomindah Information Centre
PHONE: (07) 46 21 8095
EMAIL: tourism@bulloo.qld.gov.au



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BULLOO SHIRE - OUT IN FRONT DOIN IT EASY

How we have achieved this...

- Fertility: We have been scanning all our ewes since 2005 and all sold. We select sires with high fertility and muscle.
- Mulesing: We select sires with small, thin, black, and bare breech. We ceased mulesing in 2007.
- Quality Wool: Selecting sires with a long staple, and we have

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