

# BULLOO BUZZ

MAY 2022







## *Mayor John 'Tractor' Ferguson*

All of these public holidays have been great! I hope everyone's enjoyed the few days off here and there.

Council has been successful in obtaining the \$8 million funding from the Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program. We will contribute \$2 million so we have \$10 million to put on the Warri Gate Road – this should get us about 20km of new seal. This is a big achievement for Bulloo Shire and our campaigning for Warri Gate.

This will secure 2 – 3 years of work for our crews and some local contractors. This is Stage 1 of the funding and with some more lobbying we hope to get this sort of funding for the next 4 – 5 years.

It's great to see the Coffee Shop up and running for the tourist season it's a great compliment to the Visitor Information Centre!

Council held a couple of community consultations this month, each one had a great turn up and I want to thank the community for making the effort to come and talk to us about everything. Council has taken a list of ideas from the meetings on board and have already started looking into them – all of these processes take time to come together so be assured we haven't forgotten about it.

Telstra representatives visited Council on the 3rd of May, along with the Telstra bus that was parked out the front of the VIC. We had a good discussion with them, all SW Queensland Council's will be getting a backup generator at their Telstra exchange as we are not the only ones who go without service for long periods of time when the power goes out.

I hope everyone has a great month ahead!  
"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud"

**MAYOR**  
**John 'Tractor' Ferguson**



## *Chief Executive Officer Amer Tawfik*

### **Purchase of New Plant**

Council approved the purchase and replacement of two new graders and two new loaders. Councillors reviewed the tenders submitted and settled on Komatsu considering the features provided, free service for 2,000 hrs, warranty, and positive feedback received from current government agencies who purchased these machines. Council also approved the purchase of two new prime movers, the decision made to go with the Kenworth T659 over the Mack Superliner.

Councillors plan is to replace our plant as per the agreed guidelines, for example 7 years for a grader, 5 years for a loader, 80,000 km for a ute in an effort to reduce downtime and replacement costs.

Considering the current market conditions, there is a significant lead delivery time for these new machines, with the graders and loaders are expected in Dec 2022, and the Kenworth Prime movers in Oct 2023.

### **Community Meetings**

Councillors and officers held two community meetings in Thargomindah and Hungerford. Larger than was anticipated public turn out was achieved at both of these events. The workshops provided an opportunity to both Councillors to outline future vision and projects, and for the public to provide comments and feedback on how they want to take the shire forward. Mayor Ferguson outlined the importance of developing a master plan for their project that may spans several years; having these documents add value to Council submissions when applying for grant funding

### **Consultation with Kullilli People**

Councillors and officers hosted a full day workshop with board members from the Kullilli Bulloo River Corporation. Future vision was shared between both parties, with significant number of common elements between the future aspirations. The first step agreed on is to form a consultative committee from Kullilli People and Council officers to identify initiatives and projects to be presented to Council for Consultations and approval. Mayor Ferguson offered Council's assistance in developing grants and submission on behalf of the Kullilli people. One of the future projects that as discussed was constructing a museum or an exhibition centre in the airport precinct to complement the existing tourist attraction there such as the hydro station and the spa gazing proposed. These ideas and initiative represent another win to our local community, it will provide more attractions in the area, and offer increased local employment.



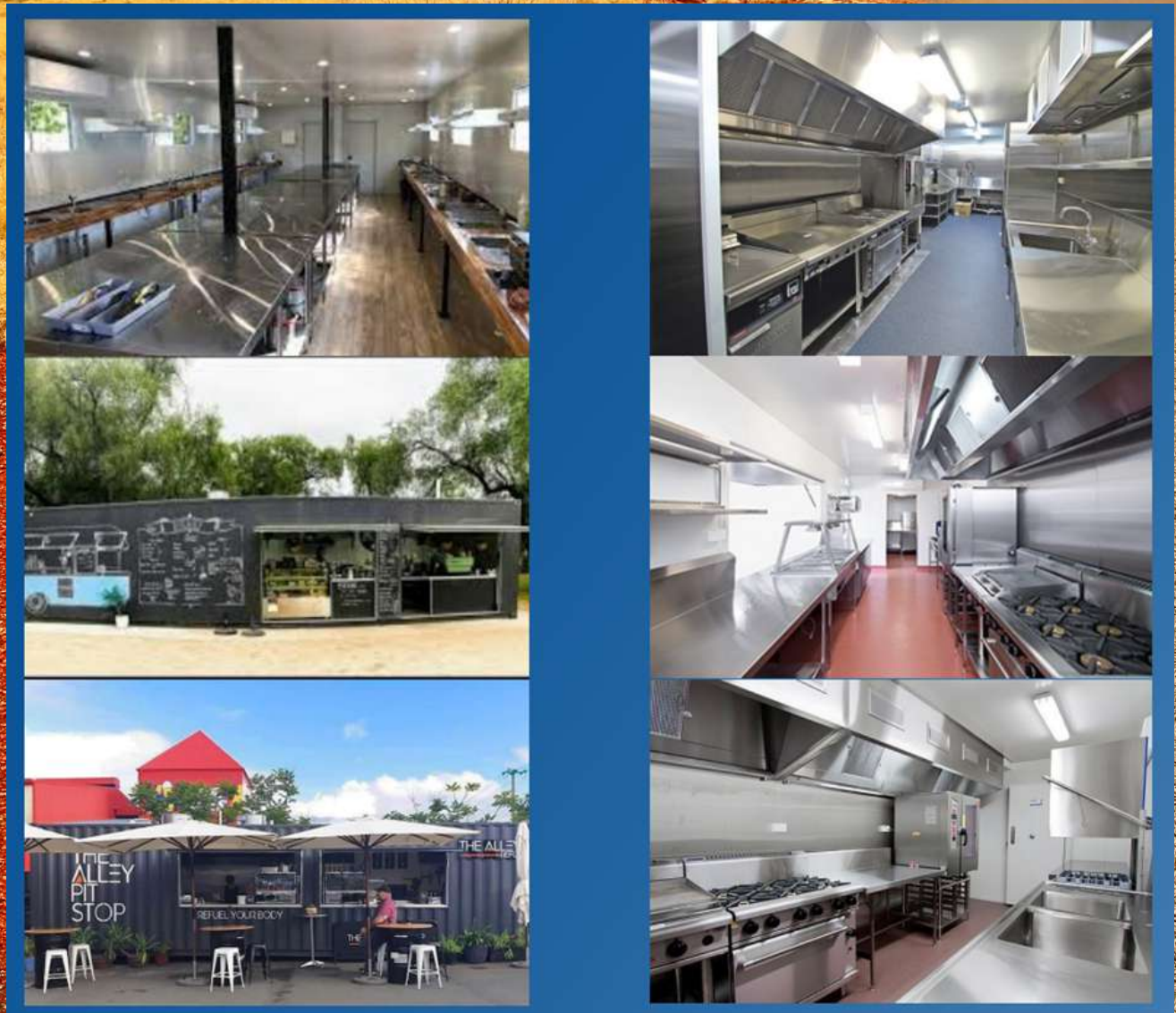
### **Update on Water Cooling Plan**

Testing results from the bore, the cooling plant and the storage tanks indicated that the water from either the pore directly or the cooling plant is in excellent quality that is better than drinking water in other towns in western QLD. However, the water quality in the storage tanks need attention; as the hot environment without adding chlorine to the water is conducive to bacterial growth.

NRG the company constructed the facility is working with Council office on practical solutions to address these issues. They are planning to be in Thargomindah on 30 May and spend a full week to provide additional training to local staff, and discuss with Council some of the options they developed.

### **Noccundra Sports Club**

Council approved a \$300,000 kitchen for Noccundra Sports Club in addition for electrical and plumbing works of \$100,000 to improve and upgrade the facility. The kitchen will offer sufficient space for cooking and serving a large crowd attending the popular events at the sports ground. Completing the upgrade to the facility will offer the shire with another venue to host large crowd such as the shitbox car rally.





## Roads and Town Services!

To start off Roads would like to farewell two more members from our department, first farewell is to Isaac Grant as he has decided to move back home to Yeppoon and the beach, secondly farewell to Robert Holley Snr as he has made the hard decision to move back to Dalby to focus on his health and wellbeing. Wishing you all the Best Isaac and Robert on the next chapters in your lives!

With every lose comes a gain, and Road Services would like to welcome on board Brenton Dare who has decided to join our team working on Maintenance Crew, Dennis Maloney has joined as the new Workshop Foreman.

Our Staff Whereabouts:

Crew 1 has completed works on Quilpie Road for the next lot of 5km seal under TIDS funding, sealing for this job happened the weekend of the 7th and 8th May 2022. Thanks to Clancy, Jack and Brian plus everyone else involved for their hard work on this job.

Crew 2 have moved camp over to Innamincka Road, getting shoulders ready for the next lot of reseals in the upcoming weeks, also doing some maintenance grading along the Innamincka Road.

Crew 3 have been working on Hungerford Road, getting shoulders ready for the next lot of reseals in the upcoming weeks, also continuing on with Flood Damage Grading on Hungerford.

Crew 4 are continuing on with Flood Damage on Hungerford Road.

Maintenance Crew have been guide posting along Bundeena Road, Hungerford Road and Quilpie Road, also helping the ladies at the Tourism Office set up for the Thargomindah Shearers Shindig which happened the weekend on the 20th and 21st.

Paul spent a couple days filling in on Crew 2 as a Roller Driver while other staff were away sick.

With Council Crews busy, we have been lucky to have some contractors help us out these last few weeks.

Luckraft Earth Works are currently grading Boodgheree Road, SC & KG Bowen are preparing shoulders getting ready for the reseals on Warri Gate happening in the upcoming weeks. Tolbra Earthmoving are currently working on shoulders for Bundeena Road under RMPC.

Steve Bonsey Transport have continued working on Woomanooka Road and Durham Road doing Flood Damage under 4 DRFA -REPA Works.



## Rural Services Bulloo Buzz May 2022

### Bulloo River Fish Surveys

During April fish surveys were conducted in different parts of the Bulloo River around Thargomindah. Dr Adam Kerezy (licensed by Qld Fisheries) and Christine Crafter from Southern Queensland Landscapes along with Rural Services Staff and landholders were involved with the setting of large and small fyke nets to catch fish, which were then counted, measured and released. There were plenty of varieties caught including: rainbowfish, gudgeons, bony herring, silver tandans (moonfish), spangled perch, yellowbelly, yabbies, shrimp and turtles. *Dr Kerezy "As far as we know, at present the Bulloo is probably the most healthy inland river in Australia. Anybody visiting the Bulloo should recognize this, and also adhere to the golden rule 'if it's not from the river, don't put it in the river'"*



Emptying nets to be counted, measured and released



Adam setting the nets



Yellowbelly in varying sizes



Gudgeons



## Aerial Wild Dog Co-Ordinated Baiting Program

On the 3-6 May we completed the May round of Co-ordinated Aerial Baiting for properties inside the Wild Dog Barrier Fence. Seven properties participated with 4,500kg of baited meat being distributed.



Baiting Stations



May 2022

### Foot-and-mouth disease in Indonesia

Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) has been confirmed in Indonesia. FMD is a highly infectious viral infection of domestic and wild cloven-hooved animals, including cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, camelids, and buffalo. It does not infect horses.

The disease is not present in Australia and we all need to work together to keep it that way. Livestock owners should take steps to prevent introducing or spreading FMD, be aware of the signs in animals and report suspect cases immediately. Clinical signs include:

- vesicles and ulcers in the mouth, feet and teats
- lameness
- fever
- unwillingness to eat
- excessive salivation
- abortion
- drop in milk production
- sudden death in young animals.



If you suspect the presence of this disease you must report it to **Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23** or contact the **Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888**. More information about FMD is available on our [website](#) and from the Australian Government [Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment](#).



# SHEARERS SHINDIG 2022

































































# TAKE A COMPLIMENT

Just thought I would let you know that I attended both the Dawn Service and the Parade on ANZAC Day. I would like to congratulate everyone involved to make it such a success, a Very Well Done. I met with other ex service people and Serving Members on the day and had a memorable afternoon. I was happy to make a donation to the local school (via my losing skills at the Two Up game)

Many thanks to all involved.

Kevin Cox. Member of RSL Qld. Lowood Sub Branch.



# COFFEE ON DOWLING

Open 7 DAYS A  
WEEK

6.00AM - 2.00PM





# WE'RE HIRING *CIVIL ENGINEER*

**\$130,000 – \$150,000 per year + Super + Benefits + Bonuses**



## What we are looking for:

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

## Nature of Projects:

- Constructing sealed two-lane highways;
- Design & construction of stormwater drainage;
- Construction of Levee Banks
- Delivery of Flood Damage Works
- Managing TMR Work Orders (seal widening, pavement rehabilitation, culvert replacement)

## What we are offering:

- Invest in your learning and development, including post-graduate studies
- Safe rural community for your family and children;
- Work opportunities for your partner
- Your achievement will be rewarded

Screening of  
applications will begin  
on 26th May 2022 and  
will continue until the  
position is filled

## Please address the Selection Criteria in your cover letter

- Qualification in Civil Engineering and RPEQ (Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland) status coupled with a minimum of 2 years' experience within a management role focused on civil engineering / roads construction and maintenance or similar field
- Demonstrated knowledge of quality assurance compliance, and asset management planning.
- Sound knowledge of Work, Health & Safety practices
- High skills in oral and written communication with clients and other members of the public

For further information download the Information Package from [www.bulloo.qld.gov.au](http://www.bulloo.qld.gov.au) OR contact  
Tamie Warner, Tourism & Economic Development Manager on (07) 4621 8000.

Email applications to [council@bulloo.qld.gov.au](mailto:council@bulloo.qld.gov.au) or Post to the address below:

Bulloo Shire Council  
PO Box 46  
THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492





# APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS

FOR SCHOOL BASED STUDENTS

GRADES 10 - 12

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR  
YEAR 10 TO 12 STUDENTS  
TO DO AN APPRENTICESHIP OR  
TRAINEESHIP WITH BULLOO SHIRE  
COUNCIL.



1 X DIESEL  
MECHANIC



2 X  
ADMINISTRATION



A FEW DUTIES IN THE  
ADMIN ROLE

- RECEPTION
- FILING
- FINANCE
- HR RELATIONS
- DATA ENTRY



CLOSES: 3RD JUNE 2022

TO EXPRESS INTEREST  
PLEASE SUBMIT A COVER LETTER  
TO: [COUNCIL@BULLOO.QLD.GOV.AU](mailto:COUNCIL@BULLOO.QLD.GOV.AU)  
OR PHONE 0746218000 FOR MORE  
DETAILS





## ANIMAL MANAGEMENT (CATS AND DOGS) ACT 2008

This is a reminder that under the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 all dogs must be registered with the local council:

- before they are **12 weeks old**
- within 14 days after moving to a new local council area

All dogs must be microchipped.

*The Charleville Vet Surgery will be in Thargomindah on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.  
Please call (07) 4654 2605 to make an appointment.*

### Dog Registration:

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| - Entire Dog   | \$69.00 |
| - De-sexed Dog | \$34.50 |

### Three Dog Permit

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| - Application | \$175.00 |
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*A Three Dog permit cannot be transferred between dogs, it is only valid for the 3 animals listed on the Permit.*

### Infringement Fees:

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|--|----------|
| - Failure to register an animal for which registration is required | \$249.00 |
| - Keeping an animal without a current Permit                       | \$249.00 |

For further information you can contact Council by phone on (07) 4621 8000; or by email [Council@bulloo.qld.gov.au](mailto:Council@bulloo.qld.gov.au)





**Bulloo**  
Shire

## **Cleaning of Bulloo Shire Council Facilities T2021-2022-122**

Tenders are invited for the Cleaning of Bulloo Shire Council Facilities (Thargomindah)

- Administration Office – 68 Dowling Street, Thargomindah
- Visitor Information Centre – 37 Dowling Street, Thargomindah
- Depot Office – Stafford Street, Thargomindah
- Airport Terminal
- Community Centre – 15 Dowling Street

All Tender prices **MUST** include GST.

Tender Documentation can be obtained from Council's website and further information can be obtained by contacting the Finance & Administration Services Manager, Tiffany Dare or Council's Finance Officer, Marianne Hortin on (07) 4621 8000 or by emailing [Counci@bulloo.qld.gov.au](mailto:Counci@bulloo.qld.gov.au)

**Submissions close: 2.00pm, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

"Tender" T2021-2022-122  
Chief Executive Officer  
Bulloo Shire Council  
PO Box 46  
THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492



# 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

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### For Information

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[www.explorebulloo.com.au](http://www.explorebulloo.com.au)



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# BULLOO SHIRE

## Events 2022

**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 MARKETS**

**DATE TO COME**

**CHRISTMAS TREE**

**DATE TO COME**

**CAMERON CORNER NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

**DEC 31**

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



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BULLOO SHIRE - OUT IN FRONT DOIN IT EASY



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