

BULLOO

BUZZ

Newsletter

MAY | 2023



The background of the page is a composite image. On the left, a man wearing a light-colored shirt, khaki pants, and a wide-brimmed hat is kneeling in a field at sunset. On the right, a close-up of a woman's face is visible, with vibrant blue, pink, and orange paint splatters overlaid on it. The title 'MAYOR FERGUSON'S MESSAGE' is written in white and yellow text across the top right.

MAYOR FERGUSON'S MESSAGE

Once again, it's been a busy month for our shire, getting ready for the Shearer's Shindig, which kicked off last weekend. The weather was beautiful and a great time was had by all who attended. It was great to see our community and tourists supporting the event. The Shindig is one of the biggest events on our calendar over the winter months, and it was great to see the wonderful support from the people visiting our beautiful shire. All the events, exhibits and demonstrations were really interesting, and we were grateful to all who took part.

We also had the official opening of our Independent Living Units, Teelow Court this month. It was lovely to see Jack Teelow's family at the opening. Jack had many mates in Thargomindah and is missed by many. This facility will allow more locals to live a full life, aging in place with their families and friends. The BBQ lunch was great, and we thank Mayor Cr Suzette Beresford of Paroo Shire Council and Cr Jenny Hewson from Quilpie Shire Council for their attendance.

It's great to see the Coffee Shop up and running again for the tourist season. It's a great little rest stop for our tourist and compliments our Visitor Information Centre perfectly!

Donna Hobbs has now stepped into the role of Acting CEO for the next few months. The CEO training has now been completed and I'm confident the training will compliment the experience and knowledge that she has. We look forward to working with Donna as Acting CEO for the next four months.

I'd also like to thank the first responders for their hard work and diligence with putting out the fire at the top yard. Their quick response made all the difference and stopped any further damage. It was a credit to our little emergency team!

We will continue to work hard for you, our community, in the areas of roads, housing and childcare. We have meetings coming up in the near future to address the issues that are continuing to challenge the people living and working in rural and remote areas like the Bulloo Shire.

Focus on what you want, but never forget to be grateful for what you already have!

BULLOO SHIRE COUNCILLORS



CHECKING OUT THE NEW & IMPROVED



BYPASS ROAD INSPECTIONS



RURAL SERVICES

Weed Management

Council's Rural Lands Officer has undertaken spraying of Devils Rope Cactus, Common Prickly Pear and Parkinsonia at Corina Springs, Currawinya National Park in partnership with Park Rangers. SQ Landscapes have provided funding for the ongoing management of weeds across the Currawinya Project Area.



Devil's Rope at Corina Springs

The Cochineal Bug was introduced into the Coral Cactus at Hungerford in 2016 and since then has spread throughout the site. As the cochineal bug is very slow-moving Council's Rural Lands Officer has been collecting infected cladodes and placing on new growth plants to help accelerate the spread.

Thargomindah Town Common



Thargomindah Town Common cattle muster was completed on the 15 & 16 April. Twenty-six grown cattle and seven calves are now agisted on the Town Common to seven owners.

Landscape Management – SQ Landscapes

SQ Landscapes facilitated a visit from Fire Lore during April, with Kullilli and Council representatives also attending. Fire Lore is an indigenous-owned business who educate about and deliver burn services in an environmentally and financially sustainable model. Fire Lore work closely with stakeholders to combat the effects of fire, drought, floods, soil degradation and invasive species. Kullilli representatives are continuing to work with Fire Lore in relation to the development of skills around reading of country and cultural burns.



Kullilli, SQ Landscapes and Council Representatives

Wild Dog Management

The Bulloo Shire Coordinated Wild Dog Baiting Program was conducted in May. Baiting was undertaken on properties inside the Wild Dog Barrier Fence. Visitors and local community members are to be vigilant with their pets during the baiting periods and take caution whilst travelling around the Shire. 1080 baits can remain active 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.



ROADS SERVICES

Crew 1 Lance Casey & crew have been working on the Quilpie Road, this is funded by the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme. This is a 4.4-kilometre section of road, with 2kms almost ready for bitumen. This must be completed by 30 June 2023, the crew is on track to meet this target.

Crew 2 Greg Brown and crew are carrying out QRA restoration works on the Wompah Gate Road. This crew are then moving to Warri Gate to complete widening works.

Crew 3 Michael Beavis and crew are carrying out Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) restoration works on the Bransby – Santos Rd, doing a Medium Formation with approximately 19km left to complete.

Crew 4 Nathan Hortin and crew have been carrying out QRA restoration works on Epsilon Road, camping at Epsilon Station. There is 22kms left to be completed on the Epsilon Road.

Contract Grader Crew Strezborn are doing a Medium Formation Grade with sections of Heavy Formation Grading in some places on the southern end of Orientos Road.

The Concrete crew have been working on the Visitor Information Shed and Sports Oval project. They have completed:

- footings, walls and steps for the new ablution block
- footings and walls for the new canteen building
- Visitor Information Shed Slab and footings

ROADS SERVICES

Next month, this crew will:

- commence the Bundeena culvert job
- Sports Oval Firewall footings
- private works concreting
- concreting 4 carports on the new Council houses

Workshop & Welders

Council's boilermakers have been constructing privacy fencing on Council houses.

The workshop team are spending plenty of time travelling large distances to maintain and repair plant out on the jobs in the far south west of the shire.



SOUTHWEST QUEENSLAND WATER AND SEWER ALLIANCE (SWQWSA)

The Southwest Queensland Water and Sewer Alliance is a working group made up of representatives from the 6 south western Shires who work collaboratively to improve water and sewer services in the southwest region.

The group is facilitated by GBA Engineers and consists of representatives from the Balonne, Bulloo, Maranoa, Murweh, Paroo and Quilpie Shire Council's, as well as representatives from Queensland Water, LGAQ (the Local Government Association of Queensland), and DRDMW (the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water) – the group has also partnered with the City of Gold Coast who has offered mentoring opportunities for Council staff from each of the participating Shire's.

Thargomindah welcomed 12 SWQWSA representatives on Wednesday, 10 May who enjoyed the warm hospitality of the Oasis Motel and dined at the Bulloo River Hotel Motel before the quarterly meeting on Thursday, 11 May in Kullilli Room, followed by a guided tour of the Water-Cooling Facility – the SWQWSA meet quarterly, alternating the meeting venue between the 6 participating Councils. Holding the meetings at each of the shire's gives each of the Council's the opportunity to familiarise themselves with each other's water and sewerage infrastructure, and to gain ideas on what works well and what we all could be doing better.

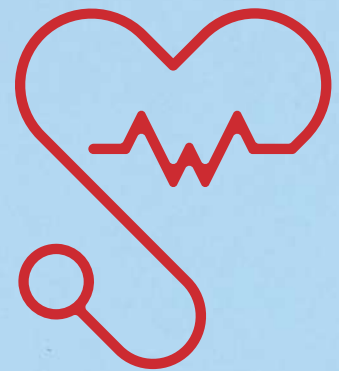
The next meeting is scheduled for August in Charleville.



RFDS DOCTOR VISITS

Every 2nd Saturday

June
3rd
17th



July
1st
15th
29th





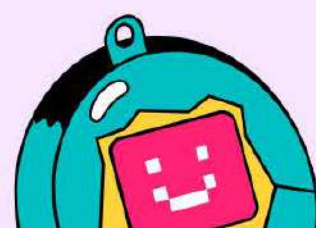
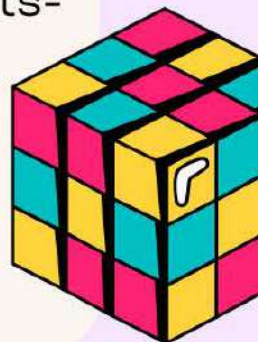
TACKLING REGIONAL ADVERSITY THROUGH CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

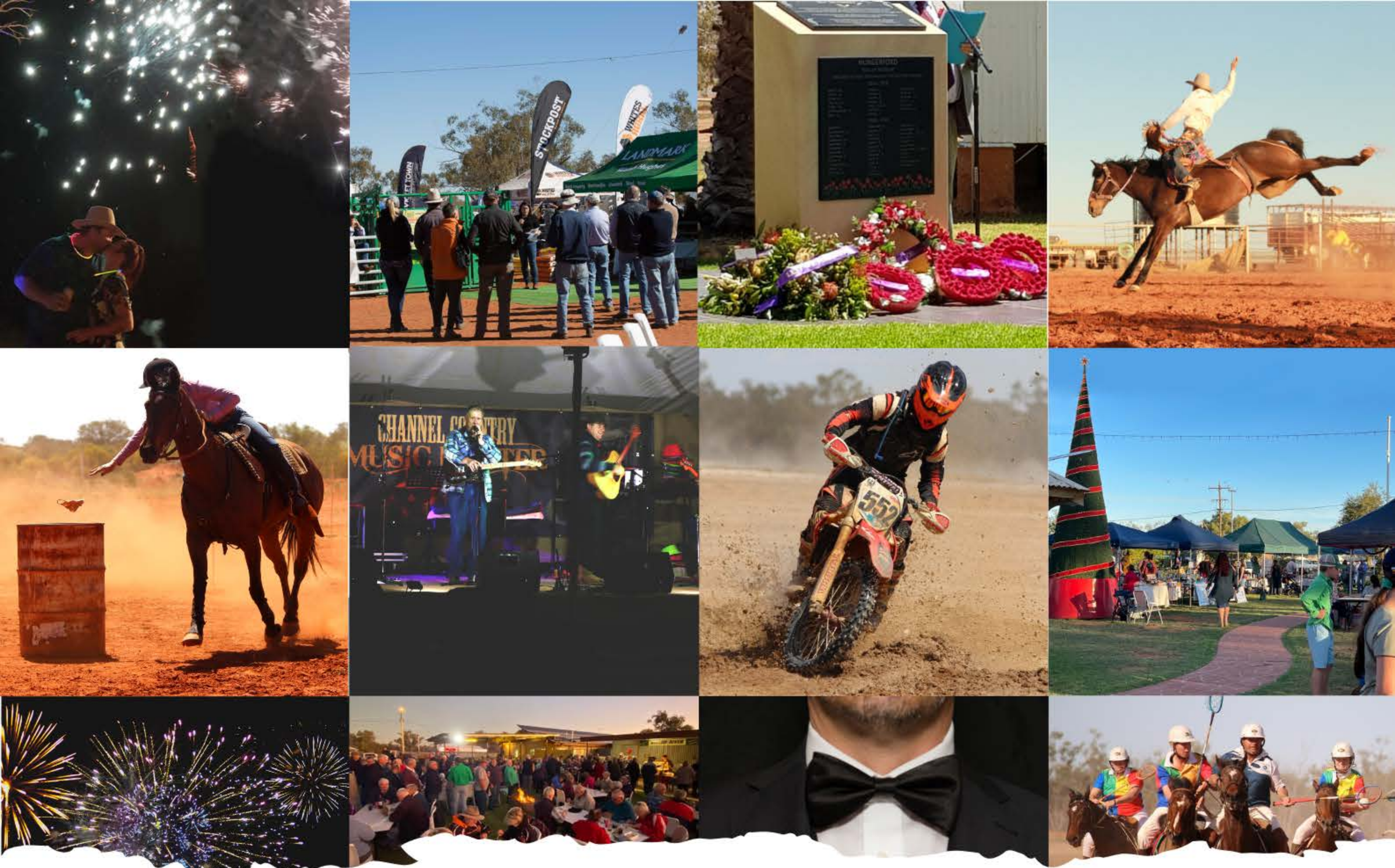
Bulloo Shire Council has now made available the newly revised Tackling Regional Adversity through Connected Communities grant funding, with expressions of interest applications located on our Bulloo Shire Council website.

Please note that this funding is available now **through to June 2024**, and applications need to be received **at least one month** in advance of events to ensure appropriate Council action can be taken.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Council on (07) 4621 8000, or council@bulloo.qld.gov.au

<https://www.bulloo.qld.gov.au/council-services/grants-program>





Bulloo Shire 2023 EVENTS

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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