



BULLOO BUZZ

Newsletter

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BULLOO *Buzz*

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Thargomindah
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MESSAGE

from the Mayor

JOHN 'TRACTOR' FERGUSON

HERES TO 2025!

On behalf of myself, Councillors and staff, I hope you had a restful and relaxing Christmas and New Year and are ready for the anticipation of another exciting and busy year. It's hard to believe that we are well into February and hopefully we have seen the last of the summer's heat. We have already experienced a high of 45.8 degrees in January and will continue to hope for some much needed rain across the Shire.



Council met for their first meeting for 2025 on 23 January. It was back to business, and Council is committed to maintaining the momentum as we continue through 2025.

This year, our Shire will continue to host some fantastic events—the Shearers Shindig in May, the Channel Country Music Muster in July, and the motorbike and horse gymkhanas later in the year. These events are always a big hit with both locals and tourists, and they provide a fantastic way to celebrate our outback spirit.

We are also very excited to be hosting two new events this year—BBQ in the Bush as part of the Queensland Music Trails and Music in the Mulga.

Additionally, the township of Hungerford turns 150 this year and will be holding a Sesquicentennial Celebration on Saturday, 5 July. If you've been thinking of visiting Hungerford, this celebration will be the perfect opportunity.

Council look forward to another year of community, connection, and progress.



In December 2024, Bulloo Shire Council staff came together to celebrate the year's accomplishments and recognise staff achievements.

Congratulations to the following staff:

Outstanding Award – Alana

Above & Beyond – Nick

Best Team Player – Polly

Most Improved Performer – Liam

Always Willing to Lend a Hand – Dan

25 Years Service – Donna

15 Years Service – Andy

10 Years Service – Danielle

10 Years Service – Troy

5 Years Service – Talia



COMMUNITY GRANTS AVAILABLE

Are you looking for funding to support a local project? The Bulloo Shire Council's Community Grants program is here to help!



Program Objectives



We provide grants to encourage and support individuals and community groups in making a positive impact on our Shire's:

- ✓ Economic development
- ✓ Social and cultural life
- ✓ Environmental sustainability

Drop into Council's office for more information or head over to our website.

www.bulloo.qld.gov.au/communitygrants



Funding Categories

Funding is available for:

- Sport & Recreation
- Community Development
- Events
- Environment
- Regional Arts Development (jointly funded with Arts Queensland)

Funding Limits:

- Council will provide **up to 50% of total project funding**
- Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000

Apply now and bring your community to project to life!



Phone: 07 4621 8000
Fax: 07 4655 3131
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ABN 77 018 448 039

All correspondence to be addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer
PO Box 46
THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492

Bulloo
Shire

STUDENT TWO YEAR BURSARY

GUIDELINES

Eligibility

Eligibility for the Bursary shall be restricted to:

- ☐ Students under 24 years of age;
- ☐ Students enrolling in any university/tertiary or post-secondary full-time course;
- ☐ Students of parents/guardians who reside within the Bulloo Shire, ideally the student should have been a resident in Bulloo Shire;
- ☐ Applications received after the closing date and time will not be considered under any circumstances for any reason; and
- ☐ If unsuccessful, students may re-apply for the bursary.

Method of Application

Applications must be in writing to the CEO and detail how the guidelines can be met, including the relevancy to future employment. Applications must also address the Selection Criteria.

Obligation of Recipient

- ☐ Result of each university semester must be presented to the CEO together with a short report on progress with the course.
- ☐ Annually, a verbal or written report must be presented to Council.
- ☐ Withdrawal of course may result in Council requiring assistance to be returned.
- ☐ Instalments will be paid to the recipient at the end of each semester on the provision of satisfactory results. The payments will cover the costs of registration, course fees, (including HECS), textbooks, boarding fees, and residential schools to a maximum of \$3,000 annually. Receipts are to be provided for all payments i.e. Text books etc.

This bursary is for a period of two years with a maximum of \$6,000 paid to each recipient over this period.

Criteria for Selection

Nominations should address the following criteria:

- ☐ Successful enrolment into university / tertiary course.
- ☐ Resident of the Bulloo Shire.

Applications close at: 5:00pm on Friday 28th February 2025.

Applications should be forwarded to:

Chief Executive Officer
Bulloo Shire Council
PO Box 46
Thargomindah QLD 4492



Student Two Year Bursary Application Form

Applicant: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Tertiary Entrance Statement attached: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Post-Secondary Full Time Course Enrolled In: _____

Name of Parents/Guardians: _____
(must reside in the Bulloo Shire)

Address: _____

Telephone: (h) _____ (m) _____

Email: _____

FUTURE ASPIRATIONS OF RECIPIENT (100 words or less on what the recipient intends to do upon graduation and how this course will assist with future employment.)

Have you previously applied for this bursary? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If So, When: _____

Signature of Nominee:

Date:

Thargomindah Information Session

Queensland
Housing
Finance Loan

REGIONAL TRIAL

You are invited to attend a free information session hosted by the Department of Housing and Public Works on the Queensland Housing Finance Loan Regional Trial



Tuesday, 18 February 2025



5:30pm-6:00pm



Kullilli Room

Visitor Information Centre, 37 Dowling Street, Thargomindah



To register your free attendance go to the link below or scan the QR code <https://www.trybooking.com/CYTYG>



PUBLIC NOTICE



Purchase of Screenings & Gravel from Council

The Community is hereby advised that the collection of screenings or gravel owned by the Council is strictly prohibited. Both screenings and gravel can be purchased directly from the Council, and delivery will be arranged by the Council.

Unless specifically approved by the Council in writing, individuals are not permitted to collect their own screenings or gravel from Council-owned property.

For further information or to request approval, please contact the Council office.

Thank you for your cooperation.



THARGO POOL HOURS

MONDAY

5:00am- 8:00am LAPS ONLY
9am - 12:00pm Healthy aging
3:00pm - 6:00pm



WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

5:00am - 8:00am LAPS ONLY
3:00pm - 6:00pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

9:00am - 12:00pm
3:00pm - 6pm

CLOSED TUESDAY & FRIDAY



Proposed Development

Making a submission from
**23 January to
12 February 2025**

Shop

Where: 20 Dowling Street,
Thargomindah QLD 4492

On: Lot 1 on T1911

Approval sought: Development Permit
for Material Change of Use

Application ref: 10-202425

**You may obtain a copy of the
application and make a submission
to:**

Bulloo Shire Council
PO Box 46, Thargomindah QLD 4492

council@bulloo.qld.gov.au

(07) 4621 8000

*Public notification requirements are in
accordance with the Planning Act 2016*

CAMPFIRE AND CAMP

It's important to follow good campfire safety practices to protect yourself and your fellow campers from injury. People who are severely burnt on their hands and feet can undergo months or even years of intensive therapy to regain mobility in their limbs.

Before you light a fire

- » Check for current fire bans. Visit the [Queensland Fire and Emergency Services website](#) or call the Free Call Fire Ban line on 1800 020 440 to check if there are fire bans in the area.
- » Check with local authorities if a permit is required to camp or have campfires or barbecues. Check if there are any local restrictions which prohibit the lighting of fire, the positioning of the fire, and if it must be contained within a brazier, fire pit or similar device.

Positioning

- » Choose a cleared area where there are no overhanging branches and minimal grass and scrub.
- » Make sure the campfire is a safe distance from tents, and any other camping equipment is stored well away from it, especially flammable items such as gas bottles and fuel cans.

Building

- » Where possible use a fireplace such as a barbecue pit or existing fire pit.
- » If there is no existing fire pit, build one surrounded with large rocks to prevent fire or burning materials escaping. When selecting rocks, note that heated river or creek stones may shatter if cooled quickly.
- » You should only burn seasoned dry firewood, untreated timbers or commercial hot coals.
- » Make sure that you have enough water nearby to put out the fire before you light up.

Star ting

- » Start your campfire using an ignition source such as matches, paper and small kindling.
- » Never use any kind of flammable liquids (such as petrol) on a fire to get it started.
- » Keep smoke to a minimum.

Monitor ing

- » Keep the fire to a controllable size.
- » Never leave the fire unattended, particularly not overnight.
- » Do not leave children unsupervised near a campfire.

Extinguishing

- » Put your campfire out with water when you have finished with it.
- » Leave the stones in place to mark the fire location to encourage others to use the same place and ensure fire pits are easy to spot.
- » Be careful when pouring water on the fire as the steam generated can also cause burns.

Did you know...

As little as a litre of water can help to cool an average size campfire to a safe temperature.

How do we know water is better than sand or dirt?

Firefighters lit three campfires and let them burn for three hours; they were hotter than 500 degrees. They put one out with water, one out with sand, and let one burn out.

8 hours later...

The campfire that was **left to burn itself out** was still over 100 degrees, easily hot enough to cause a severe burn. It also spontaneously re-ignited the next morning.

The campfire that was put out by **covering with sand** was still nearly 100 degrees., easily hot enough to cause a serious burn. Campfires covered keep their heat for longer and are also disguised. Some will look like a sand-pit or sandcastle to small children. The sand may have a temperature over 300 degrees at less than 10 centimetres below the surface.

The campfire that was **put out by water** cooled to less than 50 degrees after only 10 minutes, and to around 10 degrees after eight hours. These are safe temperatures and are unlikely to cause burns.

What are the dangers?

Injury.

Less than one second of body-contact with a campfire with a temperature of over 70 degrees will cause a significant burn.

Bushfire.

When you put your campfire out with water you also reduce the risk of accidentally starting a grass or bushfire. Grass and bushfires can burn out of control and be a serious threat to lives, properties, and wildlife.

Loss of property.

Fire could damage camping equipment and ruin your holiday. The cost of replacing your equipment can vary, but the inconvenience and time lost cannot be retrieved.

Did you know...

91% of burns caused by outdoor fires are a result of contact with coals rather than flames

Safety first

In case of gas cylinder fire

- » Call Triple Zero (000).
- » Keep bystanders away.
- » Turn off cylinder valve if it is safe to do so.

First Aid for burns

Stop the burning process.

- » If clothing is on fire, stop, drop and roll to put out the flame.
- » Put out the flames with water or smother with a coat or blanket made of natural fibres, such as cotton or wool.

Call Triple Zero (000).

- » Stay on the phone with the emergency operator until they hang up.

Cool the burnt area as soon as possible.

- » Apply cool running water to the affected area for at least 20 minutes or until emergency services personnel arrive.



It can happen to you

Two year old Camryn's family arrived on North Stradbroke Island to start their much anticipated camping holiday. After the family set up camp at a vacated area, Camryn and her Mum went to test the ocean temperature.

On the walk back, Mum stopped to talk to a friend and watch her child walk to her father, only 20 metres away. She heard screaming and saw her child

stop, fall and put her hands down. While they ran to her, they tried to figure out what had happened – there was no obvious danger. When they got to her, they immediately felt the heat radiating from the

ground

and saw Camryn's feet were white and blistered.

They immediately ran Camryn to the ocean and placed the terrified child into the water whilst calling for an ambulance. Once the ambulance

arrived at the nearby meeting

point, they were transported to the nearest

doctors surgery where Camryn's hands and feet were put into cold running water for 20 minutes before

being transferred to the Royal Children's Hospital Burns Unit where Camryn has since undergone many surgeries and skin grafts.



If you see or accidentally start a grass or bushfire report it immediately.

Call Triple Zero (000).

Bushfire Warnings

Know the signs before disaster strikes



Advice

There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.



Watch & Act

Start taking action.
There is a heightened level of threat and conditions are changing.
Act now to protect yourself and your family.



Emergency Warning

Act now. You are in danger and need to take life-saving action immediately.
Leave or seek shelter now.

How can I get warnings, and know what's happening?

You can check for warnings on:

QFES Website



qfes.qld.gov.au/current-incidents

Social Media



@QldFireand
EmergencyServices



@QldFES

Radio



Tune in to your local radio station of updates

We may reach out to you through:

Door Knocks



Phone Alerts



Emergency Alert SMS / voice message sent to phones in designated area

Community Meetings

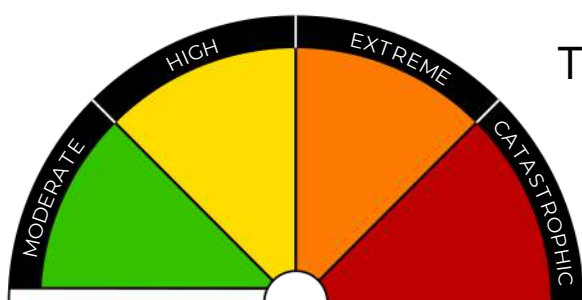


Learn more australianwarningsystem.com.au

www.qfes.qld.gov.au



KNOW THE FIRE DANGER RATINGS



The Australian Fire Danger Ratings (FDR) let you know how dangerous a fire would be if one started in your area today. Understand the ratings to stay safe.

NO RATING

On days when there is minimal risk, the white “no rating” bar is used.

Use this time to make or review your bushfire survival plan and prepare your home.

Find out more at qfes.qld.gov.au

MODERATE

Plan and prepare.

Most fires can be controlled.

Stay informed. Check official news and information channels in case the situation changes.

Be ready to activate your bushfire survival plan.

HIGH

Be ready to act.

Fires can be dangerous.

Stay informed and be alert. Check official news and information channels in case the situation changes.

Be ready to activate your bushfire survival plan.

If a fire starts, you may be at risk. Avoid bushfire risk areas.

EXTREME

Take action now to protect life and property. Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous.

Stay informed and be alert.

Check official news and information channels in case the situation changes.

Be ready to activate your bushfire survival plan.

Complete final preparations on your property.

Avoid travelling in bushfire risk areas, if possible.

Fire bans may apply.

If a fire starts, and you are not well prepared, leave your home and travel to a safer location.

CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.

If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost.

Tune in to warnings.

Check official news and information channels for bushfire warnings.

Activate your bushfire survival plan.

Leave bushfire risk areas early in the morning or the night before. Do not wait until it's too late to leave.

Fire bans will apply.



PROTECTING YOUR PETS FROM MOSQUITOES

No one likes mosquitoes and biting bugs. Especially your pets. Since mosquitoes carry diseases, they're also dangerous for you and your pets, what can you do to keep them safe this summer?

REMOVE STANDING WATER IN YOUR YARD

Mosquitoes love water. They find areas of standing water in your yard and reproduce. Removing standing water will force them to relocate. Rainwater tends to collect in outdoor containers and objects. Check and empty and clean containers such as: tires, buckets, outdoor toys, planters, birdbaths.

PRACTICE YARD HYGIENE

Mosquitoes like dark, humid and cool spaces. Tall grass and thick brush create cool shade for mosquitoes to live in. Shade also prevents heat from evaporating any standing water. Keeping your grass and bushes trimmed will deter mosquitoes from hanging out.

REPELLANTS NOT TO USE

DON'T USE DEET REPELLENTS - DEET is a chemical found in many insect repellents, in liquids, creams and sprays that you would use to repel mosquitoes. Humans can use DEET but it can cause problems for your pets. Repellents made from lemon and eucalyptus essential oils are popular with humans, they smell good and last longer than DEET repellent, but can be toxic or irritating to your pets. Citronella is also toxic to pets.

MOSQUITO REPELLENT PLANTS AND PET SAFE SPRAY

Some plants repel mosquitoes and are safe for your pet. These include: Basil, Catnip, Lemon Balm, Rosemary. A spray mix of 50/50 Apple Cider Vinegar and Water can be sprayed onto your dog safely.

IF MOSQUITOES ARE UNAVOIDABLE

Sometimes there is nothing you can do about mosquitoes, so what can you do? If you can't prevent the threat of mosquitoes, make sure your pets are getting treated for heartworm disease (Mosquitoes can carry Heartworm disease.). This type of prevention is the best method to keep your pets safe.

Insect worry in livestock

Following floods or major rain events, the populations of biting insects usually increase significantly. These insects include buffalo fly, midges and mosquitoes, and may also include stable fly and other biting flies.



Mosquitoes



Midges

Animals are adversely affected by such insects in two ways:

- persistent biting causing distress (a welfare consideration) and the associated loss of production due to distress, excessive walking and failure to feed out properly
- transmission of disease by insects (three-day sickness being the most common).

Several problems that arise in addressing the problem of insect worry include that:

- animals usually cannot be mustered for some time after floods or rain because it is not possible to get onto country or cattle will not work on boggy country, even is using ATVs or helicopters. This limits the options for treatment significantly.
- there are limited chemicals registered for use on insects other than buffalo fly
- retreatment with the same or related chemicals at short intervals is prohibited due to the high risk of development of tissue residues and the possibility of toxicity issues.

Note: when using chemicals, always refer to the directions on the container. These directions give the species that can be treated, dose rates to use, retreatment intervals and withholding periods to observe before sale for slaughter.

How to treat insect worry:

- if stock can be mustered and handled through a race pour-on preparations should work. A number of deltamethrin preparations are available with registrations for use that include buffalo fly, stable fly and for *Culicoides brevitarsus* (one of the biting midges), application of insecticidal ear tags should give relief from susceptible insects such as buffalo fly. If only buffalo fly control is needed, other pour-on preparations are available.
- If stock can't be mustered but are frequently using watering points or cattle camps, or specific working areas you could erect back rubbers, Chlorfenvinphos is registered for use in back rubbers. You could light and maintain smoky fires, insects are repelled by smoke.





**Bulloo
Shire**

REQUEST FOR TENDER

T2024-2025-110

Water Cart Hire for Warri Gate Road Upgrade (RRUUP)

Bulloo Shire Council is seeking the services of a suitably Qualified Contractor to supply up to 3 water carts for Warri Gate Road Upgrade (RRUUP).

Documentation can be obtained by visiting Council's webpage at

<http://www.bulloo.qld.gov.au/open-tenders-1/open-tender>

Applications should be clearly labelled with RFT number "**T2024-2025-110**" and submitted either via email to tender@bulloo.qld.gov.au or by post to:

Tiffany Dare

Chief Executive Officer

Bulloo Shire Council

PO Box 46

THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492

Submissions Close: 4:00pm on Monday, 24th February 2025



Bulloo
Shire

REQUEST FOR TENDER

T2024-2025-111

REGISTER OF PRE-QUALIFIED SUPPLIERS 2025

Suppliers are invited to submit a tender for the inclusion onto Bulloo Shire Council's Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers (RoPS) from 1st April 2025.

Documentation may be obtained by the following methods:

- Contacting Council's Admin and Finance Manager by phone on (07) 4621 8000; or
- Email Council@bulloo.qld.gov.au; or
- Council's webpage at <https://www.bulloo.qld.gov.au/open-tenders-1/open-tenders>.

Applications should be clearly marked '**T2024-2025-111**' and submitted via email only to Tender@bulloo.qld.gov.au.

Submissions Close: 4:00pm on Tuesday 25th February 2025

QMF PRESENTS

30 APRIL

QLD MUSIC TRAILS
THE OUTBACK

THARGOMINDAH

BBQ IN THE BUSH

TAYLOR MOSS & THARGOMINDAH STATE SCHOOL
SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

COMMUNITY BBQ
WELCOME TO COUNTRY

GET TICKETS AT QLDMUSICTRAILS.COM

QMF: QLD MUSIC
TRAILS



**YOUR EPIC OUTBACK ADVENTURE,
THARGOMINDAH, SW QLD**

BOOK HERE



23 & 24 may 2025



QUICK SHEARS * PIG RACES

THE
**SHEARERS
SHINDIG**
THARGOMINDAH

MARKET STALLS * COLOUR RUN

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - FEATURING:

DJ AND LIVE MUSIC

SNAKE BOSS REPTILE SHOWS

ELJAY FREESTYLE ENTERTAINMENT

COWGIRLS WITH WINGS HORSE TRICK RIDING



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT OR VISIT THE THARGOMINDAH
VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE, TOURISM@BULLOO.QLD.GOV.AU
or PHONE 07 4621 8095



SAVE THE DATE

THARGOMINDAH SW QLD



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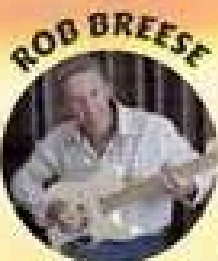


14-20 JULY 2025

CHANNEL COUNTRY MUSIC MUSTER



LACH MCKAY



Keep up to date!



THARGOMINDAH CHANNEL COUNTRY MUSIC MUSTER

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



Bulloo Shire

2025 EVENTS

JAN 26 THARGOMINDAH AUSTRALIA DAY

APRIL 25 ANZAC DAY

APRIL 30 BBQ IN THE BUSH - QLD MUSIC TRAILS

MAY 15-18 MUSIC IN THE MULGA

MAY 23-24 SHEARERS SHINDIG

JUNE 6 HUNGERFORD FIELD DAY

JUNE 07-08 THARGOMINDAH POLOCROSSE

JULY 14-20 CHANNEL COUNTRY MUSIC MUSTER

SEP 20 - 21 THARGOMINDAH MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA & ENDURO

SEP 26 - 28 CHANNEL COUNTRY CAMPDRAFT, GYMKHANA & RODEO

OCT 4 - 5 HUNGERFORD HORSE & MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA PLUS
MOTORBIKE ENDURO

OCT 10 - 11 - 12 NOCCUNDRA CAMPDRAFT, MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA & RODEO

NOV 11 HUNGERFORD REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

DEC 5 CHRISTMAS IN THE BULLOO MARKETS & CHRISTMAS TREE

DEC 31 CAMERON CORNER NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

For more info contact the Thargomindah Visitor Information Centre



(07) 4621 8095



tourism@bulloo.qld.gov.au



ExploreBulloo

Make sure to tag us in your photos!

Your Councillors

*Bulloo Shire
out in front doin it easy*

