



BULLOO

BUZZ

Newsletter

AUGUST | 2023



MAYOR FERGUSON'S MESSAGE

August has been yet another busy month for the Bulloo Shire Council. On the 20th August myself and Councils Acting CEO, Donna Hobbs, travelled to Brisbane for 3 days with the South West Regional Organisations of Council (SWROC) team. The visit was designed to meet & lobby with many different ministers and officials at Brisbane Parliament House to discuss current and upcoming issues and/or concerns relevant to the LGA in Queensland's South West Region. A few key areas discussed that are particularly relevant to Bulloo Shire were:

-Gravel Pits & Purple Waterways – Discussions were held with Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries Mark Furner to find a way forward with new requirements around accessing gravel from current Quarry areas due to the recent legislative changes with the Native Title Act. Another obstacle we are currently facing is known as Purple Waterways, which restricts us from maintaining road works in declared waterways. Purple Waterways is designed to protect fish and breeding habitats. This Legislation is proving to be difficult due to the increased permits etc. now required, and we are all working to try and make these processes more practical for areas such as ours that have a huge number of waterways that have been declared "Purple waterways."

-Health Services – Met with Minister for Health Shannon Fentiman MP and discussed Health issues in Thargomindah and the lack of services such as Dentist, Optometrist and Allied Health professionals that are visiting the Bulloo Shire. Further correspondence has been sent to her office outlining the problems and lack of everyday health services our residents are entitled to.

-Warri Gate – Met with Dept. Main Roads and updated on our progress. Premier of Queensland Annastacia Palaszczuk met with the Mayors, and discussions were held around Olympic Games. I explained to the Premier a benefit Bulloo Shire could receive from the Olympic Games was if they invested into the Warri Gate Rd which would attract Southern Tourist through our shire and surrounding shires on the way to the Olympics. The Premiere passed this on to her Chief of Staff who requested further details on the Warri Gate project.

Assistant Minister Saunders took an interest in this project and has agreed to come and drive the Warri Gate road with myself to gain a better understanding of the importance of this road. As per his request a formal invite has been sent to Minister Saunders. Housing – Met with Minister for Housing Meaghan Scanlon MP and discussed the housing

•**Housing** – Met with Minister for Housing Meaghan Scanlon MP and discussed the housing and she showed great interest on the “Rent-to-Buy” scheme that the Bulloo has offered to its residents.

Overall this was a successful visit to Parliament House not only for Bulloo Shire but also Quilpie Shire, Paroo Shire, Balonne Shire, Murweh Shire & Maranoa Shire who all form part of the SWROC team and continue to lobby and advocate for our region.





FROM THE CEO'S DESK

During the month we had the opportunity to get out of the office and visit our work crews who have been busy on several funded jobs across the shire.

Road Crews have been working hard during the month to complete the widening project on the Warri Gate Road. Councils Engineer George Inocentes and Supervisor Ben Ferguson were able to support the crews to enable the completion of the floodway work just in time for the seal. We grabbed the team for a quick photo in between seals, hence why Ben didn't even have time to put on his hat!

A job well done by all the Roads Staff who worked on this project!



Clancy, Brayden, Ben and George on the Warri Gate Road widening project.



Mayor Ferguson and Council's Engineer, George Inocentes inspecting the seal over the culvert on the Bundeena Road.

Council's concrete crew doing set out and footings for the new catering building being installed at the Noccundra Rodeo Grounds, funded under the Works for Qld Program.



Mayor Ferguson, Tiffany Dare and Tamie Warner at Warri Gate, following an inspection of the New Warri Gate Camp.

TOURISM

Erin attended and represented the Bulloo Shire Council at the Toowoomba Caravan and Camping Show at the end of July. This was a great opportunity for us to get out and advertise our region in person. Visitors can see how passionate we are about our region and what our communities and business owners are doing to continue the excellent customer service throughout the region.

If anyone has had the opportunity to visit the Dig Tree in the past month or so you may have met Penny Kothe, Penny is our new Dig Tree Ranger and is actively working on updating signage and information boards at the Reserve. Penny's husband is the Ranger at Innamincka and they are based there with Penny traveling out daily to the Dig Tree. If you do get to visit the Dig Tree, please make Penny feel welcome.

There has been a few small out of the ordinary happenings at the Old Hospital over the past month or so, we have had several visitors telling us their experiences while doing our self-guided tours, none that are too far-fetched, I would say more a little nail biting. For those who remember Terry and Vonda Smith and the wonderful stories that they had to tell about the friendly ghost at the Hospital it's all very believable.

The 2023 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour is coming to Thargomindah!!

The Bulloo Shire Council were successful in the application of bring the Cup to town, we have worked in conjunction with the Bulloo River Hotel and the Oasis Motel in putting together two awesome events that we hope everyone gets behind and attends. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for you to get up-close and personal with the actual Melbourne Cup.

Visitors have been plentiful with just short of 1700 visitors for the month of July, this is visitors into the Information Centre and included the guests to the Channel Country Music Muster. Going by the conversations that I have had with some of the business owners, July was a good month in general. The way the weather has been and is forecast to continue it should make for a great last half to our Tourism Season.

All of our visitors continue to ask us to pass on their congratulations to all of the residents of the Bulloo Shire Council with the remarkable effort that everyone puts in to make our communities look and feel so welcoming. Great Job Again All!!!!

ROADS SERVICES

Crew 1 and Crew 2

Lance Casey and Greg Brown have joined forces this month to work on the Warri Gate Road LRCI Phase 3 Project (Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program).

The crew have been working on the widening of Warri Gate Road which should be sealed very early September.

Crew 3

Have completed works on Cameron Corner Road finishing off the QRA Flood Damage Restoration works in mid to late August.

Once work was completed on Cameron Corner Road, the crew shifted onto Warri Gate Road to undertake emergent works.

Crew 4

Are working on Cameron Corner Road with Crew 3 with QRA Flood Damage Restoration Works.

The Concrete Crew have completed working on the Bundeena Culvert, and have now moved over to the Besm Road turning a Culvert into a Floodway.

The crew is also working on footings at Noccundra Sports Ground for the new Kitchen Building.



Non-Executive Chairs and Members

Contribute to your local community to deliver exceptional healthcare

- Chair and Member opportunities across Queensland Hospital and Health Boards
- Part-time statutory appointments commencing April 2024
- Diverse skills and experience required for Member and Chair positions

The Opportunity

The Queensland Government delivers free universal healthcare to five million Queenslanders through Queensland Health. The Queensland Government is investing a record \$25.8 billion into healthcare. Queensland's 16 Hospital and Health Boards provide governance to their respective Hospital and Health Service (HHS) and are responsible for the delivery of healthcare in their region. The Boards are accountable to the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance Services and Minister for Women and must perform the functions in accordance with the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011*. Board members are leaders in their local communities and have the ability to shape the future of health care in their region, whilst enhancing the efficient, effective and sustainable delivery of health services.

Applications

The Queensland Government is seeking applications from appropriately experienced individuals to fill a range of Board vacancies across the State.

To be successful in this role, you:

- are ready and able to add value to the Board through your skills, knowledge and experience, including but not limited to, any of the following areas of expertise: health management; business management; financial management; human resource management; clinical expertise; legal expertise; primary healthcare; health consumer and community engagement; and persons with skills, knowledge and experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and community issues;
- are able to analyse, critically assess and drive performance;
- have the confidence and connections to strengthen community engagement and collaborative partnerships;
- are a leader who thinks strategically, embodies personal integrity, has political astuteness, commercial acumen, resilience and are a team player; and
- are available to travel to the HHS communities if you are located outside the region.

Applications are to be submitted online. To obtain the Applicant Information Pack and instructions on how to submit your application, please visit www.executivequarter.com.au/hhb

These opportunities are remunerated in accordance with Queensland Government guidelines. We strongly encourage First Nations people, women, people with expertise in multiculturalism, young people and people with disabilities to apply. A range of probity checks will be undertaken for persons being considered for appointment.

Applications close midnight, Wednesday 11 October 2023.

Should you wish to receive assistance on submitting your application, please contact Executive Quarter who are facilitating this process on 0497 499 749 or hhb@executivequarter.com.au



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EMERGENCY ALERT

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Emergency Alert?

Emergency Alert is the national telephone warning system used by emergency services and local governments. When there is a risk of an emergency like a bushfire, flood or severe weather event, an Emergency Alert will send a message to home phones and mobile phones in the area.

When is Emergency Alert used?

An Emergency Alert is just one way people can be warned about an emergency, but it is not always used when there is a threat near you. Make sure you know what's happening in your area by listening to local radio and following online information channels. Don't wait to get an Emergency Alert before you act.

How does Emergency Alert work for my home phone?

Emergency Alert sends a recorded voice message to landline phones in the warning area. If the call is unanswered, the system will try again three more times. An Emergency Alert sent to a landline phone may start with a siren sound. Stay on the phone and listen carefully to the Emergency Alert message that follows.

What will the Emergency Alert message say?

The Emergency Alert message may include information on the type of emergency, what action to take, and where to get more information.

Why didn't I get an Emergency Alert on my home phone?

You may not get the recorded voice message on your landline phone if:

- » the line was busy
- » you didn't answer
- » there was a power outage and your landline is a cordless phone
- » your landline phone is outside the warning area
- » an Emergency Alert wasn't used for the event.

How does Emergency Alert work for mobile phones?

Emergency Alerts to mobile phones work in two ways:

- » A text message is sent based on the address linked to the mobile phone service.
- » A text message is sent to all mobile phones in the area at the time of the emergency. This includes visitors and people travelling in the area.

Based on how mobile phone coverage works, you may get a text message if you are outside the warning area but close by. You may also get more than one message. Read the message carefully and understand the actions you need to take to be safe.

Why didn't I get the Emergency Alert message on my mobile phone?

You may not get a text message on your mobile phone if:

- » your inbox is full
- » an Emergency Alert wasn't used for the event
- » your mobile phone was turned off or had no service
- » your mobile phone was not in the warning area at the time
- » you have not updated your address with your mobile phone service provider
- » you blocked the Emergency Alert phone number (0444 444 444). If you have blocked the number, it's important to unblock it so you can get future Emergency Alert messages.
- » there was interference to the signal from weather, power outages, obstructions like tall buildings, or you were moving at the time.

What if I travel into an area after Emergency Alerts have already been sent?

You will not get a text message. You will only get a text message if a new Emergency Alert message is sent and your mobile phone is active in the area.

Does Emergency Alert know where I am? Is it tracking me?

No. Emergency Alert does not track your location and it does not store location data.

What happens if I am living or travelling in a mobile phone black spot?

You will not receive a message. Emergency Alert is just one way emergency services and local governments can warn people about emergencies so it's important to stay connected online and listen to local radio.

If you live in a mobile phone black spot, make sure you have a landline phone that does not rely on electricity and listen to local radio.

Will Emergency Alerts be in other languages?

No. Emergency Alert messages are in English. If you have a family member, friend, or neighbour who needs help with English, translate or interpret the message for them so they can be safe too.

How do I know the Emergency Alert is authentic?

The caller ID number or message header on your phone displays the number '0444 444 444'. Do not block this phone number. If you have blocked it before, unblock it now so you can get future Emergency Alerts.



EMERGENCY ALERT
BE WARNED. BE INFORMED.

Health checks for women

Your guide to what you need and when

Blood pressure check	Every two years from age 18 or more often if at increased risk.
Cholesterol check	Every five years from age 45 (age 35 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women). May be earlier/more frequent depending on family history and personal risk factors – speak to your GP.
STI screening	For sexually active women of all ages, speak to your GP about how often to screen for sexually transmissible infections (STIs). Women under 30 may need screening at least once a year.
Pre-pregnancy care	As needed, when women are of childbearing age.
Breast self-check	Once a month for women of all ages. Get to know the normal look and feel of your breasts. Speak to your GP if you notice any unusual changes.
Breast cancer screening mammogram	Every two years from age 50–74. Women with higher risk or family history of breast cancer may need to screen earlier/more often – speak to your GP.
Heart health check	At least every two years from age 45 (age 35 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women).
Diabetes screening	At least every three years from age 40. May be earlier/more often for women at higher risk and those who are pregnant – speak to your GP.
Bone health (fracture risk) review	Once a year from age 45 or post-menopause. Depending on bone health and risk of fracture/osteoporosis, your GP may suggest a bone density scan (DXA) every two years.
Cervical screening (formerly Pap smear)	Every five years from age 25 to 70–74. If you started having sex after age 25, screening starts two years after you were first sexually active.
Bowel cancer screening	Every two years from age 50 for the general population. Women at higher risk may need to screen more often and with other tests – speak to your GP.
Skin check	Perform regular self-checks, looking for new/changed spots. Speak to your GP if you notice anything suspicious.
Mental health check	If you are experiencing symptoms such as sadness, irritability, fatigue or anxiety; have had changes to your eating or sleeping habits; or have any other mental health concerns, speak to your GP.
Dental check	At least once a year for women of all ages. Dentist to advise if more frequent check-ups are needed.
Eye test	From age 65 if you notice vision problems. Speak to your GP if you have a family history of glaucoma.
Hearing test	Once a year from age 65.
Vaccination review	At least once a year for women of all ages.

Regular health checks help to prevent and detect diseases early, often when they can be more easily treated. This information is provided as a general guide. You may need other or more frequent checks. If you notice blood in your poo or urine; pain or a lump in your breast; nipple discharge; bleeding after sex or between periods; or anything else unusual or concerning, don't delay – speak to your GP.

Who can help?

Your GP
National Cancer Screening
Register: 1800 627 701
BreastScreen Australia: 13 20 50
Your pharmacist, optometrist
and dentist

Proposed Development

Make a submission from
**11 September to
3 October 2023**

Telecommunications Facility

Where: Cunnamulla-
Thargomindah, Thargomindah
QLD 4492

On: Lot 8 on CP892351

Approval sought: Development
Permit for Material Change of Use
Application ref: 01-202324

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

Bulloo Shire Council
PO Box 46, Thargomindah QLD
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council@bulloo.qld.gov.au
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CHRISTMAS MARKET

Pavilion Sections

SECTION 1- COOKING

12YRS AND UNDER

- PIKLETS(6)
- XMAS CUPCAKES (3)
- JAM DROPS (3)

OPEN

- SCONES (6) PUMPKIN
- SCONES (6) PLAIN
- DARK FRUIT CAKE
- PLUM PUDDING

SECTION 2- PRESERVES

OPEN

- LEMON BUTTER
- JAM
- PICKLES
- RELISH

SECTION 3- ART/HOBBIES

12YRS AND UNDER

- COLOURED XMAS PICTURE
- DRAWING OF CHOICE
- PAINTING OF CHOICE

OPEN

- PAINTING
- KNITTED/CROCHETED ITEM
- PATCHWORK QUILT

SECTION 4- PHOTOGRAPHY

OPEN

- LIFE IN THARGOMINDAH
- SCENIC
- FLORA
- FAUNA
- BLACK & WHITE
- PORTRAIT/PERSON

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Contact Diane @ the Library on 46218094 for entry forms or more information



Local Business Christmas

Tree Promotion

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CHRISTMAS TREE

PROMOTION?

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TO BE DECORATED HOWEVER
YOU LIKE. EITHER
REPRESENTING YOUR
BUSINESS OR JUST SIMPLY TO
PROMOTE THE THARGO
CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!!!
TREES TO BE PLACED OUTSIDE
YOUR BUSINESS 1/12/23.



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Diane
@ the Library
46218094
RSVP 8/09/23





FRIDAY
1ST DECEMBER

Christmas in the Bulloo

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REQUEST FOR TENDER

T2023-2024-104

Thargomindah Microgrid Feasibility Study

Bulloo Shire Council is seeking the services of a suitably qualified contractors for the development of a feasibility study encompassing whole-town alternative energy solutions in Thargomindah.

Documentation can be obtained by visiting Council's webpage at <http://www.bulloo.qld.gov.au/tenders1>

Applications should be clearly marked with RFT no. '**T2023-2024-104**' and submitted either via email to Tender@bulloo.qld.gov.au or by post to:

Tamie Warner
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Bulloo Shire Council
PO Box 46
THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492

Submissions Close: 4:00pm on Thursday, 21st September 2021.

Your Councillors

BULLOO SHIRE - OUT IN FRONT DOIN IT EASY



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