



BULLOO

BUZZ

Newsletter

FEBRUARY | 2023



MAYOR FERGUSON'S MESSAGE

The weather has been great so far this month! I hope everyone's enjoying their summer!

Our frequent meetings with the South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils have been continuing this year and has seen a discussion surrounding an extra flight into the area with Rex. Discussions centring on housing and business are on going also. For the last 12 months I've been heavily involved in the discussions around affordable housing with the Queensland Housing strategy 2021-2025 and the need for available housing in the South West and rural and remote areas. Focus on Roads and repairing the damage from recent weather events is always top of the list. We are continuing to work for the community by lobbying government to focus on regional solutions that are unique to South West issues.

The Acting CEO and I took a trip to Charleville for a RFDS meeting this month. We met with the CEO Meredith Staib with the discussion towards the 100 strategy for better services and the continuation of the fortnightly Saturday clinic. We also discussed the possibilities of a more regular visiting dentist and optometrist. Further to this I will be meeting with Sally Higgins on the 23rd March for further discussion around the RFDS Services. This health organisation is continuing to provide primary health care to the rural and remote communities of South West Queensland. Their wonderful support of our community helps to reduce the disparity in the health services in remote Australia.

The recent bush fires in the Tara area of the Western Downs is a reminder for us to focus on our own bush fire strategy. If you're prepared before a disaster hits, it can be the difference between putting yourself and your loved ones in danger and staying safe. Following the three steps below will help you and your loved ones during an emergency.

Step 1: Understand your risk

Step 2: Prepare a household emergency plan

Step 3: Check out what you need: Pack an emergency Kit

More information on this can be found on the Queensland Government Website.
I hope everyone has a great month ahead!

"Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines."

RURAL SERVICES

February has seen us out and about travelling the shire, we have done approximately 3,000km to complete property visits and the annual stock route drive. We went to Naryilco, Wombula, Kilcowera, Epsilon, Omicron and Orientos. During the stock route drive we also stopped into Currawinya National Park and talked with the Park Rangers. During these visits we discussed wild dogs, feral pigs, weeds, renewing biosecurity plans and giving children informative activity books about feral pests, weeds and invasive fish. Wild dog ground baiting has been undertaken on properties outside the dog fence and some properties also received manufactured dog baits for control of wild dogs.

Fire breaks have been graded around the Thargomindah Town Common. The first in a series of Farm Connect BBQ's hosted by TRACC was held at Yakara Station, 26 people attended the evening with Peter Bradford giving a short talk on the benefits of good "Mental Wellbeing" in Agriculture.



The Dodd's children at Kilcowera checking out pest, weed and invasive fish activity books that were given to them on our property visit.

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Water Primrose – is the weed that is growing in the river at the pump. This is a native plant that floats on the water or creeps along the mud on the bank, it has alternate leaves that are glossy green and variable in shape and size and gets bright yellow flowers. Occasionally cattle will wade into the water and graze if there is no other green feed available – there is no evidence that the plant is toxic.



ROADS SERVICES

Crew 1 Lance Clancy and crew started the new year by removing the new crossing that was put on the Paroo River at Hungerford, taking it back the original level as per TMR direction.

Bitumen Spray is booked in for 14th of March to reseal this crossing.

While in the area, the crew removed the old town common grid, from between the river and town, as requested by TMR.

TMR was spotted carrying out survey work that Steven Dart TMR had promised, so they can start working towards the Crossing Upgrade that they said would hopefully be approved next financial year.

Lance and Crew and now working on the Quilpie Road, TIDs job with work to be completed before Easter, weather permitting.

Crew 2 Brad Chatfield & crew have been carrying out QRA Betterment work on the Innamincka road, Warri Gate flood ways and over Wilson River Crossing which is now held up due to plant availability (stabiliser).

On the 13th February the crew will be moving onto the Wompah Gate road to carry out QRA flood damage work. Once complete they will move back to complete QRA Betterment on Innamincka road and Warri Gate roads with the Stabiliser, planning to reseal Stabilised flood ways on the 15th March.

When crew 2 have finished this work, they will start on the LCRI Phase 3 Warri Gate Rd, 7.74 kms of road to widen and over lay to 9 metres with a 8 metre seal, then and R2R work of 2.4 widen to 9 metres with a 8 metre seal.

Crew 3 Michael Beavis and crew are currently working on Capital Works in Town widening Fitzwalter, Speedy and 2 sections of Sams street, these streets will be widened and sealed, we are hoping to have these streets completed and sealed by the 22nd of February 2023.

This crew will then move down to where the old Santos house was, and set up in a hired Mobile camp to complete QRA work on Bransby-Santos, Orientos and Epsilon roads.

Crew 4 Nathan Hortin and crew have been working on New Hamilton Gate Road until moved him, hopefully after June he will be able to return to this job and complete it.

Currently his crew are split up helping out with various jobs as required including:
Nathan has been on the Grader installing fire breaks around on the Town Common
Clearing/tidying at the fish ponds
Removing fences, containers and trees at the Football grounds for the new canteen to be built
TMR road slashing

On the 20th February the crew will move to Cameron Corner as a camp Base and working from there carrying out QRA work on Omicron, Cameron Corner and Orientos roads.



TOURISM SERVICES

Working on final stages of the new “Explore Bulloo” draft, once we are happy with draft copy this will be submitted to the Council for feedback.

Planning the Shindig is in full swing, along with grant opportunities for the 2024-25-26 years.

New town sign has been finalised and will be shipped around 16th February, works to install has been organised and completed by this date.

7 new signs for Hungerford to replace very old ones look fantastic, working with Roads Manager, the Roads Department and Hungerford Caretaker to have them installed correctly all in time for the new tourism season.

OQTA outback Muster in Brisbane 6-7-8 March

Lots of interest and bookings for the year from bus tour groups, all are wanting to do the Hydro Power sunset and nibbles tour. This is really good as this is a very unique display and obviously word has spread that it is a beautiful location.



BULLOO WELCOMES



Kim Norris

Bulloo Mayor, Councilor's, CEO and staff wish to welcome on board Kim (Watty) Norris as Roads Manager. Kim brings to Bulloo a wealth of knowledge and experience specialising in road formation, specifically the Western Corner. Watty and his wife Jody have relocated from Tibooburra to Thargomindah.

Watty is working alongside Rob Ferguson for the next month to ensure a smooth transition, Rob will be showing Watty around the Shire and familiarising himself with Councils processes and resource's. with the area to cover within the Bulloo Shire. If you see Watty out an about, please say G'Day and give him a warm welcome.

A guide to enrolling and voting

As an Australian citizen aged 18 years of age or older, you have a right and a responsibility to enrol and vote in federal elections. Enrolment and voting is compulsory. If you don't vote, you may be fined.

How do we help?

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) is responsible for maintaining the Commonwealth electoral roll and conducting federal elections, by-elections and referendums.

The AEC does not conduct state, territory or local government elections. These are conducted by other electoral authorities.

Enrolment

Before you can vote, your name must be on the electoral roll. The electoral roll is a list of all eligible citizens who are registered to vote in federal elections and referendums.

Can I enrol?

You are required by law to enrol if you:

- are 18 years of age or older
- are an Australian citizen
- have lived at your current address for at least a month.

If you are 16 or 17, you can enrol now so when you turn 18 you'll be ready to vote.

How do I enrol?

You can enrol at www.aec.gov.au/enrol.

You can also visit any AEC office for an enrolment application.

I'm not sure if I'm enrolled

You can check your enrolment at www.aec.gov.au/check.

If I change my address/name what do I do?

Every time you move or change your name, you need to update your enrolment with your new details. You can change your details online at www.aec.gov.au. You can also visit any AEC office for an enrolment application.

If I go overseas what should I do?

If you go overseas to work or live you should let the AEC know. If you are overseas when a federal election or referendum is announced you should also let the AEC know.

If you don't, your name could be removed from the electoral roll and you could miss out on your vote in upcoming elections.

More information is available at www.aec.gov.au/overseas.

Voting

A federal election is held at least once every three years and election day is always on a Saturday. When and where you vote depends on where you will be on election day.

On election day

You can vote at any polling place in your home state or territory. Polling places open at 8am and close at 6pm sharp.

If you are in another state or territory and you haven't voted early, you will need to vote at an interstate voting centre.

A list of polling places and interstate voting centres will be available at www.aec.gov.au a few weeks before election day. If you can't make it to a polling place on election day, you can vote early.

NOORAMA PICNIC RACE CLUB INC PRESENTS

Noorama picnic races

SATURDAY

APRIL 1

\$63,500
in 5 race program
plus Cup Calcutta

Gates open at 12pm

First race 1.30pm

Admission \$20 inc racebook

Children FREE

LIVE MUSIC BY
'HORN DOGS'

PLAYING UNTIL LATE

FASHIONS ON THE FIELD

\$5,000 in prizes

Starting at 3pm

BAR & CANTEEN ALL DAY
BOOKMAKERS & SKY TV

FREE CAMPING
TOILETS & SHOWERS ONSITE
FREE BREAKFAST SUNDAY

NO EFTPOS OR FUEL AVAILABLE AT THE TRACK

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Dear Community,

As we depart Thargomindah for the last time we want to thank the Community for all your support to our business over the 32 years we have owned the Thargomindah Post Office.

Looking out on the lovely, recently completed, pensioner residences as I write this, I remember that 32 years ago most dwellings didn't have air conditioning and some people slept outside during summer. How things have improved with split system air conditioners and satellite dishes on the roof for TV and internet.

The achievements of the Shire have been remarkable. New dwellings, a new Shire Depot, a new Tourism precinct, new caravan park and tourist infrastructure. The Shire is to be commended for always moving forward.

As we reflect on our time here, from our arrival into a community that comprised mostly of well established large families to the current diverse community, welcoming people from all over the world, our hope is that the Community will encourage more families to come to live here. The lifeblood of a Community is it's youth, giving it a future for years to come.

Thargomindah has been a large part of all our lives and once again we thank you for all the experiences we have shared,

The Beetson Family.

THARGOMINDAH HOSPITAL AUXILIARY AGM



Where: Thargo Clinic
When: 7th March 2023
Time: 6.30pm

WHAT WE DO.

Thargomindah Hospital Auxiliary raise money to help the community get to places by either accommodation/travel or other requested ways approved by our Director of Nursing.

We help our clinic by upgrading furniture, having toys in the waiting room, purchase equipment such as a vein light and head torches and even robovacs to help have a clean and tidy workplace.

We have 4 meetings per year and only do 1 main event each year, we are low key, but very passionate with how we can help our community.

If you feel like this is something you would be interested in please come along to the Annual AGM.

Any questions or concerns please call Julie
on 0473246208





CHANNEL
COUNTRY
CHALLENGE

CRICKET MATCH

**SUPPORTING
MARIANNE MCCARTHY'S
SIMPSON DESSERT
CHALLENGE
FUNDRAISING**

**SATURDAY,
11TH MARCH
AT 11AM
THARGO OVAL
BBQ LUNCH
CAMPOVEN
DINNER**



**BAR
11AM- 10PM**

Team Rules

- **8 per team \$5 per Player**
- **All teams must have at least 2 Females**
- **8 overs**
- **Each player must bowl 1 over**
- **Each Players to face 6 balls then retire**
- **All Player Fees, Penalties and Profits from day will be donated to Marianne McCarthy's Fundraising Efforts**

MORE INFO CONTACT RUSTY 0488166791

GABA Massage – Elizabeth Behrend

Therapeutic and Aromatherapy Massage

Visiting Thargomindah from Fri 10th to Monday 13th March



Bulloo
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1hr Massage – \$80

½ hr Massage – \$40

½ Foot Massage – \$40

Residents 55yrs and over -Free

Contact Elizabeth on 0427254230 for appointments

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BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL PRESENTS



MENS NIGHT

SATURDAY 18 MARCH 2023

THARGOMINDAH TOWN HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

Bring the boys and get your tickets to Dinner and a
Comedy Show featuring Steve Allison & Mark Mcconville

Lucky Door Prize

Bar Till Midnight

TICKETS: \$50 PER PERSON

*Limited Tickets Available
Get yours at the Thargomindah Library*





THE SHEARERS SHINDIG THARGOMINDAH

26 & 27 MAY
2023

MARKETS ♦ THARGO CUP PIG RACES ♦ ACROBATICS
LIVE CONCERTS FROM TENNESSEE LIGHTS
MUSIC & MC BY ADAM KILPATRICK ♦ COLOUR RUN
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ♦ FOOD & BAR
QUICK SHEARS COMPETITION

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AGFORCE SWQ INDUSTRY UPDATE

TOXIC PLANTS, PIMELEA, PESTS AND AGCARE

TOOMPINE

Wednesday 8 March

Toompine Hall, Quilpie Thargomindah Road, TOOMPINE



Wednesday 8 March 2023



10:00am - 2:00pm

Join AgForce and a line-up of industry experts, for an information day designed to educate and update attendees on a range of important topics, including:

- » Pimelea R&D and methane reduction in rangeland cattle.
- » Grazing Futures Livestock Business Resilience Project
- » Toxic weed & plant identifications.
- » New regulations for pest vertebrate poisons.
- » Suppressing Pimelea establishment.
- » The benefits of using bentonite dry lick to manage Pimelea symptoms.
- » Benchmarking carbon and biodiversity with AgCarE.

Guest speakers:

- » Dianne Ouwerkerk - DAF
- » Jenny Milson - Rangelands Scientist
- » DAF
- » Marie Vitelli - AgForce
- » Dr Greg Leach - AgForce



Attendees are encouraged to bring any plant or weed along that you are curious to identify (in a closed bag).

Lunch and morning tea is provided, and everyone is welcome to attend this free event!



RSVP: Wednesday 1 March 2023

*Register at Eventbrite stating any special dietary requirements
agforce-swq-industry-update-quilpie.eventbrite.com.au

Enquiries: AgForce SWQ Regional Manager, Kerrie Cribb:



0418 485 501



cribbk@agforceqld.org.au

* Any COVID-19 restrictions current at the time will apply to this event

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**Bulloo
Shire**

REQUEST FOR TENDER

T2022-2023-107

Design & Construction of 2 x 3-bedroom houses

Bulloo Shire Council is seeking the services of a suitably qualified contractor to Design and the Construction of 2 x 3-bedroom houses.

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. '**T2022-2023-107**' and submitted either via email to Tender@bulloo.qld.gov.au or by post to:

Tiffany Dare
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Bulloo Shire Council
PO Box 46
THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492

Submissions Close: 4.00pm Thursday 30th March 2023.



**Bulloo
Shire**

REQUEST FOR TENDER

T2022-2023-109

Quilpie Rd - Bitumen Seal Spray

Bulloo Shire Council is seeking the services of a suitably Qualified Contractor to supply and deliver Bitumen Seal Spray to Quilpie Rd.

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

Applications should be clearly labelled with RFT number **"T2022-2023-109"** and submitted either via email to tender@bulloo.qld.gov.au or by post to:

Tiffany Dare
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Bulloo Shire Council
PO Box 46
THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492

Submissions Close: 4:00pm on Tuesday, 7th March 2023



Bulloo Shire 2023 EVENTS

JAN 26	AUSTRALIA DAY
MAR 11	CCC CRICKET DAY FUNDRAISER
MAR 18	RURAL MENS NIGHT
APR 25	ANZAC DAY PARADE
MAY 26 - 27	SHEARERS SHINDIG
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



(07) 4621 8095



@ tourism@bulloo.qld.gov.au



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