

BULLOO BUZZ

JULY 2022





Mayor John 'Tractor' Ferguson

Winter is definitely here! Mornings have been quite chilly but the days have been beautiful, one of the qualities of living here!

This month during the Council meeting we had a visit from Dr Anthony Brown, the Chief Executive of Queensland Health and Dr Sandra Dolan, the Director of Oral Health. They came with a commitment of a dental visit to Thargomindah every 12 months, no matter how many people on the waiting list.

Our 4 houses have arrived in the last month which is exciting! There is still quite a bit of work to do on them, the electricity and plumbing connection is happening at the moment and it will be nice to see the final touches added like the fencing.

Council resolved to tender 7 blocks of residential land, more information on that will come and we will advertise when they're all ready to go!

There are a couple of budget workshops coming up in the next month to finalise our 2022-23 budget.

I hope everyone has a great month ahead!

"You cannot solve a problem from the same consciousness that created it. You must learn to see the world a new"

MAYOR
John 'Tractor' Ferguson



*Chief Executive Officer
Amer Tawfik*

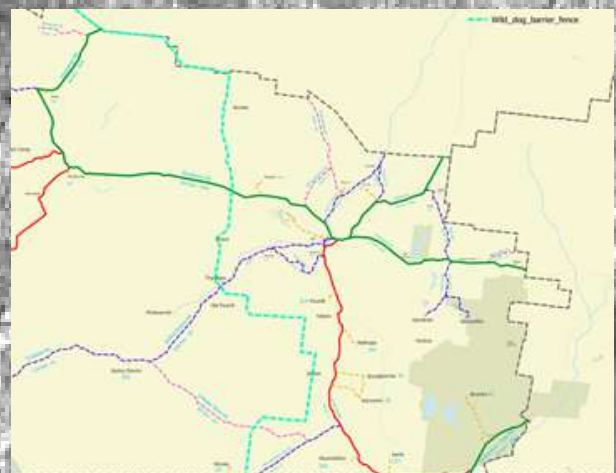
Four New Houses – Thargomindah

Mayor and councillors inspected the four new houses delivered on the subdivision between Sams St and Frew Street. Council is in the process of installing fencing and carports, water and sewer connection was completed.



Wild Dog Barrier Fence

Mayor Ferguson sent a letter to QLD – Project Manager inviting them for a site visit and work Council to develop practical solutions to address the issue of losing stock from wild dog attacks which causing financial impacts on station owners. One of the options suggested is to employ local contractors to reduce travel costs compared to engaging contractors from outside the shire. It should be noted the Barrier Fencing extend from our shire boundary with Quilpie in the north to NSW border in the south with an approximate length of 256 km.



Water Cooling Plant

John Chen and his team worked with NRG for a full week to address some of the issues faced Council during the last few months. The team identified the fluctuation in the external power supply as an issue and made required modification to run the plant using solar power only. The plant operation has been stable with no major issues since.

Quilpie Road

Mayor Ferguson visited TMR Director Steve Dart in Roma, among issues discussed was sealing the remaining 11.7 km on Quilpie Rd during the next financial year, rather than splitting the work on two years. The mayor joined our road crew for a site visit on Quilpie Rd in preparations to start this project early July.

Council Concrete Crew

One of the tasks on my to do list is establishing a concrete crew to run Council's batch plant and supply concrete for TMR and capital works program. We are in the final stages of forming this crew with Jake Bliss as supervisor for this crew; he will be assisted by an experienced 2IC concreter Gerry Stevens. The crew will be working on several projects including providing a box culvert on Stafford Street south of the water-cooling plant, fixing the concrete crossing on Hungerford bypass, culvert widening and providing concrete margins on Cunnamulla Road. Jake & Gerry have started on Council's Structure's & Concrete crew as of this week. Jake has landed the Supervisor role, he comes with over 12 years of experience. Gerry started with Council on Monday 27th June as Structure & Concrete 2IC. He and his wife Cassandra recently visited Thargomindah where they both enjoyed the outback lifestyle and decided to make the move from Caboolture! Gerry has over 20 years' experience in concrete construction and has worked with well known companies.

Sale of Land in Thargomindah

Council authorised the sale of land for residential housing due to several inquiries received from the public. This is a positive sign as the local market is showing strong demands for buying existing housing.





Rural Services

Pest Management

Council coordinated the aerial 1080 Baiting Program from 3 to 6 May 2022 inside the Wild Dog Barrier Fence. There was a 53% participation rate and Council was able to provide the meat at a subsidised rate of \$1.50/kg thanks to the QFPI funding.

Sticky Florestina - it has now spread to North West NSW, most likely from movement of cattle with seeds sticking to cattle or vehicles. Sticky Florestina can invade native grasses, and all parts of the plant are toxic and unpalatable to grazing animals.



Drought Funding

The Charleville Neighbourhood Centre is working once again with The Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy to offer Drought funding to the Bulloo Shire Council. This funding has been secured through the Queensland State Governments Community Drought Support Program 2021-2022.

As the last round of offer close on 30 June 2022, Rural Services have been assisting eligible landholders complete applications for funding.

**rural services,
actively working
with all channels
of the Bulloo
Shire**



REGISTER NOW



FIRE IN THE MULGA FORUM

Interested in how fire is managed in the southwest mulga lands?

Rural Fire Service, Queensland and Southern Queensland Landscapes invite you to share your experience and learnings on a range of topics, including:

DATE:
Wednesday 27 July 2022

TIME:
Check in from 9am
Forum from 9.30am - 4.00pm

ADDRESS:
Charleville RSL
37-39 Watson Street
Charleville Qld 4470

CONTACT:
SQ Landscapes Business Support
Officer, Allison Thompson
0484 129 364
allison.thompson@sqlandscapes.org.au

RSVP:
Friday 15 July 2022

- Contemporary fire and property planning in the mulga lands
- Traditional Custodians mulga fire knowledge
- Seasonal calendar based on traditional understandings
- How existing laws relate to fire management in the mulga lands
- Community involvement in fire management
- Collaborative approaches for multiple benefits - reducing fuel loads and improving land condition

To register visit: <https://bit.ly/3MFZd3f>
Morning tea and lunch provided.
Registrations are essential.



This project is a joint initiative of Rural Fire Service, Queensland and Southern Queensland Landscapes.



Proposed development

Make a submission from
21 June 2022 to 12 July 2022

Material Change of Use – Tourism Attraction 'Spa Gazing Facility'

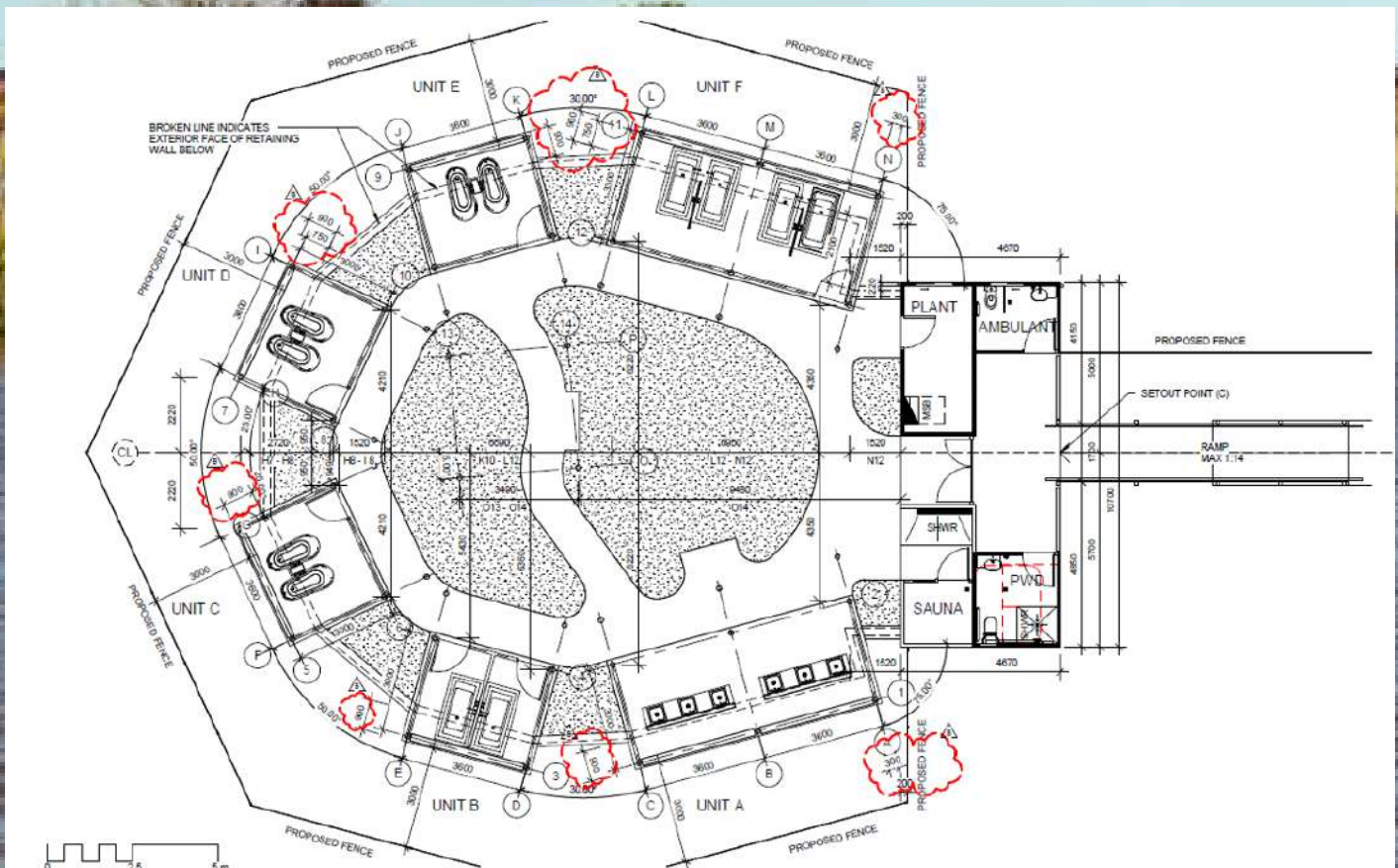
Where:	Kerr Street, Thargomindah QLD 4492
On:	Lot 34 Plan CP900059
Approval sought:	Development Permit
Application ref:	10-202122

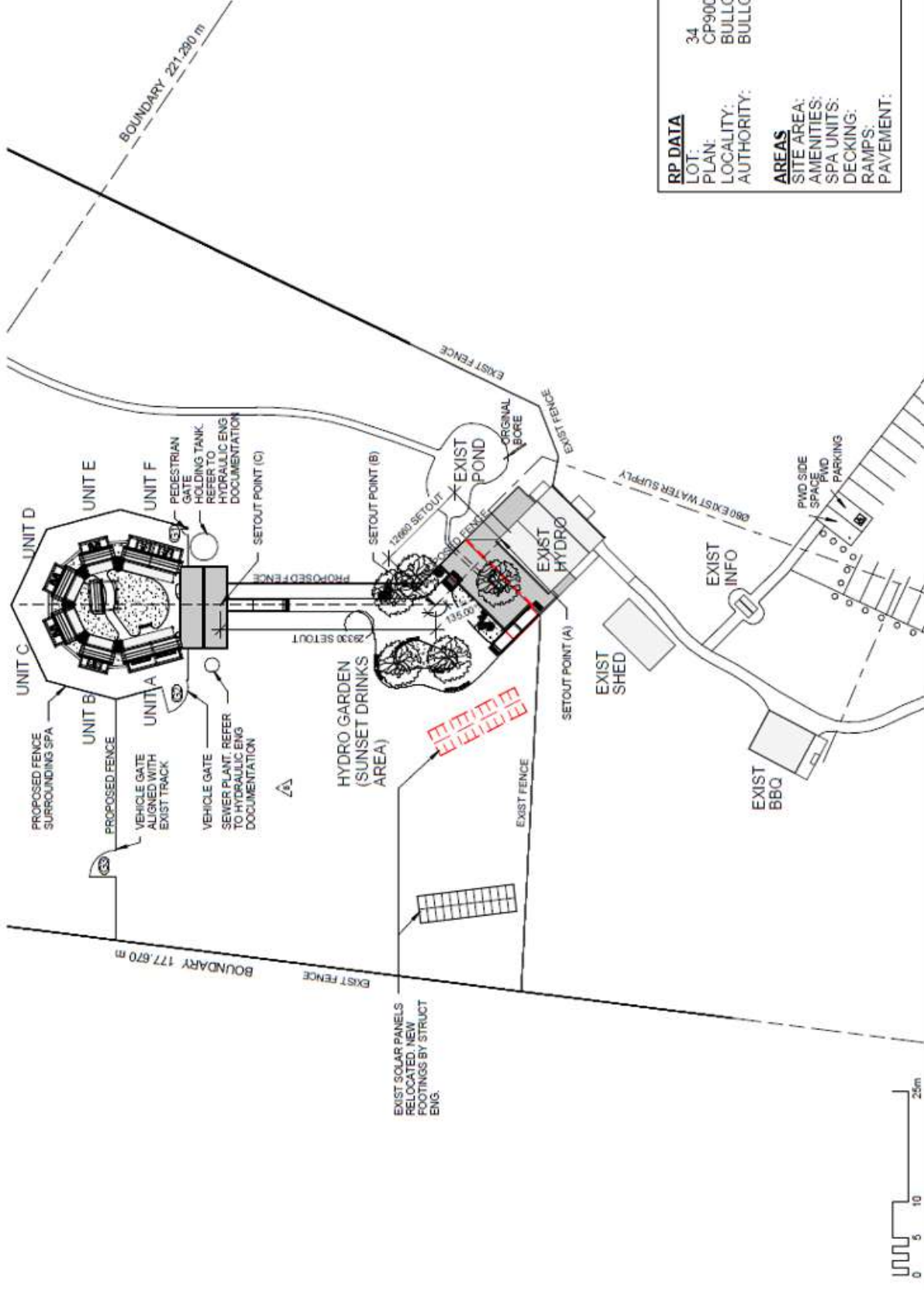
You may obtain a copy of the application and make a submission to:

The Assessment Manager
Bulloo Shire Council
PO Box 46, Thargomindah QLD 4492
Council@bulloo.qld.gov.au
07 4621 8000
www.bulloo.qld.gov.au

Copies of the full application can be viewed or obtained from
Bulloo Shire Council.

Public notification requirement are in accordance with the
Planning Act 2009





RP DATA			
LOT:	34		
PLAN:	CP900059		
LOCALITY:	BULLOO SHIRE		
AUTHORITY:	BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL		
AREAS			
SITE AREA:	34,115	m ²	
AMENITIES:	53	m ²	
SPA UNITS:	126	m ²	
DECKING:	63	m ²	
RAMPS:	40	m ²	
PAVEMENT:	275	m ²	

Road Services

Welcome Brayden Gibson, joining our team working on with the Maintenance Crew.

Crew 1 have been completing grading works in Thargomindah, cleaning up the spare block near Turnouts Mechanical, working at the Hydro Power Plant, and other grading jobs that needed to be finalised around town.

Clancy and his crew, have moved down to Hungerford to commence cleaning up the streets.

Crew 2 are still working on Innamincka Road grading the shoulders near Jackson and Naccowlah.

Crew 3 have completed work on Flood Damage on New Hamilton Gate Road, which they have now completed.

Both Crews 3 and 4 have now moved back to Hungerford Road continuing on with Maintenance Grading.

Crew 4 have been working alongside Crew 3 these past few weeks working on Flood Damage on New Hamilton Gate Road.

The maintenance Crew have been busy with Flood Damage on local roads, including Pothole Patching on Innamincka Road, cleaning out culverts and patching edges of the road on Bulloo Down Road.

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

Strezborn Pty Ltd are currently working on Cameron Corner Road doing Flood Damage under DRFA-REPA Works.

SC & KG Bowen

Tolbra Earthmoving are currently working on grading the Tickalara Road.

Steve Bonsey Transport are continuing on with working on Durham Road doing Flood Damage under4 DRFA -REPA Works.

Big thanks to all Council Crews and Contractors Crews for all your hard work over the last month.

Photo – Colin mobilising Turnouts Dozer to one of our Gravel Pits on Quilpie Road.

**Roads
Department,
making a mile
and getting the
job done**



Corporate Services

The 2022 event in a nutshell ran quite smoothly, we received plenty of positive comments and feedback on the event and although attendance numbers were down slightly overall to last year the Friday attendance was at least double proving that holding a high-class act attracts a new demographic.

Saturday, Shearing Day, I think the amount of nominations along with the people that follow the Speed Shear circuit these days made for a great show of how the Shearing industry should be showcased, everyone is very well behaved and when we have prize money like we do we need to keep this professional ore amongst our team.

I think that this further encourages visitors and shearers to interact and make our event stand out from other Speed Shears and also general festivals, we are different to other and that's what I think we need to keep focusing and working on.

The 20ml of rain that we received one week out made the set up a little more rushed then previously planned, the carting and spreading of the sand and pick up of the portable panels was only able to happen on the Thursday prior, thus making us quite nervous as to if we would be ready on time, however the workforce got stuck in and all set up by that afternoon.

Erin and myself attended Music in the Mulga the weekend prior to our event and I definitely believe that the Bulloo Shire Council sponsoring this event and being able to attend and hold a Tourism stand to advertise ourselves encourages a lot of extra people to continue their trip to at least Thargomindah and to spend the extra few days in and around our towns and exploring our region.

I had discussions with Carmel from Music in the Mulga and I have to agree that road closures and much heavier rainfall to the East caused some changes to plans on attending our events this year.

If Council agree to sponsor the Eulo event again next year I think the Shearers Shindig will become a well-attended event for Music in the Mulga followers (9,798 Facebook followers) and therefore continue to grow our annual Shearers Shindig Event.





We're hiring!

ACCOUNTANT



3 year contract up to \$63/hr

(depending on experience & or qualifications)

Attractive remuneration package inc.

Fully furnished accommodation



Successful, Respected & Community Focused Organisation

Bulloo Shire Council currently has an exciting, full-time opportunity for an Accountant to join us as we continue to improve our organisation's financial performance and enhance its long-term sustainability and productivity. The successful applicant will form a part of our Executive Management Team, to provide direction and oversight in the provision of financial management and advice, reporting directly to the CEO. The successful applicant will have the great opportunity to live and work in Thargomindah, whilst being actively involved in working with Council to achieve its objectives. Bulloo Shire has a vibrant atmosphere and is an ideal environment for any person to experience a relaxed and quality lifestyle.

For further information download the Information Package from **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** or Post to the address below:

**Bulloo Shire Council
PO Box 46
THARGOMINDAH QLD4492**

**Screening of applications will begin
on the 30th June 2022 and will continue until the position is filled**

Great Place, Great Lifestyle, Great Future





Grow With Us We're Hiring ASSET OFFICER



LGOA \$33.67 - \$40.48 + superannuation & allowances

(depending on experience & or qualifications)

This is a full time position based on a 76 hour fortnight with 1 rostered day off (RDO)

Bulloo Shire Council are looking for an Asset Officer to join our Finance and Administration Department. ideally you are a strategic thinker with fresh ideas to join our dedicated team in Thargomindah, the last frontier in outback QLD. The objective of this position is to maintain and update Council's ArcGIS databases to reflect accurately the status of the shires physical infrastructure assets.

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Send Your Resume To:

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For More Information:

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WE'RE HIRING

ROAD CREW

LABOUR/PLANT OPERATORS

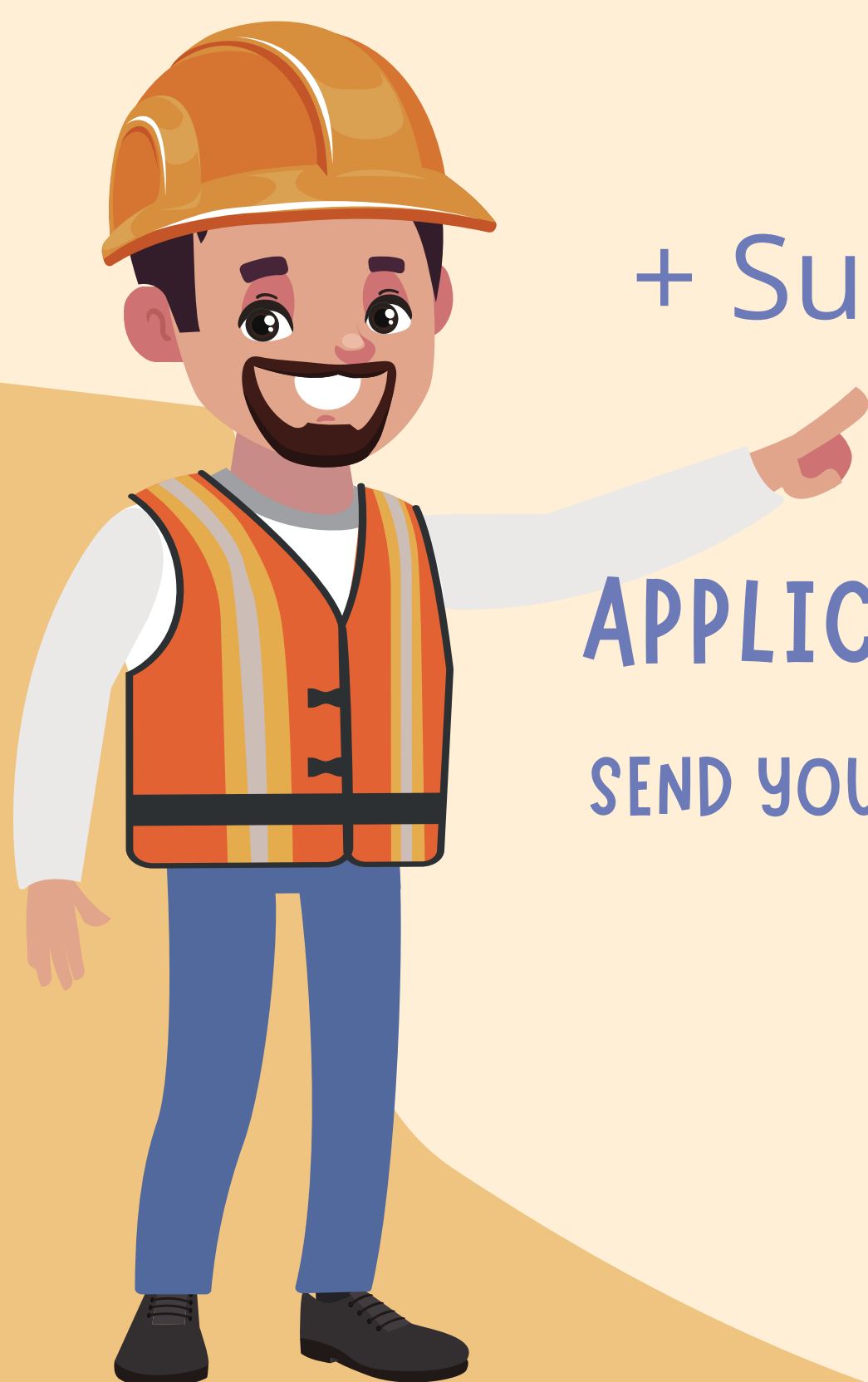


An exciting opportunity exists to join our Roads Services department. Council is seeking enthusiastic, committed and amiable persons to fulfil the role of casual labourers and plant operators.

Level 3-5 under the Stream B Local Government Award
+ Super, + Locality + CRARMWA

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 4PM 17TH MAY 2022

SEND YOUR RESUME, COVER LETTER & SELECTION CRITERIA TO :
council@bulloo.qld.gov.au



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For Selection Criteria please go to:

www.bulloo.qld.gov.au



WE'RE HIRING!

**LGOA Award 2.1 - 4.4
Plus Locality
Plus Super**



Executive Assistant

**Hourly wage ranging from \$31.51 - \$37.51/hr
(pending experience and or qualifications)**

Bulloo Shire Council are seeking a professional and organised person to provide direct support to the CEO's, Mayor's and Councillors diary in day-to-day operations and functionality, and to ensure that the responsibilities of the role can be delivered effectively and in a timely way on behalf of the organisation. This will be in accordance with Council's Policies and Procedures.

The successful applicant will be a point of contact regarding Council matters, ensuring assistance in a professional way and unassisted thinking to ensure efficiency for the above to ensure working days within Council run smoothly.



To apply for this position submit your resume, cover letter and address the selection criteria to our email address below or jump on our website for more information



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We're Hiring Maintenance Labourer / Handy Man

**LGEA wages range up to
\$31.05/hr + superannuation
and allowances (depending
on experience & or
qualifications)**

Requirements for the position: Maintenance Labourer/Handy Man

- Respond to tenants' requests for maintenance services, – general carpentry such as but not limited to hanging doors, new locks, blinds and curtains, architraves, window frames, boxing in, assembling furniture, easing and adjusting windows, replacing handles and similar hardware.
- Carry out skilled DIY & general maintenance work involved in all aspects of onsite building.
 - Maintenance, both internal and external.
 - Perform maintenance and light repairs.
- Test performance of in-unit appliances, such as refrigerators, microwaves, stoves, ovens and coffee makers.
 - Paint and fill gaps or crevices (on walls, sidewalks etc.)
- Undertake light installation or carpentry (e.g. build cabinets or flat pack furniture).
 - Repair equipment or appliances (not electrical)

Water and Sewerage

- Respond to unplanned customer service interruption, customer enquiries and applications for new connections to ensure customer charter is met.
- Assist in the preparation of materials and quantities lists for water and sewerage main construction or major maintenance works
- Assist or undertake renewal projects of Council's water & sewerage infrastructure.

Visit our website for detailed Position Description & Labourer form to complete

We're Hiring

Road Crew Plant Operators & Labourers



LGEA
\$29.41 - \$30.08 +
superannuation &
allowances
(depending on
experience & or
qualifications)
This is a full time
position based on a
76 hour fortnight
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Further inquiries please contact us on the below contact details:



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**BULLOO SHIRE
COUNCIL**

We're Hiring



Roads Manager

3 year contract up to \$68/hr

(depending on experience & or qualifications)

Attractive remuneration package including fully furnished accommodation.

With a vision to be an innovative, robust and financially sustainable, Bulloo Shire Council is currently seeking a motivated and futures focused leader, as part of our executive management team.

The Roads Manager is responsible for the efficient and effective delivery of leadership and management of the Road Services Department in order to successfully deliver Councils Civil and Capital works schedule, as well as provide day-to-day operations within the Bulloo Shire

For further information download the Information Package from

www.bulloo.qld.gov.au OR contact

Tamie Warner, Tourism & Economic Development Manager on **(07) 4621 8000**.

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'SOUTH WESTERN STARRY SKIES'



Create your own 'starscape'

Relax and get messy in a hands-on day of art making with regional Queensland artist, Sue Hamlet.

Mon 18 July
Cunnamulla

Tues 19 July
Thargomindah

Wed 20 July
Quilpie

Thurs 21 July
Charleville

We will play with all kinds of art materials to create a stunning naive style canvas artwork of the night sky over 'your community'.

Even if you've never painted before, this workshop is for you.

*Lunch and morning tea are included.
Please wear old, comfy clothes.
All art materials are provided.*



9.45 / 10am start
finish by 3PM

Enquiries & registrations

kelly.harms@health.qld.gov.au
Kelly Harms 0429 328 335

The 2021 Census has been published, Bulloo's data is on the website below.

The census provides some key statistics from the latest data that may be of interest to you, the tables immediately below summarise population outcomes and other statistics for Western QLD.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/.../find.../quickstats/2021/LGA31750>

	Pop 2016	Pop 2021	Difference 2016-2021	By percentage of population
Balonne	4377	4320	-57	-1%
Bulloo	353	337	-16	-5%
Maranoa	12666	12825	159	1%
Murweh	4307	3971	-336	-8%
Paroo	1640	1679	39	2%
Quilpie	813	698	-115	-16%

	Avg age	Avg income	Pop 2016	Pop 2021	Difference 2016-2021	
Balonne	40	\$ 1,358	4377	4320	-57	-1%
Bulloo	36	\$ 1,625	353	337	-16	-5%
Maranoa	38	\$ 1,588	12666	12825	159	1%
Murweh	43	\$ 1,294	4307	3971	-336	-8%
Paroo	44	\$ 920	1640	1679	39	2%
Quilpie	42	\$ 1,312	813	698	-115	-16%
Burke	35	\$ 1,312	328	419	91	22%
Carpentaria	36	\$ 1,469	1958	2090	132	6%
Cloncurry	34	\$ 1,879	3032	3644	612	17%
Doomadgee	25	\$ 1,223	1405	1387	-18	-1%
Etheridge	46	\$ 1,145	799	714	-85	-12%
Flinders	42	\$ 1,343	1536	1500	-36	-2%
McKinlay	31	\$ 1,733	796	836	40	5%
Mount Isa	31	\$ 2,231	18671	18727	56	0%
Richmond	37	\$ 1,757	791	761	-30	-4%
Barcaldine	43	\$ 1,418	2865	2849	-16	-1%
Barcoo	38	\$ 1,875	267	308	41	13%
Blackall-Tambo	48	\$ 1,254	1903	1905	2	0%
Boulia	33	\$ 1,490	426	458	32	7%
Diamantina	39	\$ 1,792	291	266	-25	-9%
Longreach	40	\$ 1,561	3660	3647	-13	0%
Winton	45	\$ 1,316	1134	1129	-5	0%
	38.4545455	\$ 1,495	64018	64470	452	1%



Bulloo
Shire

We're Hiring

Water & Sewerage Supervisor

LGOA \$37.93-\$42.32 + superannuation & allowances

(depending on experience & or qualifications)

This is a full time position based on a 76 hour fortnight with 1 rostered day off (RDO)



Requirements for the position:

- Conduct regular inspections of the water and sewerage systems and recommend appropriate action.
 - Correct defects and/or inadequacies in accord with established methodologies and/or as directed.
 - Implement planned maintenance schedules with the aim of reducing responsive maintenance and unplanned customer service interruptions.
 - Develop and implement safe work procedures for staff and contractors to ensure regulatory compliance is met and zero harm is achieved.
 - Respond to unplanned customer service interruption, customer enquiries and applications for new connections to ensure customer charter is met.
 - Assist in the preparation of materials and quantities lists for water and sewerage main construction or major maintenance works
 - Coordinate & maintain the operation and maintenance of water & sewerage treatment facilities for council, including assisting in the training of treatment staff.
 - To manage the water & sewerage treatment facilities in accordance with license conditions from the Environmental Protection Agency and relevant legislative requirements.
 - Recommend improvements to the system as identified that would facilitate better services to the residents of the Bulloo Shire or would reduce costs within the water & sewerage department.
- Plumbing License desired**

Forward your cover letter, resume & written response to the selection criteria to council on the below details



council@bulloo.qld.gov.au



<https://www.bulloo.qld.gov.au>



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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

Ph: 0417 981 640

Email: thintz7@bigpond.com

For Information

Thargomindah Information Centre

Ph: (07) 4621 8095

Email: tourism@bulloo.qld.gov.au

www.explorebulloo.com.au



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BULLOO SHIRE

Events 2022

CHANNEL COUNTRY MUSIC MUSTER

JULY 16-17

THARGOMINDAH BIKE SPORTS AND ENDURO

SEPT 17-18

HUNGERFORD HORSE & MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA & ENDURO

SEP 30 - OCT 2

NOCCUNDRRA 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



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Your Councillors

BULLOO SHIRE - OUT IN FRONT DOIN IT EASY



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