



BULLOO

BUZZ

Newsletter

MARCH | 2023



MAYOR FERGUSON'S MESSAGE

Autumn is here, but you wouldn't know it with the heat of the last couple of days! The nights are still beautiful though! Wouldn't want to be anywhere else!

This month Manager Tamie Warner and I attended the SWQROC Meeting in Charleville. Issues that were discussed included:

- programs and initiatives that would have the greatest impact and furthest reach to develop the South West Region.
- new federal programs and policies that would support Councils to build stronger communities in the future.
- as a member of LGAQ's Roads and Transport Advisory Group, and in light of Queensland's increasing road toll, I provided an update on the outcomes of the LGAQ meeting held on Friday 13th January in the lead up to the Ministerial Road Safety Roundtable on 24th January 2023.

Council is continually looking for ways to resolve issues surrounding housing and roads in South West Queensland and reduce the many challenges faced by rural and remote communities.

Acting CEO, Tiffany Dare and myself will be travelling to Canberra at the end of the month to lobby Ministers for solutions to issues facing the South West region with housing and roads high on our agenda. We will be petitioning for the establishment and implementation of a targeted and permanent funding program for rural and remote roads, which are critical to the productivity of the region and are still largely under-developed.

We will also be raising issues identified by the RFDS. I will be advocating for new funding models that are relevant to rural and remote regions to ensure people are not disadvantaged in our communities. Council will again be lobbying the Ministers to keep promoting, developing, and resolving issues experienced in the South West of Queensland.

On another note, we had our Men's night this month. There was a great turn out and a good time was had by all. I'd like to thank Council's Librarian & Health Officer, Diane Montgomerie and her team for organising the night. The hall looked really great! Looking forward to the next one!

I hope everyone has a great month ahead!

Every day holds the possibility of a miracle!

RURAL SERVICES

Fish Surveys were conducted during the month by SQ Landscapes and Dr Adam Kerezsy.

Landholders gave permission to visit several sites along the Bulloo River, with fish identified, measured, and DNA samples taken for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. Samples collected were all native fish, healthy and of all ages.



Landholders inside the Wild Dog Barrier Fence have reported that sections of the fence have been compromised due to water flows and feral pig movements, allowing dogs inside the fence. Council's Rural Lands Officer travelled the fence from Nooyeah to Yakara and has provided photos and GPS location of problem areas to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Wild Dog Barrier Fence maintenance crew so repairs can be carried out



ROADS SERVICES

Crew 1 - This crew are still working on the TIDs job on the Quilpie Road. Work is progressing well, most of the sub-grad had been formed and approved by the Main Roads Inspector. The section now has the base gravel carted on it ready to spread once they complete all the sub-grade.

The crew have move away from the job for a short period of time to return to the Paroo River Crossing to repair this after the recent small flood. Not a lot of damage was done, mainly just washed the fines out and left rough stone. The crossing is schedule to be bitumen sealed on the 15 March 2023.

Council has had some delays on QRA Betterment work on the Innamincka and Warri Gate Roads due to difficulty accessing a stabiliser. Crew 1 will move out for a few days before returning to the Quilpie Road to complete this job in conjunction with the stabiliser. We are hoping to have this TIDs work complete by Easter.

Crew 2 - This crew have been on the Wompah Gate Road carrying out QRA flood damage works. Once they complete this road, they will then move back on to the Warri Gate road to do the LCRI and R2R work.

Crew 3 - This crew have completed the Thargomindah Streets widening project. These streets have now been bitumen sealed. This crew have now moved onto the Bransby-Santos Road undertaking QRA work. Once they complete this road, they will move onto the Orientos Road, followed by the Epsilon Road.

Crew 4 - This crew are currently completing QRA work on the Omicron Road. When this road is completed, they will move onto the Cameron's Corner Road QRA job.

Contractors have commenced:

- QRA work on the Toona Gate Road and will move on to the Oriento Road when this is completed.
- TMR RMPC Work on the Thargomindah Cunnamulla Road, gravel re-sheeting the shoulders.

The Concrete crew have a range of schedule projects:

- Warri Gate Road carrying out QRA work on concrete margins on floodways.
- Football Oval retaining wall and paths
- Culverts on the Bundeena Road (once approved by TMR)

Kim "Wattie" Norris started work on the Shire as the new Roads Manager on the 27th of February. Wattie is almost a local coming from Tibooburra so is already familiar with a lot of the roads and the area. Wattie is settling in really well and Robert Ferguson will be staying on for a while to help him find his feet within the Council.



TOURISM SERVICES

Morton Bay Caravan, Camping, 4x4 and Outdoors Expo was held from the 17-19 February, Erin attended this event representing our Shire with the Southwest Queensland Region of Councils Tourism Group. This event attracts around 20,000 people and is a great opportunity to advertise our region and events. Attending with the SWQROC group lessens our cost, is a great time to collaborate with our neighbouring shires Tourism Officers and helps draw people to the Bulloo Shire from the East coast, using Balonne and Maranoa shires as steppingstones. The ladies at the stand spoke to over 1500 people for the 3-day event and gave out 720 Explore Bulloo Visitor guides to potential visitors. Since Erin has returned we have had several phone and email enquires stemming from this event.

Attending these sorts of events provides a great opportunity for Council to advertise our region in person, attract more visitors and generate a positive flow on effect to our local economy.

Preparations for the Shearers Shindig is in full swing. Tourism have been working with Grants Officer Dan Roy on funding submission which we expect will support our event for the next three-years.

New digital town sign has arrived. This is a huge positive for our town and will be a beautiful addition to not only the presentation of our town but the ease advertising events and public notices as it will be as easy as uploading information from the Visitor Information Centre computers.

The seven new signs which will replace very old ones at Hungerford look fantastic. Tourism will be coordinating with the roads department and Hungerford Caretaker, Sheree Parker, to have them installed all in time for the new tourism season.

Tourism Officer Erin Lee attended the Outback Queensland Tourism Association's annual Muster in Brisbane on the 7 – 8 March 2023 . The idea of this Muster is an opportunity for all Tourism Officers and Tourism Operators to learn new promotional and advertising techniques from professional tourism development personal. It is also an opportunity to collaborate and advertise our region to potential tour operators and travel groups, including tour bus and flight operators.

15TH - 16TH JULY 2023



ALASTAIR MCLEAN

KIARA RODRIGUES



ZAC ANTHONY



GED & TRUDY HINTZ



BRIAN LETTON



CHANNEL COUNTRY MUSIC MUSTER

THARGOMINDAH s.w. qld
Featuring Top Line Australian Artists



ROB BREESE

LACH MCKAY



COLIN DRISCOLL
BUSH POET



REX BALDWIN



TOM MAXWELL



Give the Bush a Helping Hand

Saturday Night Party at the Bulloo River Hotel Motel

Walk Ups with Rob & Dawn from Monday 10 July 2023

Planned Activities throughout the week

Damper Cooking Competition (The Golden Camp Oven Award)

Camp Oven Cooking Demonstrations

Food Available on Site

Regular Shuttle Bus to Town | Prizes for Shopper Dockets

EFTPOS available for Camping & Festival tickets only

Entry Fees

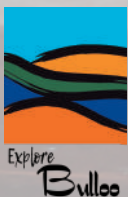
Walk ups & activities throughout the week leading up to the main event - Free

Main Event

\$30 p/p per day

Bookings & Information

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



Thargomindah Channel
Country Music Muster

ON SITE CAMPING

Early Bird Camping from Wednesday 5 July 2023

NON POWERED

\$5 per site per day

VERY LIMITED POWERED SITES AVAILABLE FOR MEDICAL REASONS

\$15 per night or shared power \$10 per night

Showers, Toilets & Water available on site

Dogs allowed but must be kept on leads

Generators permitted from 8am - 8pm

Firewood Supplied



You have the right to feel safe at home

Culture is never an excuse for domestic and family violence.

Domestic and family violence is wrong,
no matter who you are or where you
come from. It can affect anyone and
exists in every community.

**If you do not feel safe, it is okay to ask for help.
When you need support, contact:**

Women's 24 hour helpline **1800 811 811**

Men's helpline **1800 600 636**



For access to an interpreter in your
own language call **137468**

www.qld.gov.au/domesticviolence

For help in your local area:



A light blue background featuring a collage of medical-themed items: red and white capsules, white round tablets, a large orange bandage, a red cross, a red heart, blue gears, and a black stethoscope.

RFDS DOCTOR VISITS

Every 2nd Saturday

**April
8th
22nd**



**May
6th
20th**





**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.



VISITOR SERVICES & EVENTS OFFICER

LEVEL 3.1 - 4.4

Benefits & Allowances


- Stream A Local Government Award
- Locality Allowance
- Super



BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL

 68 Dowling St, Thargomindah

 07 4621 8000

 council@bulloo.qld.gov.au

The Bulloo Shire is located in the far Southwest corner of Outback Queensland and covers an area of 73,600 square kilometers (4.26%), making it the third largest Shire in the State. Lake Bindegolly National Park, and a large proportion of Currawinya National Park, together with its Ranger Headquarters, are located within the Shire. A diversity of industries, including beef, wool, opal, beekeeping, tourism, service, oil and gas, all contribute to create the vibrant economy of the region.

We are a modern-day Council, that is consistently focused on improving our facilities, venues, infrastructure and plant. We are committed to improving the livability of our shire and strongly support and encourage business to establish here in the Bulloo Shire. This Council is committed to supporting growth and development in our Shire and not let our towns become a casualty of limited employment, and declining population.

THE POSITION

Assisting skilled and valued workforce that is motivated to consistently deliver high levels of service in a safe and efficient manner. We take pride in working together to build distinctive communities and create places and events which bring people together, places where neighbours know each other and help new residents embrace our country lifestyle. We want to engage people in healthy habits and provide options that support the lifecycle via the Tourism Activation Plan.

This position works under close direction with limited supervision and contributes to the efficient and effective operation of the Visitor Information Centre Thargomindah or related offices and worksites.

ABOUT YOU:

As the successful applicant you will have previous experience in providing good understanding of, and interest in, the Australian tourism industry, particularly regional/remote tourism.

Have strong organization, attention to detail and time management skills, with the ability to manage multiple projects and deadlines with budgets.

Have proven tenacity, initiative and drive to 'cold call' and source funding support and sponsorship.

Have the ability to create exiting and engaging social media content to build out digital presence.

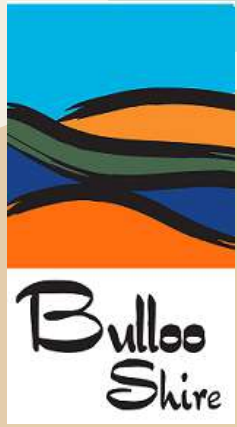
WHAT IS NEXT:

For more information on the requirements of the position, please visit <https://www.bulloo.qld.gov.au/>

If you are interested in this role and like more information, please contact Human Resources on 07 4621 8000

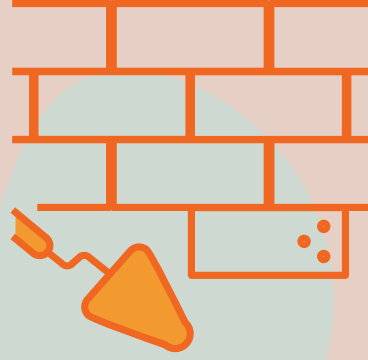
Applications Close 4pm 8 April 2023





We're Hiring

QUALIFIED CONCRETER



Requirements for the position

- Nationally Recognised Training (NRT) Certificate III in Concreting
- Preferred two years experience in concreting
- HR/HC Licence
- Construction white card
- Leadership Experience
- Must be physically fit and have the ability to stand or kneel for long periods of time
- Knowledge of hand-held and power tools including power vibrators, polishers, cutting saws and edging tools.
- Ability to lift heavy materials
- Skid steer, backhoe, excavator & high risk or willing to obtain
- Able to work in a team & have good work attendance and be reliable

Benefits & Allowances
Level 6 under stream B -
Local Government
Leading Hand
Super
Locality
CRAMWA



Forward your cover letter, resume & written response to the selection criteria to Bulloo Shire Council on the below details before 4pm, 8th April 2023



Requirements:

- A valid HC/MC driver's license
- Ability to recognise potential hazards that could be a risk to council employees or the general public
- Ability to work alone with limited supervision and as required, work cooperatively as part of a team
- Experience in filling up a water tank, as well as operation of a truck with water tank on

Benefits & Allowances

- Level 5/6 under stream B local Government Award
- CRAMWA
- Locality Allowance
- Super

An exciting opportunity exists to join our Roads Services department.

Council is seeking enthusiastic, committed and amiable persons to fulfil the role of a water truck operator. Please see our website for further details.

Send Your resume, Cover letter & selection criteria to :

council@bulloo.qld.gov.au

You can find the Position Description on our website
www.bulloo.qld.gov.au or for any enquiries please call
07-46218000

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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

NOMINATIONS & GENERAL ADMISSION
[TICKETEBO.COM.AU/SHEARERSSHINDIG](https://www.ticketebo.com.au/shearersshindig)



EXPLORE BULLOO
07 4621 8095

YOUR EPIC OUTBACK ADVENTURE STARTS HERE



Explore
Bulloo



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



ExploreBulloo

Make sure to tag us in your photos!

Your Councillors

BULLOO SHIRE - OUT IN FRONT DOIN IT EASY



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