



**Bulloo
Shire**

**I hereby give notice that
an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:**

Date: Thursday, 16 July 2026
Time: 9:30 AM
**Location: Council Chambers, 68 Dowling Street
Thargomindah Queensland 4492**

BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

16 July 2026

**Tiffany Dare
Chief Executive Officer**

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1 OPENING OF MEETING**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

The Bulloo Shire Council acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting is being held, and pay respects to their elders, past and present.

3 ATTENDANCE INCLUDING APOLOGIES**4 CONDOLENCES****5 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- Pursuant to section 172 of the Local Government Act 2009, a councillor who has a material personal interest in an issue to be considered at a meeting of the local government, or any of its committees
 - (a) must disclose the interest to the meeting; and
 - (b) must not be present at or take part in the meeting while the issue is being considered or voted on.
- A councillor who is barred from a meeting under subsection (1) must not be in the chamber where the meeting is being conducted, including any area set apart for the public.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 18 JUNE 2026

File Number: 161970

Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Minutes of Council Meeting - 18 June 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 18 June 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

18 June 2026

**MINUTES OF BULLOO SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 68 DOWLING STREET THARGOMINDAH QUEENSLAND 4492
ON THURSDAY, 18 JUNE 2026 AT 9:00 AM**

PRESENT: Cr John Ferguson (Mayor), Cr Glyn Dare (Deputy Mayor), Cr Stewart Morton,
Cr Russell Ferguson, Cr Maurice Parker

IN ATTENDANCE: Tiffany Dare (CEO)

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed all Councillors and guests and declared the meeting open at 9.00am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Bulloo Shire Council acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting is being held, and pay respects to their elders, past and present.

3 ATTENDANCE INCLUDING APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONDOLENCES

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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Councillors	COI	Meeting Item
Nil		

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - 21 MAY 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/102

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 21 May 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

8 RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

10 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

11 MAYORAL REPORTS

11.1 MAYORS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/103

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council receive and note the Mayors Report for the month of May 2026.

CARRIED

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/104**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the month of May 2026.

CARRIED

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS**14.1 CORPORATE PLAN 2026-2031****RESOLUTION 2026/105**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council adopt the Corporate Plan 2026-2031, as presented.

CARRIED

14.2 MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION POLICY**RESOLUTION 2026/106**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council adopt the Media and Communication Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

14.3 STUDENT BURSARY POLICY REVIEW**RESOLUTION 2026/107**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council adopt the amended Student Bursary Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

14.4 REQUEST TO PRESENT AT A COUNCIL MEETING**RESOLUTION 2026/108**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council,

- a) endorse the updated Request to Present at a Council Meeting Form for use by members of the public requesting to present at a Council meeting; and
- b) endorse the associated administrative process requiring requests to be submitted no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the relevant Council meeting, with any presentation material to be provided no later than the Friday before the meeting.

CARRIED

14.5 MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE - NON-RESIDENT WORKFORCE ACCOMMODATION AND LOW IMPACT INDUSTRY - LOT 252 RP208578**RESOLUTION 2026/109**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council approve the development application 22-202526 for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for *Non-Resident Workforce Accommodation* and *Low Impact Industry* over land described as Lot 252 RP208578, Warri Gate Road, Noccundra, subject to the conditions attached and that the applicant be advised accordingly:

General Conditions

1. The development must be carried out generally in accordance with the approved plans and supporting documentation, except where amended by the conditions of this approval.
2. The premises must be used only for the approved use of non resident workforce accommodation and low impact industry. The low impact industry component must not involve extractive industry, high impact industry or noxious activities without further approval.
3. The development is approved as a temporary use for a maximum period of five (5) years from the date of approval, unless otherwise extended by Council.
4. If the use ceases for a continuous period exceeding six (6) months, all structures associated with the use must be removed and the site rehabilitated to a safe and stable condition, generally consistent with its pre-development state, unless otherwise approved by Council.
5. The development must comply with all relevant legislation, regulations, Australian Standards and codes, including the National Construction Code.

Certificate of Classification

6. Prior to commencement of the use, a lawful certificate of classification must be obtained from a building certifier in respect of all buildings and structures.
7. All relevant conditions required to be complied with prior to the commencement of use must be completed prior to the issuing of a Certificate of Classification.

Engineering

8. Vehicle access to the site must be taken from Warri Gate Road only, as shown on the approved plans.
9. The driveway must be formed, drained and maintained to a standard suitable for the intended use and must remain clear of obstructions at all times.
10. Stormwater must be managed on site in accordance with best practice and must not cause nuisance, erosion or adverse impacts on adjoining land, Council infrastructure or State infrastructure.
11. The development must not adversely impact the safety, function or efficiency of the local road network.

Parking & Traffic

12. All vehicles associated with the development must access the site via approved access routes only. Heavy vehicle movements must be managed to minimise impacts on the local road network.
13. Adequate on-site car parking must be provided and retained for the duration of the use to meet the operational needs of the development.
14. Internal vehicle and pedestrian circulation areas must be maintained in a safe and serviceable condition at all times.

Landscaping

15. Landscaping is not required for the development due to its temporary nature and rural location. The site must be maintained in a clean and orderly condition for the duration of the use.

Environment and Health

16. Lighting of the site, including any security lighting, must be designed and installed so that lighting intensity does not exceed 8.0 lux measured at 1.5 metres beyond the property boundary. All lighting must be directed or shielded to prevent glare affecting nearby properties or vehicles using Warri Gate Road.
17. Waste must be stored in covered, weather-proof containers of sufficient capacity for the use. The waste storage area and containers must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.

Waste must be removed from the site regularly and disposed of at an approved waste facility. No waste is to be burned or buried on site.
18. The development must be serviced by self-contained potable water supply and wastewater systems suitable for the approved use. Wastewater must not be discharged to any waterway

and must be managed in accordance with relevant approvals and standards.

19. Measures must be implemented and maintained to suppress dust generated by the use, including from access roads, stockpile areas and vehicle movements, to prevent environmental nuisance.
20. The use must not cause nuisance or environmental harm through noise, odour or emissions beyond the site boundary.

Infrastructure and Services

21. The development must remain self-contained and must not connect to Bulloo Shire Council water or sewerage infrastructure unless approved in writing by Council.
22. The development must not damage or interfere with Council assets or infrastructure. Any damage must be rectified at the applicant's cost.

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

23. The use must comply with all relevant requirements of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 and the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011.

Compliance with Conditions

24. Compliance with the conditions of this approval shall be maintained at all times while the use continues.

Advisory Notes

25. This approval does not relieve the applicant of the obligation to obtain any other permits or approvals required under State or Commonwealth legislation.
26. Compliance with cultural heritage obligations under the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 remains the responsibility of the proponent.

Referral Agency Conditions

Attachment 1—Referral agency conditions

(Under section 56(1)(b)(i) of the *Planning Act 2016* the following conditions must be attached to any development approval relating to this application) (Copies of the documents referenced below are found at Attachment 5)

No.	Conditions	Condition timing
Material change of use		
Schedule 10, part 3, division 4, table 3, item 1 (Planning Regulation 2017) - Clearing native vegetation The chief executive administering the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> nominates the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development to be the enforcement authority for the development to which this development approval relates for the administration and enforcement of any matter relating to the following condition(s):		
1.	The Development must be carried out generally in accordance with Figure 2 Site Layout Map, prepared by Ardent, reference: Sheet No. RTPL_ARD_APA036_MAP_0004_B and dated 14/01/2026.	At all times

FURTHER ADVICE TO APPLICANT

1. No work shall be commenced on works which will ultimately revert to Council or on adjacent roads or drainage schemes until Council has been advised in writing, of the name of the responsible contractor and that the contractor has received from Council a notice of appointment of principal contractor under the provisions of the *Workplace Health and Safety Act*.
2. All works shall be carried out in accordance with the *Workplace Health & Safety Act 1989*.
3. It is the owner's and occupants responsibility under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* to advise the Chief Executive administering the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* of any notifiable activity conducted on the site or contamination or suspected contamination which may cause a hazard to human health or the environment within 30 days of becoming aware of the operation of a notifiable activity on the site or of any contamination or suspected contamination. The Chief Executive, pursuant to the Act, is empowered to require that the development complies with the provisions of the Act, including the preparation of site investigation reports and if necessary the remediation of the site at the owners expense.
4. This approval takes effect in accordance with the timeframes of the *Planning Act 2016*.
5. The currency period for this approval is in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*.

CARRIED**14.6 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT****RESOLUTION 2026/110**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council receive and note the Administration & Finance Services Report for May 2026.

CARRIED**Adjournment**

Council adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.22am and resumed at 10.47am.

Attendance

Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager, attended the meeting at 10.47am.

14.7 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**RESOLUTION 2026/111**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council adopt the Financial Performance Report for period ending 31st May 2026 in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

CARRIED

Attendance

John Perry, Mead Perry Group, attended the meeting at 10.58am.

14.11 THARGOMINDAH WATER RATES**RESOLUTION 2026/112**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council

1. Endorses the transition from the existing unit-based water charging model to a consumption-based pricing structure for Thargomindah; and
2. A fixed access / connected charge of:
 - Water Access charge of \$380.
 - Vacant land with access to the water network but no water meter.
 - Residential – Connected Charge of \$510.
 - Residential or vacant land that is connected to the water network.
 - Commercial 1 – Connected Charge of \$510. (1.00 x Commercial 1)
 - Other non-residential installations not mentioned in Commercial 2 or 3.
 - Commercial 2 – Connected Charge of \$797 (1.5625 x Commercial 1).
 - Roadhouse, Truck Stop, Parks, Council Office.
 - Commercial 3 – Connected Charge of \$2,040 (4 x Commercial 1).
 - Facilities such as School, Hospital, Pool, Hotel, Motel, Caravan Park.
3. Implements a per kilolitre (kL) tariff comprising:
 - A consumption charge of \$0.20 per kilolitre of water used.
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to incorporate the revised water charges into the 2026–2027 Revenue Statement.

CARRIED

Attendance

John Perry left the meeting 11.22am.

Adjournment

Council adjourned for Lunch at 12.05pm and resumed at 12.31pm.

14.8 DEBTORS WRITE-OFF**RESOLUTION 2026/113**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council:

- a) endorse a write-off of Doubtful Debts totalling \$7,239.21; and
- b) update the Bad Debt Register.

CARRIED

14.9 NON CURRENT ASSET ACCOUNTING POLICY**RESOLUTION 2026/114**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council adopt the reviewed Non-Current Asset Accounting Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

14.10 PLANT AND ONCOST REVIEW**RESOLUTION 2026/115**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council:

- a) receive and note the report and recommendations from Mead Perry's Plant and Oncost Review report in attachment 1; and
- b) endorse the refined and adjusted recommendations proposed by Council's Team, based on Mead Perry's recommendations, including the oncost rates as presented in Mead Perry's report, and the plant hire rates as per attachment 2. Plant Hire Calculations, to commence 1 July 2026.

CARRIED

14.12 T2025-2026-115 BITUMEN SEAL - THARGOMINDAH TOWN ST, WARRI GATE ROAD AND NOCCUNDRA AIRSTRIP**RESOLUTION 2026/116**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Russell Ferguson

That Council:

- a) accept the tender submitted by Austek for the value of \$2,140,346.29 excl GST; and
- b) delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise contract arrangements.

CARRIED

14.13 T2025-2026-116 FULL SERVICE IN-SITU STABILISATION WORKS THARGOMINDAH**RESOLUTION 2026/117**

Moved: Cr Stewart Morton

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council accept the tender from Everest Civil for the total amount of \$455,452.00 excl GST.

CARRIED

14.14 RENEWAL OF LEASES FOR COUNCIL SHEDS**RESOLUTION 2026/118**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council

1. Approve the renewal of the lease to Alison and Andy Petty for the shed located at Stafford Street, Thargomindah (Lot 2 SP106864) on the following terms:
 - a. Lease term of two (2) years;
 - b. Rent set at \$47.76 per week for the 2026-2027 FY;
 - c. Rent set at \$49.19 per week for the 2027/2028 FY, subject to annual review in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges;
 - d. Revised rent to apply from 22 June 2026, invoiced by Council;
 - e. Electricity usage to be met by the lessee;
 - f. Use of the building at the lessee's risk, noting its age and condition;
 - g. Council accepts no liability for damage to stored equipment;
 - h. The lessee is required to maintain appropriate insurance and indemnify Council against any claims; and
 - i. Council may terminate the lease with one (1) month's notice should the building be required for Council purposes.

2. Approve the renewal of the lease to Deborah Czislowski for the shed located at 13 Speedy street, Thargomindah known as Lot 32 RP2055077 on the following terms:
- Lease term of two (2) years;
 - Rent set at \$47.76 per week for the 2026-2027 FY;
 - Rent set at \$49.19 per week for the 2027/2028 FY, subject to annual review in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges;
 - Revised rent to apply from 22 June 2026, invoiced by Council;
 - Electricity usage to be met by the lessee;
 - Use of the building at the lessee's risk, noting its age and condition;
 - Council accepts no liability for damage to stored equipment;
 - The lessee is required to maintain appropriate insurance and indemnify Council against any claims; and
 - Council may terminate the lease with one (1) month's notice should the building be required for Council purposes.

CARRIED

Attendance

Kate left the meeting at 1.11pm.

14.15 COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACES REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/119

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council receive and note the Community, Culture & Places report for the month of May 2026.

CARRIED

14.16 SHEARERS SHINDIG RECAP 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/120

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED

14.17 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT**RESOLUTION 2026/121**

Moved: Cr Maurice Parker

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That Council receive and note the Rural Services Department Report for May 2026.

CARRIED

14.18 COMMUNITY RECOVERY & RESILIENCE OFFICER REPORT**RESOLUTION 2026/122**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Glyn Dare

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

Attendance

Chris Woodland, Project Manager, attended the meeting at 1:33pm.

14.19 SPECIAL PROJECTS**RESOLUTION 2026/123**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council receive and note the Special Projects report for the month for May 2026.

CARRIED

Attendance

Chris left the meeting at 2:16pm.

14.20 REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND - THARGOMINDAH**RESOLUTION 2026/124**

Moved: Cr Glyn Dare

Seconded: Cr Maurice Parker

That Council

- a) Accept the offer from Leanne & Darryl Smith for the purchase of Lot 3 on SP325117 for the sum of \$4,000 (including GST).
- b) Apply Council's standard conditions of sale, including:
 - payment of a \$5,000 building bond; and
 - a requirement that construction of a dwelling commence within 24 months of settlement, failing which the bond may be forfeited.

CARRIED

15 LATE ITEMS**15.1 QRA EMERGENT WORKS - 2026 RAIN EVENT****RESOLUTION 2026/125**

Moved: Cr Russell Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Stewart Morton

That Council:

- a) subject to written confirmation from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority that the proposed works meet Emergent Works eligibility criteria, authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve and issue a purchase order for emergent works required to make safe and trafficable the identified road assets in the south-west corner of the Shire, including works by Tolbra Earthmoving on Bransby Santos, Epsilon and Orientos, noting the estimated cost of \$320,044.20; and
- b) approves that procurement be undertaken in accordance with section 232 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 where applicable preferred supplier arrangements exist.

CARRIED

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

17 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting is scheduled for 16th July 2026.

18 CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 2.28pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 July 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

8 RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

9 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

10 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

11 MAYORAL REPORTS

11.1 MAYORS REPORT

File Number: 161971

Author: John Ferguson, Mayor

Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Mayors Report for the month of June 2026.

MEETINGS

The Mayor and Councillors, as part of their roles attend a range of meetings. Accordingly, meetings, appointments, functions, media commitments, civic receptions and committee meetings have been listed below.

Meetings and Consultations

3rd Meeting with Bill Lansbury and Steve Dart (TMR)

Councillor Information Session - Local Government

18th Ordinary Council Meeting

Media

- 2WEB
- ABC Longreach

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

File Number: 161974

Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report for the month of June 2026.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Outstanding Resolution Items

Update of outstanding actions below, those actions arising in the previous Council meetings that are not listed as been completed.

Meeting Date	Subject	Action	Comments
December 2020	Survey of Warri Gate Road	Engage a surveyor to prepare two survey plans, one over Naryilco Land and the other over Nockatunga land to allow for an application be made with DNRME for a simultaneous Road Opening and Closure for the entire length of road from the Bundeena Road to Warry Gate on the Queensland/New South Wales border within the localities of Nockatunga and Cameron Corner.	One 19 th June, documents were emailed to Naryilco and Nockatunga
February 2025	Res 2025/32 Proposed New Water Bore on Warri Gate Road	That Council endorse the application to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) for the installation of a water bore on Warri Gate Road, with a budget of up to \$800,000.	Tender awarded. Approval received from State Planning. Waiting on Water Permit from DLGWV; currently in native title notification phase.
December 2025	Res 2025/233 – Floodway and Traffic Monitoring Devices	That Council approve a trial of six Band7 Direct-to-Cell Satellite Floodway and Rainwater Gauge monitoring devices on a 24-month plan at key points along the Bulloo River.	Project has recommenced. IoT building hardware now.
January 2026	Res 2026/13 - WATER BORES ON WARRI GATE ROAD	That Council approve an allocation of \$120,000 for the installation of water bores along Warri Gate Road.	Planning Application lodged. Permit to Take Water Lodged for 2yr period.
February 2026	Res 2026/30 GRIDS ON SHIRE ROADS	That Council undertake a Shire-wide grid inspection and assessment program, including photographic evidence and updates to Council's grid/register records, and report the outcomes back to Council for further consideration.	
May 2026	Res 2026/101 ASSISTANCE WITH ELECTRICITY COSTS	Approve reimbursement of electricity costs incurred during the restoration period for affected Council properties	Letter issued to affected tenants.

Meetings attended

- 1st ELT Meeting
QRA - QRRRP Steam 3 Meeting
- 2nd Kullilli/Bulloo Consultative Committee Meeting
- 3rd Meeting with Bill Lansbury and Steve Dart (TMR)
Councillor Information Session - Local Government
- 10th LGAQ Webinar with Minister Ann Leahy Re Changes to the Disaster Recovery Funding Framework
- 11th Australian Parliamentary Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Fiscal Sustainability
- 15th 2027 Land Valuation Program
- 16th WHS ELT Meeting
RSM, QAO, Bulloo - External Audit Meeting
- 17th Crowe – Internal Audit Meeting
- 18th Ordinary Council Meeting
- 19th IOT – Flood Monitoring Meeting
- 29th SWROC Meeting + SWQRTG & SWQ Water Alliance
- 30th QRA – Flood Studies for the Bulloo and Paroo catchments

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Meeting	Locations	Council Representative
30-31 July	DDSWQCoM Meeting	Goondiwindi	Mayor
14 August	BROC Meeting	Brewarrina	
20 August	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
31 August	SWQROC Meeting	Brisbane	Mayor
1-2 September	WQAC Assembly 2026	Brisbane	Mayor
17 September	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
8 October	Bulloo Audit Committee Meeting	Thargomindah	Cr Glyn Dare Cr Russell Ferguson
15 October	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	
18 October	DDSWQCoM Meeting	Cairns	Mayor
19 October	SWQROC AGM	Cairns	Mayor
19-21 October	LGAQ Annual Conference	Cairns	
13 November	BROC Meeting	St George	
19 November	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All
23-24 November	SWQROC + SWRRTG & SWQWSA	Roma	Mayor

14 December	SWQROC Meeting	Online	Mayor
17 December	Ordinary Council Meeting	Thargomindah	All

13 COMMITTEE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

14 GENERAL BUSINESS & MATTERS FOR NOTING REPORTS

14.1 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS POLICY

File Number: 161979

Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. 1.11.2 Code of Conduct for Councillors Policy
2. Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland (under separate cover)

PURPOSE

To present the revised Code of Conduct for Councillors Policy for Council's consideration and adoption following the release of the updated Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland in June 2026.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulations 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

1.11.2 Code of Conduct for Councillors Policy

Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

1.1 Deliver transparent and effective governance

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the Code of Conduct for Councillors Policy, as presented.

BACKGROUND

The State Government released a revised Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland in June 2026. The Code is made by the Minister for Local Government under section 150D of the Local Government Act 2009 and sets out the standards of behaviour expected of councillors when performing their official responsibilities.

Council's current Code of Conduct for Councillors Policy was adopted on 19 June 2025 (Resolution 2025/107). Following the release of the revised State Code, Council officers undertook a review of the policy to determine whether amendments were required to maintain consistency with the updated legislative and governance framework.

The review identified a number of areas requiring amendment and the revised policy is now presented to Council for consideration and adoption.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

19 June 2025; Resolution 2025/107

DISCUSSION

The revised policy incorporates the requirements of the Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland approved in June 2026 and updates Council's existing policy to reflect current legislative and governance expectations. Key amendments include:

- updated application and scope provisions;
- inclusion of human rights and democratic freedoms principles;
- revised standards of behaviour aligned with the local government principles;
- updated guidance regarding public comment, media engagement and records management;
- clarification of unsuitable meeting conduct, misconduct and corrupt conduct pathways; and
- updated references to complaint reporting requirements and the role of the Independent Assessor.

The revised policy does not substantially alter the obligations of councillors but ensures Council's local policy remains consistent with the current State Code and contemporary legislative requirements. Adoption of the policy will support good governance, provide clarity regarding expected standards of conduct and reduce the risk of inconsistencies between Council's governance framework and the State requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Failure to update Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors Policy may result in inconsistencies between Council's governance framework and the current State Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland. This may increase the risk of non-compliance with legislative requirements, uncertainty regarding councillor conduct obligations, and adverse findings through governance reviews or audits. Adoption of the revised policy mitigates these risks and provides clear guidance to Councillors regarding expected standards of behaviour.

CRITICAL DATES

June 2026 – Revised Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland approved by the Minister for Local Government

CONSULTATION

Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers – Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland



Code of Conduct for Councillors Policy

CONTROL:

Policy Type:	Executive
Authorised by:	Council
Head of Power:	Local Government Act 2009, including sections 150D, 169 and 170A; Local Government Regulation 2012;
Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Adopted / Approved:	
Last Reviewed:	June 2026
Review:	June 2027

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE:

This Policy adopts and supports the Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland, approved in June 2026, and sets out the standards of behaviour expected of councillors of Bulloo Shire Council when performing their official responsibilities as elected representatives.

The requirements of this Policy are in addition to councillors' roles, responsibilities and obligations under the Local Government Act 2009, the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's adopted policies, procedures and resolutions, and the State Code made by the Minister under section 150D of the Local Government Act 2009.

1.2 COMMENCEMENT OF POLICY:

This Policy commences on adoption by Council and replaces all previous Council policies or local procedures dealing specifically with the Code of Conduct for Councillors, to the extent of any inconsistency.

1.3 SCOPE:

This Policy applies to all elected and appointed councillors of Bulloo Shire Council when performing official duties, including when representing Council at meetings, conferences, training events, business trips and work-related events.

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2. POLICY

2.1 POLICY STATEMENT:

Councillors are entrusted with public authority by local government elections and are expected to exercise that authority in a way that promotes public trust, upholds the honour of elected office and is consistent with the local government principles.

- Transparent and effective processes, and decision-making in the public interest;
- Sustainable development and management of assets and infrastructure, and delivery of effective services;
- Democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement;
- Good governance of, and by, local government; and
- Ethical and legal behaviour of councillors and local government employees.

3. STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

KEY ETHICAL AND BEHAVIOURAL OBLIGATIONS

Under this Policy, Council expects councillors to act consistently with the State Code, the local government principles, Council's adopted policies and procedures, and the behavioural standards below.

3.1 MAKE ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT DECISIONS

- Accept responsibility for decisions and actions, support open and transparent decision making, and make decisions in the public interest.
- Participate in Council meetings in person or by audio link or audiovisual link where permitted by Council and law.
- Review reports and previous meeting minutes before Council meetings.
- Support decision making in meetings open to the public, except where closing the meeting is permitted by law.
- Act in accordance with the law, Council policies, Council procedures and lawful Council decisions.
- Manage material personal interests and conflicts of interest in the public interest as required by law.
- Maintain an accurate register of interests for councillors and related persons through timely updates and appropriate declarations.

3.2 SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

- Make decisions for the wellbeing of the whole local government area, having regard to long-term planning and the responsible use of public resources.
- Manage Council resources effectively, efficiently and economically.

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- Support sustainable management strategies and corporate planning.
- Exercise leadership in service delivery through local government community planning.
- Adopt a strategic, long-term view when planning and considering future impacts.

3.3 PROVIDE FAIR REPRESENTATION, SOCIAL INCLUSION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Exercise public authority in a manner that is fair, inclusive and consistent with relevant legislation.
- Treat councillors, Council employees and members of the public with fairness and respect.
- Engage in respectful debate and disagreement in a way that does not involve harassment, intimidation or discrimination.
- Consider other people's rights, obligations, cultural differences, safety, health and welfare.
- Accept and value differences of opinion.

3.4 PRACTICE GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Respect democratic processes, collective decision making and the lawful operation of local government.
- Respect fellow councillors and the outcomes of lawful Council decisions.
- Maintain a clear separation of boundaries between the elected arm and administrative arm of Council.
- Support procedures for keeping accurate, concise and accessible records about Council decisions.
- Respect different views in democratic decision making.

3.5 BEHAVE ETHICALLY AND LEGALLY

- Exercise public authority honestly, lawfully and ethically, placing the public interest above personal interests.
- Commit to the highest ethical standards while undertaking official duties.
- Act in good faith and in a fair and honest way.
- Use information obtained as a councillor responsibly, including maintaining confidentiality and not using information to gain an advantage for the councillor or someone else, or to cause detriment to Council.
- Use inside information with integrity and ensure it is not used for personal gain or to cause detriment to others, including not using it to influence the purchase or sale of assets.
- Do not direct Council employees except where permitted by law.

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- Treat others with respect and maintain a workplace free from sexual harassment, including avoiding unwelcome behaviour or remarks of a sexual nature.
- Maintain respectful and professional conduct.

3.6 CONTACT WITH STAFF

The Acceptable Requests Guideline Policy (Policy 1.05.1), adopted by Council pursuant to section 170A(6) of the Act, details the arrangements that apply to councillors seeking assistance or information from Council's employees.

Councillors must not direct Council employees, or attempt to do so, except where permitted by law. Councillors should frame requests for assistance or information so they cannot reasonably be interpreted as instructions or attempts to exert improper influence over a process or decision.

Contact with managers and staff should be restricted to normal business hours unless the matter is urgent. Excessive and unnecessary copying of emails to groups of managers or staff should be avoided.

Unless specifically involved as a panel member of a staff recruitment process, councillors are to distance themselves from recruitment processes to avoid any perception of improper influence over employment or career advancement decisions.

3.7 USE OF ENTITLEMENTS

Councillors must ensure that public resources are used prudently and only in the public interest. Council has adopted the Expenses Reimbursement – Councillors Policy (Policy 2.02.2) which ensures that councillors have the facilities and support to perform their duties whilst also ensuring compliance with community expectations and statutory requirements.

Councillors must not use Council resources any purpose that is prohibited in any Council policy, guideline or procedure. This includes the use of Council equipment and facilities for electoral purposes, or enlisting Council employees to assist with a councillor's private business. Councillors must take all reasonable care of Council equipment and must not permit the misuse of equipment, facilities or other resources by any other person.

3.8 COUNCILLOR CONTACT WITH APPLICANTS, DEVELOPERS, SUBMITTERS, LOBBYISTS AND BIDDERS

Councillors must comply with Council's adopted guidelines and procedures for contact with applicants for Council approvals, developers, submitters, lobbyists and bidders, including any probity, conflict of interest, confidentiality and records management requirements.

3.9 RECORDS, PUBLIC COMMENT AND MEDIA

A councillor must ensure that any public record received or created by them in the performance of official duties is captured in Council's approved record management system in accordance with Council's records management policy and related procedures.

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A councillor must not communicate with the public or media on behalf of Council unless authorised by Council. When communicating publicly, a councillor must make clear whether they are expressing a personal opinion or speaking on behalf of Council under Council authorisation.

3.10 WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY, VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT AND CORPORATE CARDS

Councillors must comply with Council workplace health and safety requirements, site security requirements, vehicle and equipment use requirements, corporate credit card requirements, procurement requirements and all other Council policies and corporate standards adopted by Council or instigated by the Chief Executive Officer.

3.11 CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THIS CODE

Non-compliance with this Policy or the State Code may give rise to a complaint about councillor conduct and may lead to investigation and possible disciplinary action if the councillor is found to have engaged in unsuitable meeting conduct, misconduct or corrupt conduct.

Unsuitable meeting conduct by a councillor is managed in the Council meeting by the chairperson, who may impose disciplinary action. Unsuitable meeting conduct by the chairperson is managed by the other councillors present, who may impose a reprimand order by resolution.

If a local government official, including the Mayor, a councillor or the Chief Executive Officer, becomes aware of information indicating that a councillor may have engaged in misconduct, the matter must be notified to the Independent Assessor as required by law.

A complaint about councillor conduct must be reported to the Independent Assessor within the timeframes set out in the Local Government Act 2009. The State Code notes the relevant timeframes as within one year from when the conduct occurred, or within six months after the conduct comes to the knowledge of the complainant but within two years after the conduct occurred, subject to exceptional circumstances.

If a person becomes aware of suspected corrupt conduct by a councillor, the matter should be reported to the Queensland Crime and Corruption Commission or the Queensland Police Service. The State Code notes there is no time limit for reporting corrupt conduct under the law.

Serious, repeated or systemic failures to meet the standards of the local government principles and the State Code may lead to ministerial intervention under the law.

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4. REFERENCE AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 DEFINITIONS:

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions shall apply:

Word / Term	Definition
Council	means Bulloo Shire Council.
State Code	means the Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland approved in June 2026, as amended or replaced from time to time.
Unsuitable meeting conduct	has the meaning given in the Local Government Act 2009.
Misconduct	has the meaning given in the Local Government Act 2009.
Corrupt conduct	has the meaning given in the Crime and Corruption Act 2001.

4.2 RELATED POLICIES, LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS:

Links to supporting documentation
Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland, approved June 2026
Councillor Conduct Framework resources / LG Central
Councillor Acceptable Request Guidelines Policy
<i>Crime and Corruption Act 2001</i>
Expenses Reimbursement – Councillors Policy
<i>Human Rights Act 2019</i>
<i>Information Privacy Act 2009</i>
<i>Integrity Act 2009</i>
<i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
<i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Media and Communications Policy
<i>Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010</i>
Register of Interest
<i>Right to Information Act 2009</i>

14.2 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2025-2026 PROGRESS REPORT - 30 JUNE 2026 (Q4)**File Number:** 161977**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Operational Plan 2025-2026 - Q4 Report (under separate cover)**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the report is to outline Councils progress on the Operational Plan 2025-2026.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Regulations 2012 – Section 174

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Annual Reporting - Governance

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the 1st April – 30th June 2026 quarterly report for the Operational Plan 2025-2026 in accordance with s174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

BACKGROUND

The Chief Executive Officer must present a report on the progress of the Operational Plan at regular intervals of not more than three months. Accordingly, the progress report from 1st April – 30th June 2026 is attached.

An annual summary is included as part of Councils annual reporting process.

Item	Legislative reference	Requirement	Calendar action
Report on Operational Plan	s174 LGR12	The CEO must present the local government with a written assessment of the local government's progress toward implementing its annual operational plan.	Four reports per year. Minimum three-month interval.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Of the 110 actions included in Council's 2024/25 Operational Plan, 101 actions were completed, representing an overall achievement rate of 92%. The remaining 9 actions were not completed during the year for the following reasons:

Disaster Management and Business Continuity

Community – COM3.1.1 Review the Local Disaster Management Plan and Sub-Plans

Infrastructure – INF2.2.1 Review the Local Disaster Management Plan and Sub-Plans

Governance – GOV2.3.3 Review the Business Continuity Plan and continue development of BCP sub-procedures and processes

While Council had intended to undertake these reviews during 2025/26, the announcement of Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program (QRRRP) funding in January 2026 provided an opportunity to complete the work using external specialist support. Council elected to defer the reviews pending funding approval and appointment of a suitably qualified consultant. The reviews are scheduled to commence during 2026/27.

Planning Scheme Review

Economy – ECO3.2.1 Review the 2019 Bulloo Planning Scheme

A comprehensive review of the Planning Scheme is currently underway through the Queensland Government's Scheme Supply Fund. Completion is expected during 2026/27.

Other Delayed Actions

Economy – ECO2.2.1 Develop a Bulloo Shire Brand Toolkit

Following further review, Council determined that a standalone Brand Toolkit was not required. Council's branding and communication standards are applied consistently across corporate publications, marketing materials, digital platforms and community engagement activities through existing processes. As a result, the action will not be carried forward into 2026/27.

Environment – ENV3.1.2 Review Waste Management Program and Facilities

Progress was delayed due to competing priorities and resourcing constraints within the responsible department. The action will be carried forward into 2026/27.

Environment – ENV2.3.1 Develop and Maintain Water Management Plans

Progress was not achieved during 2025/26. This action has been included in previous Operational Plans but has not been completed due to competing operational priorities and resource limitations. Council should determine whether development of Water Management Plans remains a strategic priority and, if so, allocate appropriate resources and timeframes to ensure delivery.

Environment – ENV3.3.1 Review Regional Waste Management Strategy

Progress was delayed due to competing priorities and resourcing constraints within the responsible department. The action will be carried forward into 2026/27.

Infrastructure Project

Infrastructure – INF1.1.3 Construct a Multi-Roomed Cabin at Eromanga Caravan Park

The project was delayed due to limited internal project management resources and competing capital works priorities. With the appointment of Council's new Project Manager, the project will be progressed during 2026/27.

Overall, the outstanding actions have either commenced, been intentionally deferred to leverage external funding opportunities, or have been carried forward to 2026/27 due to resource and capacity constraints.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As per budget.

CRITICAL DATES

1st April – 30th June 2026

CONSULTATION

Not applicable

14.3 CORPORATE PLAN 2021-2026 PROGRESS REPORT**File Number:** 161973**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. Corporate Plan 2021-2026 - Annual Report (under separate cover)**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on progress made toward achieving the Corporate Plan 2021-2026.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Nil

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Plan 2021 - 2026

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the final Annual Report on the implementation of the Corporate Plan 2021–2026 for the 2025/26 financial year.

BACKGROUND

The Bulloo Shire Council Corporate Plan 2021–2026 reached its conclusion on 30 June 2026. This report provides the final assessment of Council’s performance against the Plan and outlines the overall achievement of the strategic objectives established for the four-year period.

During the life of the Plan, Council remained focused on delivering outcomes that support community wellbeing, strengthen infrastructure and services, and maintain good governance. A new Corporate Plan 2026–2031 has now been adopted to guide Council’s strategic direction over the next five years.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The Corporate Plan 2021–2026 has now been completed, with Council achieving **97% of all actions and initiatives** identified within the Plan over the four-year period.

This result reflects a strong commitment by Council, Councillors, management and staff to delivering the strategic objectives adopted by the community and Council. Significant progress was achieved across all key result areas, with the overwhelming majority of initiatives completed within the planned timeframe.

While a small number of actions were not fully completed by 30 June 2026, these were primarily affected by factors outside Council's direct control, including funding availability, contractor availability, legislative requirements and external agency dependencies. Where appropriate, these remaining actions have been reviewed and incorporated into Council's new Corporate Plan 2026–2031.

The achievement of 97% of planned actions demonstrates Council's ability to effectively align resources, funding opportunities and operational priorities to deliver tangible outcomes for the Bulloo community. It also reflects Council's commitment to continuous improvement, sound governance and strategic planning.

The completion of the Corporate Plan 2021–2026 marks an important milestone for Council, providing a strong foundation for the implementation of the Corporate Plan 2026–2031 and the next phase of strategic initiatives for the Shire.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Actions and initiatives under the Corporate Plan 2021–2026 were delivered through Council's annual budgets and external grant funding opportunities where available.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

There are no significant risks associated with the completion of the Corporate Plan 2021–2026. Any actions not completed during the life of the Plan have been reviewed and, where relevant, incorporated into the Corporate Plan 2026–2031 to ensure continuity of strategic objectives and ongoing service delivery.

CRITICAL DATES

- Corporate Plan 2021–2026 completed: 30 June 2026
- Corporate Plan 2026–2031 adopted and commenced: 1 July 2026

CONSULTATION

Executive Leadership Team

14.4 BUDGET AMENDMENT – THARGOMINDAH KERB AND CHANNEL PROGRAM

File Number: 162006
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for a budget amendment of \$1,000,000 in the 2026/27 financial year to undertake priority kerb and channel renewal and construction works within Thargomindah.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulations 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 Deliver valued infrastructure, services and programs that meet community needs.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve a budget amendment of \$1,000,000 in the 2026/27 financial year for the Thargomindah Kerb and Channel Program to undertake priority kerb and channel renewal and construction works, with projects to be prioritised and delivered based on drainage outcomes, community benefit.

BACKGROUND

Council has identified a number of kerb and channel assets throughout Thargomindah that are either failing, incomplete, or no longer adequately managing stormwater runoff.

Following a recent inspection of the town, several priority locations were identified where kerb and channel works are required to improve drainage outcomes, reduce ponding of water and improve access to adjoining properties.

Of particular concern are sections where stormwater currently pools following rainfall events, resulting in prolonged water retention adjacent to roads and private property. In a number of locations, residents experience difficulties accessing their properties due to standing water and inadequate drainage.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The proposed program will focus on the renewal of failed kerb and channel sections and the construction of additional kerb and channel infrastructure where required.

Priority works identified include:

1. Stafford Street – reconstruction of the failed kerb and channel section from Turnouts Mechanical through to the walking path past Petty's.
2. Repairs to kerb and channel along Frew Street and Sams Street.
3. New kerb and channel works within the new residential subdivision area.
4. New kerb and channel construction within the township.
5. Further kerb and channel works within the new residential subdivision area.



As a minimum, Council is seeking to complete Priority 1 (Stafford Street remediation) and Priority 2 (Subdivision kerb and channel works) during the 2026 calendar year. Priority 3 works, being the renewal of kerb and channel infrastructure along Frew Street and Sams Street, are proposed to commence following completion of the associated stormwater installation works and are likely to be programmed for 2027.

The proposed works will improve stormwater management throughout Thargomindah by reducing ponding and standing water following rainfall events, improving access to residential and commercial properties, and protecting adjoining road infrastructure from deterioration. In addition, renewal of aging kerb and channel assets will enhance the appearance of the township and reduce ongoing maintenance requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that Council allocate an additional \$1,000,000 within the 2026/27 capital works budget for the Thargomindah Kerb and Channel Program.

The allocation will fund the highest priority works identified by Council and enable construction to commence during the 2026/27 financial year.

Should project costs exceed the available budget, works will be prioritised and staged to maximise drainage improvements and community benefit within the funding allocation.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Risks if the Budget Amendment is Not Approved

- Ongoing stormwater ponding following rainfall events.
- Continued difficulties for residents accessing properties.
- Further deterioration of existing kerb and channel assets.
- Increased maintenance costs associated with unsealed drainage paths and road edge failures.
- Reduced effectiveness of Council's stormwater network.
- Increased community complaints regarding drainage and flooding issues.

Risks if the Budget Amendment is Approved

- Project costs may exceed preliminary estimates due to material and labour cost increases.
- Resource availability may affect delivery timeframes.
- Some works may need to be staged across multiple financial years depending on final costs.

These risks are considered manageable and are outweighed by the operational, safety and community benefits of improving drainage and property access throughout Thargomindah.

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Councillors

Engineer

14.5 BUSINESS CASE, FEASIBILITY AND FUNDING DEVELOPMENT RESERVE

File Number: 162200
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to establish a Strategic Projects and Funding Development Reserve to provide funding for business cases, feasibility studies, preliminary investigations, grant application development, concept designs and regional partnership initiatives that align with Council's adopted strategic priorities. The reserve will enable Council to progress approved strategic opportunities in a timely manner without requiring individual budget allocations for each project development activity.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulations 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

3.4. Plan and deliver projects that support sustainable regional economic growth

3.4.3. Develop and progress business cases and advocacy material for key economic initiatives

5.4. Plan and deliver sustainable infrastructure that meets current and future needs

5.4.4. Develop business cases and project scoping for future infrastructure priorities

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Establish a Strategic Projects and Grant Development Fund with an annual allocation of \$100,000.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to approve expenditure from the Fund up to \$15,000 per project for:
 - Business cases;
 - Feasibility studies;
 - Land surveys and site investigations;
 - Concept and preliminary design work;
 - Technical investigations;
 - Grant and funding application development;
 - Joint regional projects; and
 - Specialist professional advice required to progress strategic opportunities.

3. Require all expenditure from the Fund to be reported to Council through the monthly financial report.
4. Note that expenditure from the Fund does not constitute approval to proceed with project delivery, construction or ongoing commitments, which remain subject to separate Council consideration where required.

BACKGROUND

Council regularly identifies infrastructure, community, economic development and regional partnership opportunities that require preliminary investigation before external funding can be secured or a final investment decision can be made. Activities such as business case preparation, feasibility studies, concept designs, grant application development and specialist technical advice are often required to progress projects from an initial concept to a funding-ready stage.

Council's adopted Operational Plan includes actions relating to developing business cases and project scoping for future infrastructure priorities, recognising that project development is a critical step in securing external funding and delivering strategic outcomes.

At present, project development activities may require separate budget allocations or Council resolutions, even where the proposal aligns with Council's adopted strategic priorities. This can delay project progression and reduce Council's ability to respond quickly to time-sensitive funding opportunities.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The establishment of a Strategic Projects and Funding Development Reserve would provide Council with a dedicated funding source to support the investigation and advancement of strategic opportunities that have already been endorsed through Council's planning processes.

Eligible expenditure may include:

- Business cases;
- Feasibility studies;
- Land surveys and site investigations;
- Concept and preliminary design work;
- Technical investigations;
- Grant and funding application development;
- Joint regional projects; and
- Specialist professional advice required to progress strategic opportunities.

The proposed reserve would improve organisational efficiency by allowing project development activities to proceed without the need for individual budget amendments each time funding is required. This would be particularly beneficial where Council is required to contribute to joint applications with neighbouring councils, undertake preliminary investigations to support future grant applications, or respond to emerging funding opportunities within short timeframes.

The reserve would not provide authority to commence construction works, enter into major contractual commitments or undertake project delivery. Any future capital expenditure, project implementation or ongoing operational commitments would remain subject to Council approval through the normal budget and governance processes.

To maintain transparency and accountability, expenditure from the reserve would be approved under delegated authority and reported to Council through the monthly financial reporting process. This would provide Council with oversight while reducing administrative delays associated with progressing strategic project development activities.

Assessment Criteria

Prior to approving expenditure from the Strategic Projects and Funding Development Reserve, the Chief Executive Officer must be satisfied that the proposed expenditure:

1. Align with an adopted Council plans or priorities, including the Corporate Plan, Operational Plan, Asset Management Plans or a Council resolution.
2. Supports the investigation, development or advancement of a strategic project, funding opportunity or regional initiative.
3. Provides a reasonable prospect of delivering community, economic, environmental or operational benefits to the Bulloo Shire.
4. Does not commit Council to project delivery or create an ongoing financial obligation without further Council approval.
5. Represents value for money having regard to the anticipated outcomes.
6. Can be accommodated within the available reserve balance.
7. Is not already funded through an existing operational or capital budget.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$150,000

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Risk	Mitigation
Strategic opportunities are missed due to delays in obtaining budget approval for preliminary investigations or funding applications.	Establish a dedicated reserve to enable timely project development activities.
Council invests resources in business cases or feasibility studies that do not proceed to external funding or implementation.	Apply assessment criteria to ensure expenditure aligns with adopted strategic priorities and anticipated community outcomes.
Expenditure occurs on projects that do not have clear Council support.	Restrict reserve usage to projects aligned with adopted plans, Council resolutions or endorsed strategic priorities.

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

14.6 ACQUISITION OF PART OF LOT 30 WN8 FOR FUTURE TOWNSHIP EXPANSION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**File Number:** 162031**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:**
1. PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITION 030726 - 1
2. PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITION 030726 - 2**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement to proceed with an application to purchase part of Lot 30 WN8 from the State of Queensland to facilitate the future expansion of the Thargomindah township, support future residential and industrial land development opportunities, and provide land for future local government and community infrastructure projects.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulations 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Strategy 3.4 – Plan and deliver projects that support sustainable regional economic growth

This proposal directly supports Strategy 3.4 by securing land required to facilitate future residential, industrial, commercial and community development opportunities within Thargomindah. The acquisition will assist Council in addressing future housing demand, supporting population growth and enabling long-term economic development outcomes

Strategy 5.4 – Plan and deliver sustainable infrastructure that meets current and future needs

The proposal also supports Strategy 5.4, by securing land that may be required for future infrastructure, community facilities and township expansion.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the acquisition of part of Lot 30 WN8 for future township expansion, housing development, community infrastructure and economic development purposes.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to lodge an application with the State of Queensland to purchase part of Lot 30 Wn8.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake Native Title consultation and negotiate any required Indigenous Land Use Agreement associated with the proposed acquisition.
4. Receive a further report once the State's consideration of the application has progressed and more detailed cost estimates become available.

BACKGROUND

Council has identified the need to secure additional land to support the future growth and sustainability of Thargomindah. Population attraction and retention, housing availability, economic development opportunities, and the provision of community infrastructure continue to be strategic priorities for Council.

The land subject to this application comprises part of Lot 30 WN8 and is currently utilised as a pastoral reserve (Town Common). Initial discussions have been undertaken with relevant Native Title representatives regarding Council's intention to acquire the land, with preliminary support indicated for the lodgement of an application.

The acquisition aligns with Council's broader strategic objectives relating to housing development, industrial land availability, community infrastructure provision and long-term township growth planning. Council's recent strategic planning activities have identified housing and population sustainability as a key priority for the future of the Shire

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Council is seeking to acquire part of Lot 30 WN8 to create opportunities for future development that cannot be readily accommodated within the existing township footprint.

Potential future uses of the land include:

- Residential subdivision and housing development.
- Future industrial and commercial land opportunities.
- Construction of local government and community infrastructure.
- Future public open space and community facilities.
- Long-term township expansion associated with population growth.

The acquisition does not commit Council to immediate development but will secure strategically located land to support future planning initiatives and funding opportunities.

Should the State support the application, further investigations will be undertaken regarding:

- Survey requirements.
- Planning and development approvals.
- Native Title requirements.
- Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) negotiations, if required.
- Infrastructure servicing requirements.
- Detailed master planning and staging.

Securing the land now will place Council in a stronger position to respond to future housing shortages, economic development proposals, and infrastructure needs.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that Council allocate a budget of \$200,000 to support the acquisition process.

The allocation is intended to provide sufficient funding for the purchase process and associated negotiations. Any future subdivision, infrastructure or development works would be subject to separate Council consideration and budget approval.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Risk Title	Risk Details	Risk Mitigation
Strategic Risk	Failure to secure suitable land may limit Council's ability to accommodate future population growth, housing demand, economic development opportunities and future community infrastructure requirements. This may constrain Council's ability to implement long-term strategic planning objectives and respond to emerging community needs.	Council is proactively seeking to acquire strategically located land to provide opportunities for future residential, industrial, commercial and community development. Securing the land now provides flexibility for future growth and supports orderly township expansion.
Financial Risk	The final purchase price will be determined through the State's assessment process and may exceed preliminary estimates. Additional costs may be incurred for surveying, legal advice, valuation, Native Title negotiations, planning investigations and transaction costs.	Council has proposed an initial budget allocation of \$200,000 to support the acquisition process. Appropriate due diligence, valuation assessments and legal advice will be obtained prior to committing to the purchase. Any significant variation from approved budget estimates will be reported back to Council for consideration.
Native Title Risk	Native Title processes and the negotiation of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) may increase project costs, extend project timeframes or affect the ability to complete the acquisition.	Council has commenced preliminary engagement with relevant Native Title representatives and will continue consultation throughout the process. Specialist legal and Native Title advice will be obtained to support negotiations and ensure compliance with statutory requirements.
Approval Risk	There is no guarantee that the State will approve Council's application to purchase the land. Refusal of the application could limit future opportunities for township expansion in the proposed location.	Council will prepare a comprehensive application demonstrating the strategic need for the land, including housing, economic development and community infrastructure outcomes. Early engagement with relevant State agencies will be undertaken to address any matters raised during the assessment process.

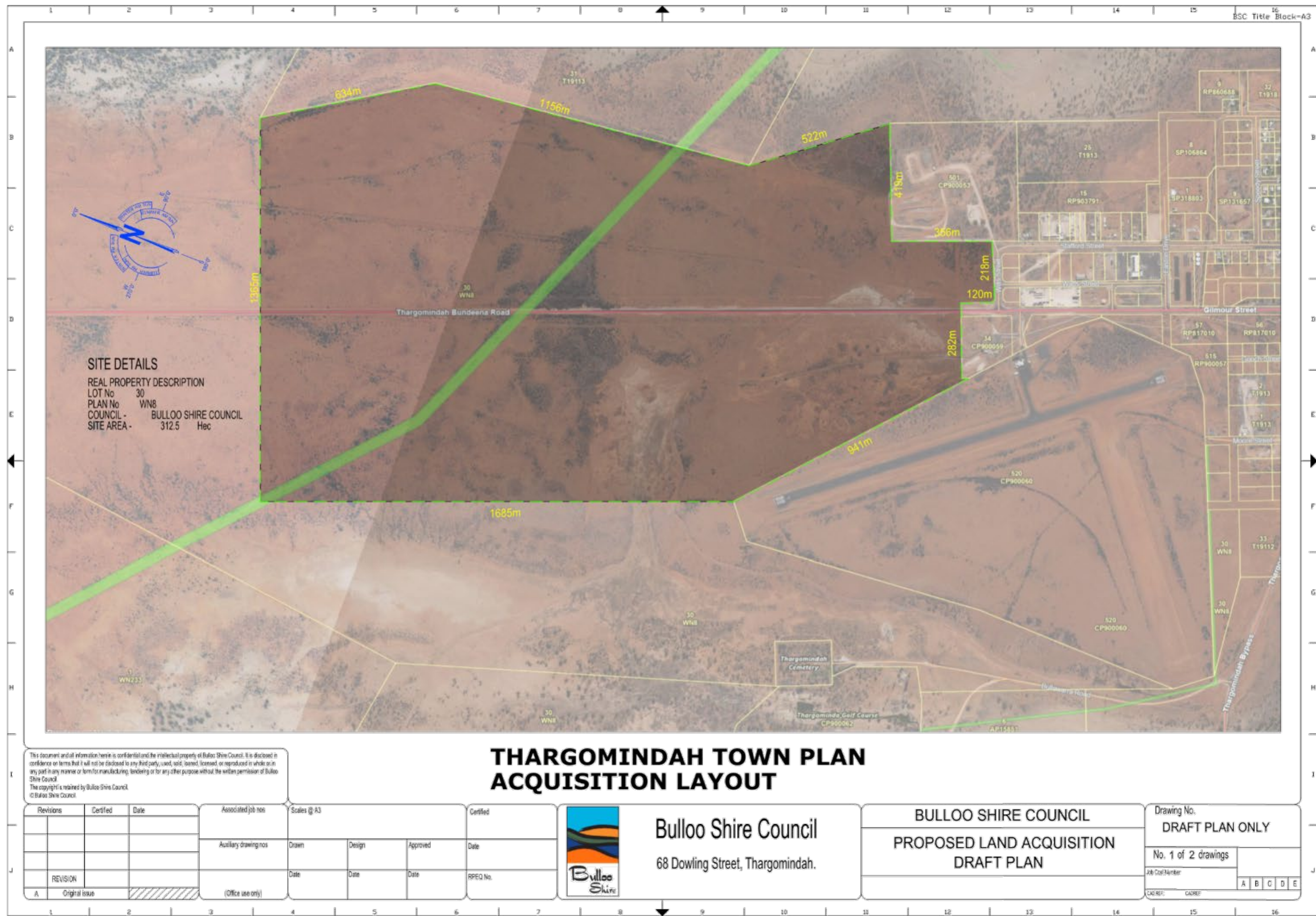
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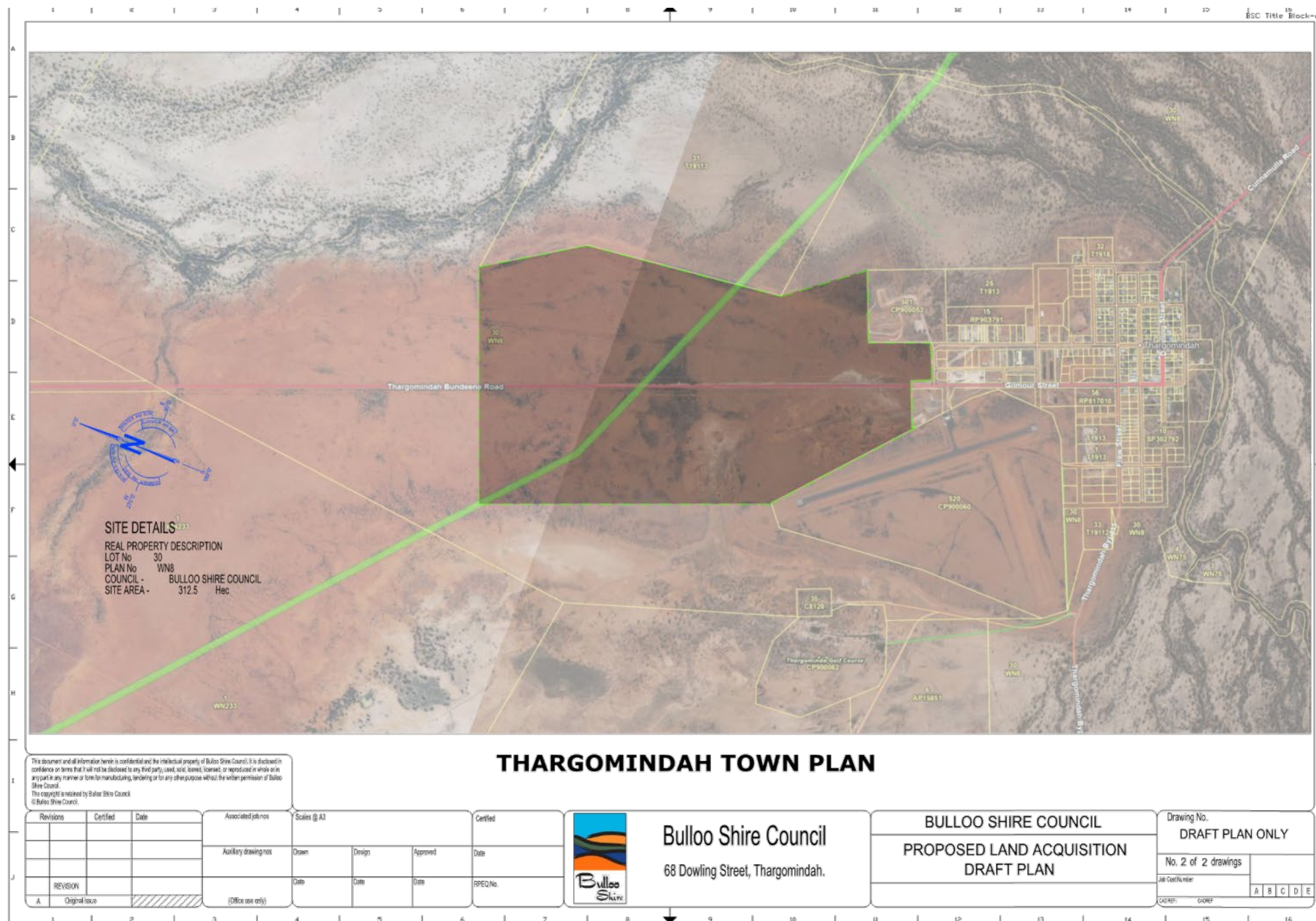
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CONSULTATION

Councillors

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14.7 DISASTER MANAGEMENT REFORM DISCUSSION PAPER - SUBMISSION**File Number:** 162226**Author:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:**

1. Bulloo - DRFF potential impacts
2. Disaster Management Reform - Discussion Paper - 6 July 2026 (under separate cover)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the submission prepared in response to the Australian Government's Disaster Management Reform Discussion Paper (6 July 2026) and proposed Disaster Recovery Funding Framework (DRFF), and authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to lodge the submission on behalf of Bulloo Shire Council.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

- Local Government Act 2009
 - Section 4 – Local government principles.
 - Section 13 – Responsibilities of local government.
- Local Government Regulation 2012.
- Disaster Management Act 2003.
- Australian Government Disaster Management Reform Discussion Paper (July 2026).

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

2.5 Improve disaster preparedness and recovery capacity

RECOMMEDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the preparation and lodgement of a submission in response to the Australian Government's Disaster Management Reform Discussion Paper.
2. Note that the submission remains under development and that a draft has been provided to Councillors for information.
3. Authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to finalise and lodge the submission on behalf of Bulloo Shire Council prior to the submission deadline.

BACKGROUND

On 6 July 2026, the Australian Government released the Disaster Management Reform - Discussion Paper - 6 July 2026, seeking feedback on proposed reforms to national disaster

recovery funding arrangements through the introduction of a new Disaster Recovery Funding Framework (DRFF). Written submissions close on 19 August 2026.

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) has advised that modelling undertaken by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority indicates the proposed reforms could significantly reduce disaster recovery funding flowing to Queensland and has encouraged councils to make individual submissions outlining local impacts.

Bulloo Shire Council has prepared a draft submission outlining the likely impacts of the proposed reforms on remote local governments and advocating for changes to the framework before implementation.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The Australian Government has invited submissions on the proposed Disaster Recovery Funding Framework (DRFF), with submissions closing on 19 August 2026.

Due to the timing of the consultation period and the ongoing review of the Discussion Paper, the submission remains under development at the time this report was prepared. Councillors have been provided with a draft of the submission to outline the key issues and proposed positions. Council is therefore being asked to endorse the preparation and lodgement of a submission and to authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to finalise and lodge the submission prior to the closing date.

The proposed DRFF would represent a significant shift in disaster recovery funding arrangements. Council's draft submission raises concerns that the reforms may result in reduced Commonwealth funding available to Queensland following natural disasters and increase financial exposure for rural and remote councils.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct budget implications associated with endorsing and lodging the submission.

However, the proposed DRFF has the potential to significantly impact future disaster recovery funding available to Bulloo Shire Council and may increase the financial exposure of Council following major disaster events. Council's submission identifies potential reductions in funding support and associated cost-shifting risks should the proposed reforms proceed in their current form.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Risk	Mitigation
Reduced disaster recovery funding available to Council under future disaster events.	Advocate through the submission process for a funding model that appropriately recognises the circumstances of remote councils.
Increased cost burden on Council and ratepayers.	Seek amendments to the proposed framework to avoid cost shifting to local government.
Reduced ability to restore critical infrastructure following major disasters.	Continue to work with LGAQ, QRA and neighbouring councils to advocate for sustainable disaster funding arrangements.
Failure to represent local community interests	Lodge an evidence-based submission prior to

during the consultation process.	the consultation closing date.
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CRITICAL DATES

19 August 2026

CONSULTATION

LGAQ

QRA

Peak Services

Shepherd Service

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Potential impacts of proposed Disaster Recovery Funding Framework (DRFF) on Queensland councils^**Bulloo Shire Council**

Since its introduction in 2018, Council has received the following direct support under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Event Year	Number of events	Category A	Category B	Category C	Category D	Total Council DRFA program	Recovered from Commonwealth		
							Existing DRFA 64%	Proposed DRFF 50%	Cost-shift to state/ council under DRFF
2018-19	1	4,408	642,246	-	-	646,654	413,858	323,327	- 90,532
2019-20	1	24,234	9,200,125	-	-	9,224,359	5,903,590	4,612,180	- 1,291,410
2020-21	1	-	3,258,793	-	661,175	3,919,968	2,508,780	1,959,984	- 548,796
2021-22	2	-	8,485,181	-	-	8,485,181	5,430,516	4,242,591	- 1,187,925
2022-23	2	-	2,986,038	-	-	2,986,038	1,911,064	1,493,019	- 418,045
2023-24	3	-	46,565,637	-	-	46,565,637	29,802,008	23,282,818	- 6,519,189
2024-25	1	8,119,797	58,860,077	809,911	-	67,789,786	43,385,463	33,894,893	- 9,490,570
2025-26 [#]	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	11	8,148,439	129,998,098	809,911	661,175	139,617,623	89,355,279	69,808,812	- 19,546,467
									-22%

Source: QRA program data as at 23 June 2026, Existing DRFA % (64%) is historical statewide average (2018-19 to 2022-23) based on C'wealth data presented in Colvin Report[^].

2025-26 program values based on submissions lodged with QRA to date, and excludes any additional submissions that remain In Development by Council.

Recovery support provided to Council since the introduction of DRFA in 2018**11 events****\$139.6 million****HEADLINE IMPACTS ^****1. 50/50 cost-sharing would reduce Commonwealth's funding for Council's program by****\$19.5 million****-22%**

Either the State and/or Council would need to fund the shortfall to maintain existing levels of support.

2. Eligibility of Council's Counter Disaster Operations (CDO) costs is unclear and 'subject to consultation'**\$8,148,439****3. Betterment**

Since its introduction in 2013, Council has delivered 1 Betterment projects with \$0.3M funding. If DRFF had instead been in place, 0 of these projects worth \$0k would have been fully funded.

\$252,912

The remaining 1 projects would have been eligible for DRFF funding of \$4.9k, a shortfall of \$0.3M.

This analysis of potential impacts is based on QRA data, the Colvin Report and correspondence and public fact sheets issued by the Commonwealth in relation to the DRFF as at 23 June 2026.

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Other changes proposed under DRFF^

Category A	In addition to potential changes to CDO eligibility (<i>see Headline Impacts</i>), DRFF proposes national standardisation of personal hardship assistance payments. Existing grants paid to Council residents through the State (not included in Council impacts above) for Individual Hardship, Structural Assistance etc. may change (up/ down/ amended).	
Category B	Any difference between estimated and actual projects' costs would be returned to the Australian Government under DRFF, meaning any over-runs above an individual project's estimated reconstruction cost (ERC) may be fully borne by the State/Council. Under DRFA, the State funds 100% eligible actual costs even if Councils' actual cost to deliver exceeds its Recommended Value/ERC. The State can currently do this as DRFA allows a project overspend to be funded from efficiencies realised elsewhere across the state's entire reconstruction program for a given event year. Under DRFF, any legitimate overspend on a Council project relative to its ERC might not be eligible for reimbursement.	tbd
Category C	DRFF proposes national standardisation of community recovery support. Existing grants to Primary Producers, Small Businesses and Not-for-Profit in Council's LGA paid through the State (not included in Council impact numbers above) may change. The form of mental health programs, Community Recovery Officers and other Category C programs available under DRFA will also be standardised/amended.	
Category D	Category D exceptional packages will be removed under DRFF though " <i>Additional support may be considered in genuinely extraordinary circumstances</i> ". No detail has been provided on what constitutes 'genuinely extraordinary circumstances' or the types of support, consideration process and approvals that would be required to secure funding. Betterment in its current form will no longer be available. Instead, a Resilient Infrastructure Scheme would standardise betterment at 15% of an assets' ERC " <i>where specific criteria met</i> ". The criteria is unknown but will likely be set by the Commonwealth (to meet its national consistency objective). <i>See Att 1 for detailed analysis by Betterment project of what may or may not have been eligible.</i> Other Category C and D packages that Council has been funded under DRFA may no longer be available (<i>see Att 2</i>).	\$252,912 \$809,911
Efficiencies	The DRFA Efficiencies Framework will be removed under DRFF with " <i>any difference between estimated and actual project costs to be returned to Commonwealth</i> ". Instead, the Resilient Infrastructure Scheme will fund betterment of individual damaged assets, and the Commonwealth has cited availability of its Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) as an alternate source for other resilience funding (inc. new or non-infrastructure resilience projects not eligible for betterment). In 2026-27, the DRF will allocate up to \$142.5M by competitive application nationally across Australia's 8 jurisdictions. Under the existing framework, Queensland has allocated >\$700 million of DRFA efficiencies to strategic disaster mitigation and risk reduction activities across the state, including through the \$450 million Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program.	
Event activation	The small disaster criterion at which an event is eligible for DRFF support increases from \$240k to \$2.7 million . Although a statewide threshold, should Council be impacted by a disaster with geographically isolated impacts, the increased threshold may restrict activation of any DRFF funding support for Council.	

This analysis of potential impacts is based on QRA data, the Colvin Report and correspondence and public fact sheets issued by the Commonwealth in relation to the DRFF as at 23 June 2026.

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Att 1 - Council Betterment projects since 2013

Projects approved for Council under Betterment programs since 2013	1	\$257,812
Of these, projects fully eligible under DRFF eligibility criteria	0	\$0
<i>Projects that would not have been fully funded under DRFF</i>	1	\$257,812
<i>DRFF funding that would have been available for these projects (15% of Cat B REPA ERC)</i>		\$4,900
Betterment funding shortfall under DRFF		\$252,912

Event year	Submission Number	Project Name	Cat B REPA Approved	Cat D / E Betterment Approved	Cat D Ratio of Cat B Approved	DRFF 15% eligibility criteria met
2020-2021	BSC.0026.2021L.REC	Innamincka Road, Warry Gate Road	\$ 32,667	\$ 257,812	789%	N

This analysis of potential impacts is based on QRA data, the Colvin Report and correspondence and public fact sheets issued by the Commonwealth in relation to the DRFF as at 23 June 2026.

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Att 2 - Category C and D funding that Council has been approved for under DRFA (other than Betterment)		\$	809,911
2024-2025	Extraordinary Clean up		\$809,911

This analysis of potential impacts is based on QRA data, the Colvin Report and correspondence and public fact sheets issued by the Commonwealth in relation to the DRFF as at 23 June 2026.

14.8 REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND - THARGOMINDAH

File Number: 161877
Author: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to enable Council to consider a request to purchase freehold land within Thargomindah which was previously offered for sale via tender.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Growth to support a strong and diverse Economy.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) Accept the offer from Max Orbell and Kate Humprhis for the purchase of Lot 2 SP348654 for the sum of \$6,000 (including GST).
- b) Apply Council's standard conditions of sale, including:
 - payment of a \$5,000 building bond; and
 - a requirement that construction of a dwelling commence within 24 months of settlement, failing which the bond may be forfeited.

BACKGROUND

Council offered five (5) residential lots for sale via Request for Tender in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012. The lots are located along Sams and Frew Streets, Thargomindah.

Council received four (4) offers, with one subsequently withdrawn.

Lot 2 on SP348654 (107 Frew Street, Thargomindah) remained unsold following the tender process. Council has since received an offer to purchase this lot.

Property Details:

Address	Description	Area	Zoning
107 Frew Street, Thargomindah	Lot 2 SP348654	1633m ²	General Residential

The land is zoned General Residential, which supports urban development and a mix of uses serving the local community.

DISCUSSION

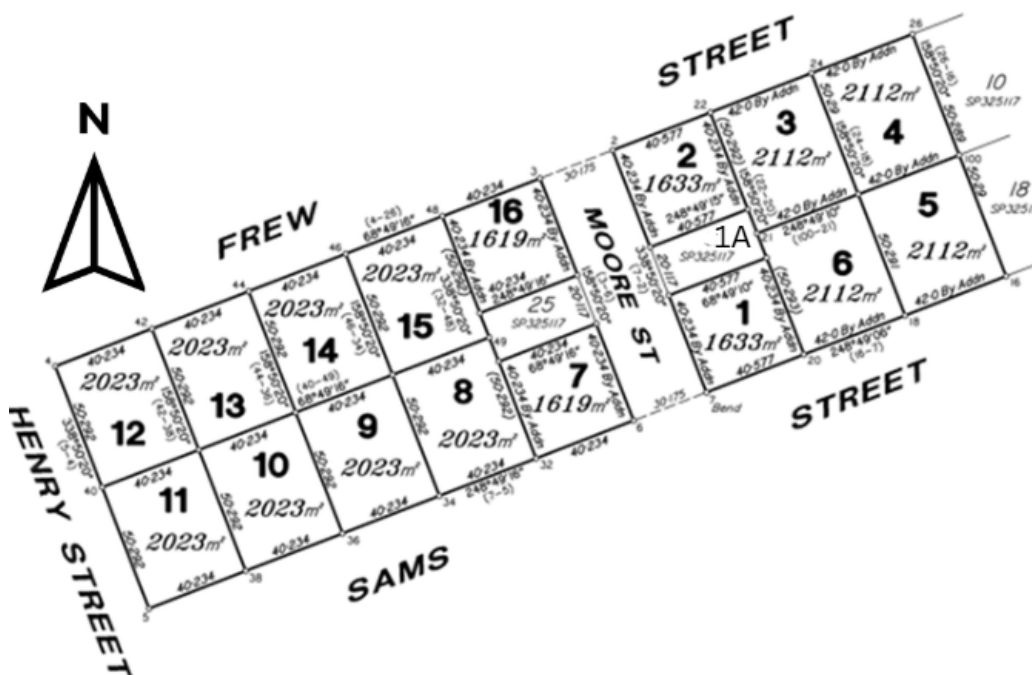
Council has received an offer from Max Orbell and Kate Humprhis to purchase Lot 2 SP348654 for \$6,000 to build a family home.

Council's standard condition for the sale of residential land includes a \$5,000 building bond to ensure timely development. Consistent with previous sales, it is proposed that this requirement be applied to this sale, with a requirement that construction of a dwelling commence within 24 months of settlement.

Infrastructure and Services

Council has secured funding under the Residential Activation Fund to deliver trunk infrastructure (water, sewerage, stormwater, kerb and channel) for the Sams and Frew Street subdivision. Works are scheduled to commence in early 2026, with completion anticipated in late 2026.

- Water: Connection to the reticulated water supply will be available upon application and payment of applicable fees.
- Sewerage: Connection to Council's vacuum sewerage system will be available upon application and payment of applicable fees.
- Kerb and Channel: To be delivered under the Residential Activation Fund works. Timeframes remain indicative.
- Electricity and Telecommunications: Connection is the responsibility of the purchaser.
- Rates: Standard Council rates and charges will apply upon transfer of ownership.



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with the sale include contract preparation, lodgement and registration with the Department of Resources.

The current land valuation is \$4,000 - \$5,000 for a 2,030m² lot.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

14.9 ADMIN & FINANCE REPORT**File Number:** 162043**Author:** Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Administration & Finance Services Report for June 2026.

ADMINISTRATION**Customer Service Requests**

Listed below is a summary of the 14 External Service Requests received for the month of June 2026.

Department - Type	Number
Housing Maintenance	11
Hire of Plant & Equipment	1
Council Building Maintenance	2

TENDERS

Item	Department	Status
T2025-2026-208 Turkey Nest Dam Constructions – Warri Gate Road	Executive	Open
T2025-2026-118 Two (2) x Water Cart Hire for Noccundra Airstrip	Engineer	Report to Council
T2025-2026-119 One (1) x Water Cart Hire for Warri Gate Road CRC Project	Engineer	Report to Council
T2025-2026-2XX Flood Damage Roads Restoration – Various Roads	Executive	Report to Council

PROCUREMENT

Bulloo Shire Council's Procurement Policy states the commitment of Council to assist the local businesses in the development of competitive local business and industry. This is stated in Council's Procurement Policy Statement No. 2:

"Council acknowledges that it has an important role to play in the local economy and is committed to assisting local industry engage in business with Council."

To date, Council has paid a total of **\$22,328,811** to local contractors and businesses for all goods and services procured from 1st July 2025 to 30th June 2026.

WRITE OFFS

As per Council resolution 2026/113, Council endorsed the write-off of the net amount of \$1,413.13 relating to the Regional Express debtor account. The original debtor balance totalled \$15,542.13, with Council receiving grant funding of \$14,129.00 in relation to this matter.

In accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the grant funding could not be directly offset against the debtor account and was required to be recognised separately as grant revenue. As a result, the financial records will show the full debtor balance of \$15,542.13 being written off against the Regional Express account, with the \$14,129.00 receipted separately to Grants Income. The net financial impact to Council remains \$1,413.13, consistent with the amount endorsed by Council.

GRANTS

Council continues to seek new funding as grant opportunities arise, with the below list providing a summary of all existing and applied for grant programs:

Gambling Community Benefit Fund

This project is now complete but cannot be acquitted due to online grants system transitioning to a new system. Timelines for acquittals will be adjusted appropriately.

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) 24-25 and WQPHN 25-26

These are ongoing operational grants that are being successfully delivered by Council and managed by Council's Health and Wellbeing Officer.

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure – Phase 1, 3 & 4

- 2024-25 Annual Reports for all phases submitted.
- Final report for Phase 1 submitted.
- All works for Phase 3 and Phase 4 now completed with final acquittal reports submitted.
- All phases will still require audited annual reports after the end of the financial year.

QRA Crucial Access Links - Sealing and fencing of Noccundra Airstrip.

Monthly Update included in Operational Services Report.

Residential Activation Fund – Sams/Frew St Truck Infrastructure

- Contract for the water mains extension awarded and ground broken in June 2026.
- Final design for the sewerage infrastructure has been completed, with tender documentation currently in development.
- Final design for the stormwater infrastructure has also been completed, with tender documentation in development.
- The end of June progress report has been finalised and is awaiting submission.

Residential Activation Fund –Sewerage Treatment Plant

- Design options are being finalised.
- Ground was broken end May 2026.
- The end of June progress report has been finalised and is awaiting submission.

Country Roads Connect Program

10km Seal on Warri Gate Road. *Monthly Update included in Operational Services Report.*

Community Recovery and Resilience Officer (CRRO)

Council has been funded to engage a full-time equivalent (FTE)* CRRO and delivery of community recovery Eligible Activities. The applicant commenced duty on 13 April 2026 and has submitted a draft Action Plan.

Monthly Updates included in Community, Culture & Places Report.

Supply Scheme Fund

Council has been approved for funding to undertake a review of the planning scheme. Contractor awarded and review underway.

Community Energy Upgrade Fund

Council was successful in its application for funds to install rooftop solar PV systems and automation controls at three Council owned facilities in Thargomindah.

Monthly Updates included in Special Projects Report.

Sport and Recreation Recovery Grants

Funding approved for the Community Centre, Sports Grounds (Oval), Memorial Park and Rodeo Grounds and the Golf Club.

Monthly Updates included in Special Projects Report.

Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program (QRRRP)

Council was invited to apply for funds for flood studies and levee concept designs for Thargomindah and Hungerford, the design of an evacuation centre for Thargomindah updating the Local Disaster Management Plan and subplans and updating the Disaster Dashboard. The applications follow the Government announcement in January 2026 of a \$15 million investment to build flood resilience in South West Queensland, with '\$10 million to design and early works for a flood levee to protect Thargomindah, managing flood risk for the Bulloo, Lower Thomson River and Cooper Creek catchments'.

Monthly Updates included in Special Projects Report.

Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program

Application for Warri Gate Road Stage 4 submitted.

Grant applications in development include:

- Passenger Transport Accessible Infrastructure Program – potential projects to be agreed – note 50% co-contribution.
- Home Grown Tourism Events Program – when program opens.
- Regional Tourism Infrastructure Program – when program opens.
- Council applied for funds under the Rural Libraries Queensland Places and Spaces grant for painting and carpeting.
- Council is exploring funding and grant options to upgrade tourism and heritage assets/facilities.
- Grants Officer will undertake further review of upcoming grants to align with new Council priorities and Local Resilience Action Plan.

14.10 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**File Number:** 162044**Author:** Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present Council's monthly financial statements.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Financial Performance Report for period ending 30th June 2026 in accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*, Council must prepare a financial report and present the report at each meeting of government.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

Financial statements, including Council's Operating Statement, Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) and Cash Flow Statement for the period ending 30th June 2026, are included for the information of Council.

These financial statements will not be finalised until all required adjustments have been completed and they have been independently audited.

Financial Sustainability Indicators

Council's Current Ratio key performance indicator is showing lower than target guidelines due to Council's high contract liabilities and revenue not yet received/recognised. This ratio is expected to gradually improve as Council's operations continue and contract liabilities decrease, resulting in a more favourable ratio.

Key Local Government Performance Indicators

Indicator		Target	30 th June 2026	Comment
Current Ratio Is Council able to pay off its short-term liabilities with its current assets?	<i>Current Assets/Current Liabilities</i>	Greater than 3%	2.59%	Lower than target. Grant funds received before works complete.
Operating Surplus Ratio Does Council have sufficient operating revenue to meet Council operating costs?	<i>Surplus (Deficit) from council operations / Revenue generated from Council operations</i>	0 to 10%	22%	Higher than target.
Unrestricted Cash Expense Ratio Has Council properly planned for when payments associated with Council activities are due?	Unrestricted Cash / Expected cash operating costs for one month	Greater than 4 months	11.63 months	Higher than target.

Operating Statement (Income Statement)				
Period Ending 30th June 2026				
	Jun-26	Actual - YTD	Amended Budget 2025/2026	Variance %
Operating Revenue				
Rates and Charges	0	6,173,678	6,236,385	99%
Less: Discount, Rebate & Remissions	2,294	-173,957	-180,171	97%
	2,294	5,999,721	6,056,214	
Fees and Charges	5,046	55,883	61,195	91%
Interest	248,060	1,976,987	1,563,710	126%
Rental Income	63,586	481,267	414,409	116%
	316,692	2,514,137	2,039,314	
Recoverable Works	813,145	4,249,482	7,441,442	57%
Other Income	58,484	424,252	414,073	102%
Contributions	0	15,000	0	
Subsidies and Grants	10,410,374	42,346,422	57,976,913	73%
	11,282,003	47,035,156	65,832,428	
Total Operating Revenues	11,600,989	55,549,014	73,927,956	
Operating Expenditure				
Administration and Governance Cost	59,581	9,463,444	11,380,694	83%
Corporate Services Costs	286,300	1,972,556	4,213,538	47%
Town Service Costs	230,606	2,220,161	3,577,500	62%
Net Plant Operating Costs	-114,190	-2,050,565	-2,154,170	95%
Rural Service	42,571	481,568	827,459	58%
Finance Services	5,903	58,704	44,967	131%
Depreciation	563,916	6,569,781	6,462,186	102%
Road Services	3,085,007	24,823,538	47,329,635	52%
Total Operating Expenditure	4,159,694	43,539,187	71,681,809	
OPERATING CAPABILITY BEFORE CAPITAL	7,441,295	12,009,827	2,246,147	
Capital Items				
Sale of non-current assets	-8,012	-8,012	-893,908	
Contributions	0	0	6,243,500	
Subsidies and Grants	-392,957	11,346,475	15,018,016	76%
Capital Expenditure	0	0	-20,367,608	
INCR / (DECR) IN OPERATING CAPABILITY INCL CAPITAL	7,040,325	23,348,289	2,246,147	

Financial Position			
As at 30th June 2026			
	Notes	Balance	Amended Budget 2025/2026
Current Assets			
Cash and Equivalents	11	64,411,130	37,634,000
Trade and Other Receivables	12	1,393,626	6,110,000
Prepayments		0	184,000
Inventories	13	4,045,961	4,154,000
Contract Assets	12	4,013,468	8,029,000
Other Current Assets		0	0
		73,864,185	56,111,000
Land Held for Development /Sale	15	-6,818	0
Total Current Assets	2	73,857,367	56,111,000
Non-Current Assets			
Trade & Other Receivables		0	0
Property, Plant and Equipment	18	314,417,189	327,540,000
Total Non-Current Assets	2	314,417,189	327,540,000
TOTAL ASSETS		388,274,556	383,651,000
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payments	20	1,586,936	5,634,000
Contract Liabilities		25,744,694	22,644,000
Borrowings	21	0	0
Provisions	23	1,163,374	1,150,000
Total Current Liabilities		28,495,004	29,428,000
Non-Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	20	0	0
Contract Liabilities		0	0
Borrowings	21	0	0
Provisions	23	86,561	34,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities		86,561	34,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES		28,581,565	29,462,000
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS		359,692,991	354,189,000
Community Equity			
Asset Revaluation Reserve	25	190,179,067	190,179,000
Accumulated Surplus	26	169,513,924	164,010,000
Shire Capital		0	0
Other Reserves	28	0	0
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		359,692,991	354,189,000

Balance Sheet: Note 11

Cash at bank – the majority of this has been invested in QTC at market rates to maximise return on investment.

Account	Balance	Interest Rate	Restricted Cash	Unrestricted Cash
NAB	1,484,219	4.20%		1,484,219
Explorers Caravan Park	24,890	0.00%		24,890
QTC - 22039	7,031,340	5.18%		7,031,340
QTC - 22040	52,324,575	5.17%	28,581,565	23,743,010
QTC - 23766	3,544,904	5.18%		3,544,904
Float Money	1,203	0.00%		1,203
Total	64,411,130		28,581,565	35,829,565

Council's unrestricted cash has increased from \$28,458,362 in May to \$35,829,565 in June, resulting in a \$7,371,203 increase. The primary reason for this movement is the receipt of the 2026–27 Financial Assistance Grant (FAG) advance payment.

Note: While the unrestricted cash balance is reported at \$35.83 million, this amount includes funds required to support Council's ongoing operational budget. Accordingly, the full unrestricted cash balance is not available for new projects or discretionary expenditure.

Please refer to the below cash flow workings that make up this movement.

Bulloo Shire Council			
Cash Flows Operating Activities Workings			
	May-26	Jun-26	Inc/(Dec)
	\$	\$	\$
Receipts from customers			
Rates, levies and charges	5,997,431	5,999,725	2,294
Fees and charges	50,837	290,694	239,857
Sales revenue	4,062,976	5,176,778	1,113,802
Other income	365,768	189,435	-176,333
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables			0
Receivables - Current	-410,009	278,106	688,115
Receivables - Non Current	0	0	0
Loss allowance	0	0	0
Increase/(decrease) in allowance for expected credit losses			0
Loss allowance	0	0	0
GST Payable(Output)			0
July	102,450	102,450	0
August	133,298	133,298	0
September	467,220	467,220	0
October	250,165	250,165	0
November	326,700	326,700	0
December	402,006	402,006	0
January	820,843	820,843	0
February	293,248	293,248	0

March	515,530	515,530	0
April	722,007	722,007	0
May	0	0	0
June	0	0	0
Net GST Receivable	-95,878	-95,878	0
Receipts from customers	14,004,592	15,872,327	1,867,735

Payments to suppliers and employees	\$	\$	\$
Employee benefits	-4,869,941	-4,869,941	0
Materials and services	-29,077,525	-32,968,053	-3,890,528
Finance costs	-52,800	-58,704	-5,904
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	-481,952	115,318	597,270
(Increase)/decrease in prepayment	184,416	184,416	0
Increase/(decrease) in payables	-2,457,888	-1,862,738	595,150
Increase/(decrease) in employee leave entitlements - Current	46,396	65,620	19,224
Increase/(decrease) in employee leave entitlements - Non current	0	0	0
Creditor's GST (Input)			
July	-418,127	-418,127	0
August	-389,332	-389,332	0
September	-380,181	-380,181	0
October	-723,756	-723,756	0
November	-328,554	-328,554	0
December	-441,459	-441,459	0
January	-423,142	-423,142	0
February	-277,117	-277,117	0
March	-189,926	-189,926	0
April	-365,995	-365,995	0
May	0	0	0
June	0	0	0
Payments to suppliers and employees	-40,646,883	-43,331,671	-2,684,788

Net receipts from customers payments to suppliers	-26,642,291	-27,459,344	-817,053
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Interest received	1,728,927	1,976,987	248,060
Rental income	417,681	481,267	63,586
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	37,343,560	45,240,116	7,896,556

Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	12,847,877	20,239,026	7,391,149
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Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	15,067,970	15,583,620	515,650
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Payments for property, plant and equipment	-11,658,044	-13,152,737	-1,494,693
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Net cash outflow from investing activities	3,409,926	2,430,883	-979,043
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Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	16,257,803	22,669,909	6,412,106
Cash and cash equivalents at end of reporting year	57,999,024	64,411,130	6,412,106
Restricted Cash			
Contract liabilities	27,318,161	25,744,694	-1,573,467
Liabilities	991,789	1,586,936	595,147
Committed Costs	0	0	0
Provisions	1,230,712	1,249,935	19,223
Total Restricted Cash	29,540,662	28,581,565	-959,097
Total Unrestricted Cash	28,458,362	35,829,565	7,371,203

Bulloo Shire Council Statement of Cash Flows Period Ending 30th June 2026			
	Notes	YTD - June 2026	Amended Budget 2025/2026
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Receipts from Customers		11,203,570	9,359,000
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		-38,623,916	-69,709,000
		-27,420,346	-60,350,000
Interest Received		1,976,987	1,564,000
Rental Income		477,427	298,000
Non-Capital Grants and Contributions		45,204,957	60,237,000
Borrowing Costs		0	0
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	35	20,239,025	1,749,000
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment		-14,637,138	-26,721,000
Payments for Intangible Assets		0	0
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	5	1,484,401	829,000
Capital Grants and Contributions		15,583,620	20,036,000
Other Cash Flows from Investing activities		0	0
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		2,430,883	-5,856,000
Cash Flow from Financing Activities			
Proceeds from Borrowings		0	0
Repayment of Borrowings		0	0
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		0	0
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held		22,669,908	-4,107,000
Cash at Beginning of Reporting Period 30 June 2025		41,741,222	41,741,222
Cash at End of Reporting Period	11	64,411,130	37,634,222

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PROFITABILITY

The table below shows actual vs budget BSC Plant Profitability for the period ending 30th June 2026.

Job Cost	Description	Jun-26 Inc / Exp	YTD Inc / Exp	%	Budget
Revenue					
7100-1905	Plant Hire	318,233	3,996,494	89%	4,510,688
7100-1100	Fuel Rebate Subsidy	7,877	107,049	149%	71,786
7100-1900	Flood Truck Revenue	0	0		0
7100-1917	Other Income - Plant	0	19,421	89%	20,000
7100-1918	Profit/Loss on Disposal of Assets	-8,012	-8,012		0
Total Revenue		318,098	4,114,952	89%	4,602,474
Expenditure					
7100-2005	Plant Maintenance - Parts & Labour	43,715	794,913	92%	868,586
7100-2010	Plant Maintenance - Tyres & Batteries	11,955	149,134	75%	198,470
7100-2015	Plant Maintenance - Fuel & Oils	33,062	537,045	62%	863,041
7100-2020	Plant Rego. & Insurance	100,064	317,616	144%	220,000
7100-2025	Workshop Consumables	1,881	17,415	53%	32,690
7100-2030	Workshop Operating Costs	12,718	123,827	75%	164,611
7100-2035	Radio & T.V. Maintenance	648	5,979	66%	9,120
7100-2600	Depreciation-Plant & Depot	101,905	1,259,647	101%	1,243,820
Total Expenditure		305,949	3,205,576	89%	3,600,338
Profit (Loss)		12,149	909,376	91%	1,002,136

The table below shows the year-to-date plant profitability position after allowing for year-to-date plant purchases and committed plant costs. As at 30th June 2026, YTD plant profitability of \$909,376 is reduced by YTD plant purchases of \$509,518 and committed costs of \$403,431, leaving a remaining balance of -3,573. This indicates that all plant profitability generated year to date has been allocated to plant acquisitions and committed expenditure.

Plant Purchases	
Item	\$
YTD Plant Profitability	909,376
YTD Plant Purchases	509,518
Committed Costs	403,431
Remaining	-3,573

CONSULTANT REPORT – 30TH JUNE 2026

Consultant	June 2026 Expenditure	YTD Expenditure 2025/2026	Comments
Acumentis Pty Ltd	0	2,210	Land Valuation Services
AMB Geotech SQS Pty Ltd	0	20,416	Soil Testing Services
Ashurst Australia	0	3,681	Legal Services
Australis Advisory Group Pty Ltd	0	8,250	Asset Valuation Services
AVR Consulting Pty Ltd	0	52,668	Asset Valuation Services
Brandon & Associates Pty. Ltd.	48,554	200,145	Engineering Services
C Alexander and Associates Consulting Pt	0	91,472	Accounting Services
Findex (Aust) Pty Ltd, Crowe Australasia	0	41,369	Audit Services
Forge Solutions QLD Pty Ltd	269,663	12,268,818	Disaster Management Services
GBA Consulting Engineers	14,271	191,249	Consulting Engineers
GHD Pty Ltd	3,530	3,530	Consulting Engineers
King & Company Solicitors	11,004	21,839	Legal Services
KPMG Australia	0	8,430	Accounting Services
Mead Perry Group Pty Ltd	0	11,660	Accounting Services
Moray & Agnew Lawyers	0	832	Legal Services
Ochre Community Consulting	0	23,038	Cultural Heritage Consulting
Peak Services	8,474	134,248	Grant Support
Perks & Associates Pty Ltd	0	3,465	FBT Tax Accounting Service
RMS Australia Pty. Ltd.	0	2,996	Audit Services
Safe As Gold Consulting	0	115,308	WHS Consultancy Service
Shepherd Services Pty Ltd	289,971	3,406,937	Road Consultancy Service (Claimable)
Statewide Building Design Solutions Pty	0	33,786	Building Design
Viridis Consultants Pty Ltd	0	6,864	Audit Services
Total	645,465	16,653,211	

DEBTORS SUMMARY – 30TH JUNE 2026

Debtors Category	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	Balance
Sundry Debtors	72,135.15	1,517.00	5,000.00	6,458.20	85,110.35
Housing Rent	1,830.70	0.00	0.00	608.20	2,438.90
Aerodrome Fuel	74,616.33	0.00	0.00	15,542.13	90,158.46
Common Fees	0.00	774.04	0.00	639.90	1,413.94
Qld Government	714,687.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	714,687.22
Federal Government	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	863,269.40	2,291.04	5,000.00	23,248.43	893,808.87

RATES SUMMARY – 30TH JUNE 2026

Rates	
Brought forward arrears including Interest	74,681.10
Interest current year	8,962.71
Rates Levied in 2025-26	6,425,903.81
Total	6,509,547.62
Less Rates Collected during 2025-26	6,252,968.08
Govt & Council pensioner subsidy 2025-26	4,588.80
Discount on rates collection during 2025-26	171,662.49
Write-Offs	79.69
Credit supplementary notices	1,902.51
Total Outstanding Balance *	78,346.05
Unallocated Receipts	-35,327.15
Current Outstanding Balance	43,018.90

14.11 HIRE OF COUNCIL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT POLICY**File Number:** 162050**Author:** Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** 1. 3.02.1 Hire of Council Plant and Equipment Policy**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider adopting the amended Hire of Council Plant and Equipment Policy.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION*Local Government Act 2009**Local Government Regulation 2012***POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

3.02.1 Hire of Council Plant and Equipment Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

GOV1.2 Ensure sustainable and responsible financial management.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the reviewed Hire of Council Plant and Equipment Policy, as presented.

BACKGROUND

This policy addresses the hire of Council-owned plant and equipment by community members for private works where the plant is available and not required for Council operations. It provides guidance on the request and booking process, operator requirements, application of plant hire rates and charging methods, responsibilities for the condition and return of plant, treatment of damage, and circumstances where fees may apply or be considered for waiver. The policy is necessary to ensure Council plant and equipment is used safely, fairly and consistently, that Council assets are protected and properly maintained, and that any private use of Council resources is appropriately authorised, recorded and charged in accordance with Council's adopted fees and operational requirement.

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

DISCUSSION

The Hire of Council Plant and Equipment Policy has been reviewed and updated following the Plant Hire Rates Review conducted during the 2025/26 financial year, with the revised plant hire rates adopted by Council at the June 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting. The policy has been amended to provide clearer guidance on the charge-out basis for Council plant and equipment, including how rates are to be applied across different plant categories and how hourly rates are

converted to daily, weekly and monthly hire arrangements for private works. These changes support a more consistent and transparent approach to plant hire, ensuring that Council-owned assets are charged appropriately when made available for private use while continuing to prioritise Council operational requirements. Minor title and wording updates have also been included to ensure the policy reflects current organisational terminology and remains clear, accurate and fit for purpose.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The updated policy supports the application of Council's adopted plant hire rates and provides clearer guidance on the basis for charging Council plant and equipment when used for private works. This is expected to improve consistency and transparency in cost recovery, ensuring that hire charges reflect the costs associated with owning, operating and maintaining Council plant. The policy update does not in itself create a new budget allocation; however, the revised charge-out methodology may result in changes to plant hire revenue depending on the level and type of private works undertaken. Any hire fees will continue to be applied in accordance with Council's adopted Register of Miscellaneous Fees and Charges, with requests for fee waivers to be considered in accordance with Council's normal approval processes.

CRITICAL DATES

16 July 2026

CONSULTATION

Admin and Finance Manager

Accountant

Senior Finance Manager

Plant Coordinator



Hire of Council Plant and Equipment Policy

CONTROL:

Policy Type:	Community
Authorised by:	Council
Head of Power:	Local Government Act
Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Responsibilities:	
Adopted / Approved:	16 July 2026; Resolution 2026/xx
Last Reviewed:	July 2026
Review:	July 2030 Note: This Policy is reviewed when any of the following occur: 1. The related information is amended or replaced. 2. Other circumstances as determined from time to time by the Chief Executive Officer. Notwithstanding the above, this Policy is to be reviewed at intervals of no more than four years.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Policy to provide guidelines to the community in respect to the hire of Council plant and equipment for private works.

1.2 POLICY OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this Policy is to ensure a clear and concise understanding of the authorised use of Council plant and equipment for private works.

1.3 COMMENCEMENT OF POLICY:

This Policy will commence on adoption. It replaces all other specific Hire of Council Plant and Equipment Policies of Council (whether written or not).

1.4 SCOPE:

This policy applies to all Community members who wish to hire Council Plant & Equipment. It particularly impacts, however, on the work scope of the Council Engineer, and road operations.

2. POLICY

Hire of Council Plant and Equipment by Non-Commercial Users Policy

2.1 POLICY STATEMENT:

Council owns plant and equipment as this is necessary for it to carry out its responsibilities under the Local Government Act. When not in use by Council these assets can be hired out generating an economic return for the Council. It is important that plant and equipment is properly operated and maintained and for this reason, if the item to be hired requires an operator, it is preferable that this be an approved Council Plant Operator.

3. STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

3.1 SPECIFIC AND STANDARD

Hire of Council plant and equipment

- 3.1.1** Council plant and equipment may be hired for private works if it is available, for a reasonable period of time.
- 3.1.2** The hirer must make the request for plant and equipment in writing to the Bulloo Shire Council.
- 3.1.3** Where plant and equipment is not in use, Council may consider it as available to hirers within the Bulloo Shire if requests are received **6wks prior to the event**. Any requests received late may not be accepted.
- 3.1.4** Plant and equipment that requires an operator must be operated by an approved Council Plant Operator. Private works plant hire rates will be set by Council from time to time.
- 3.1.5** Where no Council operator is available, the Chief Executive Officer may approve another suitably qualified person to operate Council plant
- 3.1.6** Each plant category has an applicable utilisation target and charging basis determined as part of the plant charge-out review. The utilisation target is used in calculating the applicable charge-out rate for the category, while the charging basis determines how the rate is applied to individual jobs or activities.

Category	Charging Basis
01 Earthmoving Equipment	Actual hours used in carrying out the work.
02 Trucks	Actual hours used in carrying out the work.
03 Trailers	Actual hours used in carrying out the work.
04 Camp	8 hours per day for each day the camp is occupied.
05 Vegetation Control	Actual hours used in carrying out the work.
06 Tanks	Actual hours used in carrying out the work.
07A Generators - Non-Fixed	Actual hours used in carrying out the work.
07B Generators – Fixed (internal)	4 hours per workday and recorded through the fortnightly pay period Plant Timesheet for the corresponding pay cycle. The

Hire of Council Plant and Equipment by Non-Commercial Users Policy

	charge is to be allocated to the general operating job cost number.
08A Vehicles – ATV or Ute	Actual hours used in carrying out the work.
08B Vehicles – Wagons (internal)	4 hours per workday and recorded through the fortnightly pay period Plant Timesheet for the corresponding pay cycle. Where the Wagon is not assigned to a specific job, the charge is to be allocated to the general operating job cost number.
09 Sundry Plant	Actual hours used in carrying out the work.

3.1.7 For Private Works only, when converting from hourly rate to day, weekly, or monthly rate, the following methodology shall apply:

- a) Day Rate if >1 Day – 8.5 hours / day
- b) Weekly Rate if = or > 7 Days – 38.25 hours / week
- c) Monthly Rate if = or > 28 Days – 153 hours / month

The daily plant hire rate is calculated using 8.5 productive hours of utilisation. Weekly and monthly rates are derived using discounted equivalent utilisation factors to reflect the efficiencies of longer-term hire arrangements. Weekly hire rates are based on 4.5 equivalent utilisation days and monthly hire rates are based on 18 equivalent utilisation days

Bush Fire Assistance

3.1.8 Refer to Councils Bush Fire Assistance Policy

Hire of Loader for de-silting water facilities

3.1.9 Council passed a Resolution in October 2013, Resolution No 2013-10-169, THAT the Komatsu WA380 Wheel Loader be made available to landholders to de-silt water facilities where there is an identified mutual benefit derived from the relevant water facility by both the landholder and Council.

Booking Process

3.1.10 The applicant must make the request for plant and equipment in writing to the Bulloo Shire Council.

3.1.11 The applicant is required to complete a Plant Hire Transfer Note Form with Workshop Staff prior to plant pick up and when returning plant. This allows Council to monitor plant for maintenance purposes and to identify defects.

Damage by Applicant

3.1.12 Where defects are logged on return of plant or equipment due to damage by the applicant and it is not classified as normal wear and tear, the applicant may be required to pay for repairs to such plant or equipment.

Fees & Charges

Hire of Council Plant and Equipment by Non-Commercial Users Policy

3.1.13 Hire Fees and Charges will be applied as per Councils Register of Miscellaneous Fees & Charges adopted annually.

3.1.14 Where a hirer would like the hire fees waived for use of plant and equipment for a community event, the request to waive fees must be included in the request to hire.

4. REFERENCE AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 DEFINITIONS:

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions shall apply:

Word / Term	Definition
Charge-out Rate	Means the rate determined by Council for charging the use of a particular plant category, based on the costs associated with owning, operating and maintaining that plant.
Council	Means Bulloo Shire Council.
Council Plant Operator	Means a current member of Council staff that is appropriately qualified to operate that item of plant or equipment.
Plant & Equipment	Council owned plant and equipment e.g. grader, tractor, water truck, generator, portable lighting.
Utilisation Target	Means the estimated number of hours expected for a plant category over a given period, which is used in calculating the applicable charge-out rate.

4.2 RELATED POLICIES, LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS:

Links to supporting documentation
Plant Hire Transfer Note Form

Bulloo Shire Council Plant Hire Transfer Note

To be completed prior to release and on return of plant

CUSTOMER DETAILS

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Operator Name (if different from customer): _____

Licence No: _____ State: _____ Expiry: _____

Contact Details: (H) _____ (Mobile) _____

PLANT DETAILS

Plant No: _____ Rego: _____

Plant Description: _____

Hour Meter Out: _____ Hour Meter In: _____

INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Inspection areas (as applicable)	Collection	Return
Fuel – full tank		
Tyres e.g. new, 70%		
Audible warning systems and lights		
Machine Guards		
Brief under bonnet visual check		
Windows/Glass		
Plant Structure/Panels		
Cleanliness		
Customer issued with copy of Plant Hire Policy		
Photos of plant		
If any damaged is incurred whilst on hire the Hirer is to Pay all damages/repairs(including labour)		

**Bulloo Shire Council
Plant Hire Transfer Note**

Defects Noted:

I hereby agree/disagree to the conditions of Hire By the Bulloo Shire Council.

Customer Signature

Council Representative Signature

14.12 T2023-2024-127 TYRE SUPPLY AND REPAIR TWO (2) YEAR CONTRACT - OPTION FOR TWELVE (12) MONTH EXTENSION**File Number:** 161760**Author:** Kate Humphris, Admin & Finance Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a twelve (12) month extension for the current contract of Tyre Supply and Repair.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

INF1.5.1 Continue to invest in a modern, safe and well-maintained plant fleet that meets its operational and work requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) approve the extension of the Tyre Supply and Repair contract to Turnouts Mechanical Services for a further twelve (12) months, with an expiry date of 30 July 2027, based on the tendered rates approved by Council under Resolution 2024/179, unless otherwise varied in accordance with the contract; and
- b) delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise contract arrangements, including confirmation of applicable rates for the extension period.

BACKGROUND

Council resolved to award the tyre supply and repair two (2) year contract to Turnouts Mechanical Services at the 15 August 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting.

In accordance with Part 2 - Specifications of the Request for Tender document, "The proposed work's term of Contract is for a two-year period, commencing on the 1st August 2024, expiring on 30th July 2026. However, the Principal reserves the right to extend this Contract at the end of the original Contract period at the sole discretion of the Principal."

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THIS MATTER

Resolution 2024/179

DISCUSSION

It is recommended that Council approve a twelve (12) month extension for the Tyre Supply and Repair contract to Turnouts Mechanical Services, with an expiry date of 30 July 2027. Turnouts Mechanical Services has provided a reliable and responsive tyre service throughout the current contract period, supporting Council's operational requirements and assisting in the timely repair and maintenance of Council's plant and fleet. The extension is therefore recommended to ensure continuity of service and minimise disruption to Council operations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Provision for tyre supply and repair services has been included in Council's FY2027 proposed budget for adoption 16 July 2026. Costs associated with the proposed twelve (12) month contract extension will be incurred in accordance with the tendered rates approved by Council under Resolution 2024/179, unless otherwise varied in accordance with the contract.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

30 July 2026

CONSULTATION

- Chief Executive Officer
- Engineer
- Administration and Finance Manager

14.13 T2025-2026-119 ONE (1) X WATER CART HIRE FOR WARRI GATE ROAD CRC PROJECT

File Number: 162000
Author: Talia Easton, Receptionist
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the tender responses from suitably qualified contractors to supply and operate one (1) x water cart for the CRC project on Warri Gate Road.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Maintain and upgrade the current infrastructure in accordance with the needs of the community.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) accept the tender submitted from Side Dump Industries for one (1) x water cart hire, total cost of \$162,518 excluding GST; for six (6) rosters; and
- b) delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise contract arrangements.

BACKGROUND

In June 2026, Council invited submissions from suitably qualified contractors to supply and operate one (1) water cart for the Warri Gate Road CRC project. The tender documentation specified the requirement for one (1) water cart hire, including back watering during rostered days off. Council's proposed roster consists of nine (9) working days followed by five (5) non-working days, during which back watering is required.

Council's crew assigned to this project is currently operating on this roster arrangement, with back watering required on each of the five (5) non-working days.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THIS MATTER

Nil.

DISCUSSION

At the time of closing, Council received two (2) submissions, they were evaluated based on:

- Relevant Experience;
- Tenderers Resources;
- Demonstrated Understanding;
- Cost; and
- Local Content.

Evaluation commenced on 17 June 2026.

Tolbra

Tolbra achieved a weighted score of 75%, with a tendered cost of \$196,862 excluding GST. The submitted rates were for one (1) water cart hire in accordance with the tender specifications. Tolbra demonstrated relevant experience, a sound understanding of the project requirements, and the necessary resources to meet the tender specifications.

Side Dump Industries

Side Dump Industries achieved a weighted score of 74%, with a tendered cost of \$162,518 excluding GST. The submitted rates were for one (1) water cart hire in accordance with the tender specifications. Side Dump Industries demonstrated relevant experience, a sound understanding of the project requirements, and the necessary resources to meet the tender specifications.

The Tenderers scores are as follows:

Tenderer	Relevant Experience 30%	Tenderers Resources 15%	Demonstrated Understanding 10%	Cost 35%	Local Content 10%	Total
Side Dump Industries	21%	12%	6%	32%	4%	74%
Tolbra	26%	14%	6%	21%	9%	75%

A summary of the Tenderers costs is provided in the table below. This figure was calculated to determine the total cost for one (1) x water cart hire, 28,000 litre tank capacity, for six (6) rosters of work commencing July 2026 ending December 2026.

Truck Configuration	Side Dump Industries	Tolbra
One (1) x Water Cart Hire 28,000 Litre Tank Capacity	\$162,518	\$196,862

All costs above are exclusive of GST.

While Tolbra achieved the highest overall evaluation score by a margin of 1%, the difference between the two submissions is minimal and does not, on balance, outweigh the significant cost advantage offered by Side Dump Industries. Side Dump Industries submitted a conforming tender, demonstrated the required experience, resources and understanding to deliver the project, and provides a cost saving of \$34,344 excluding GST compared with Tolbra. In addition, with Tolbra recommended for award under T2025-2026-118 Water Cart Hire for the Noccundra Airstrip project, awarding this tender to Side Dump Industries supports operational capacity across both projects and reduces reliance on a single contractor. On this basis, the evaluation panel recommends that Council award T2025-2026-119 to Side Dump Industries.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Both tenderers' costs are within Council's budget allocation for the Country Roads Connect project.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

July 2026

EVALUATION PANEL

Engineer

Admin & Finance Manager

RMPC Officer

Technical Officer

14.14 T2025-2026-118 TWO (2) X WATER CART HIRE FOR NOCCUNDRA AIRSTRIP

File Number: 161879
Author: Talia Easton, Receptionist
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the tender responses from suitably qualified contractors to supply and operate water truck(s) for Noccundra Airstrip. Tender documentation stated to supply two (2) water cart hires, and one (1) of those water carts will be used for back watering also.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

Maintain and upgrade the current infrastructure in accordance with the needs of the community.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) accept the tender submitted by Tolbra for one (1) x AB Double Water Truck configuration, total cost of \$298,130.91 ex GST; for six (6) cycles of water cart hire; and
- b) delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise contract arrangements.

BACKGROUND

In June 2026, Council advertised for suitably qualified contractors to supply and operate water truck(s) for works associated with the Noccundra Airstrip project. The tender documentation specified the requirement for two (2) water cart units, with one (1) of those units also being utilised for backwatering activities as required.

The proposed operational arrangement for the water carts consists of:

- Five (5) rostered working days and two (2) backwatering days per week; and
- Four (4) rostered working days and three (3) backwatering days per week.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THIS MATTER

Nil

DISCUSSION

At the time of closing, Council received four (4) submissions, they were evaluated based on:

- Relevant Experience;
- Tenderers Resources;
- Demonstrated Understanding;
- Cost; and
- Local Content.

Evaluation of submissions commenced on 17 June 2026. During the evaluation process, Council officers reviewed the operational requirements of the project and determined that the use of a single AB Double water truck configuration would provide a more efficient delivery method than the two (2) individual 28,000-litre water carts originally specified in the tender documentation.

The AB Double configuration allows a greater volume of water to be transported in a single trip, reducing the number of refill cycles required and improving productivity and efficiency across the project. This was considered particularly beneficial given the length and width of the airstrip requiring watering.

Following discussions with the Chief Executive Officer, approval was granted to approach tenderers and seek revised pricing based on the supply and operation of one (1) AB Double water truck. Where tenderers were unable to provide an AB Double configuration, they were requested to confirm their rates for the originally specified two (2) water cart arrangement to enable Council to undertake a comparative assessment of the available options.

The Tenderer's scores are as follows:

Tenderer	Relevant Experience 30%	Tenderers Resources 15%	Demonstrated Understanding 10%	Cost 35%	Local Content 10%	Total
Tolbra	22%	13%	6%	19%	8%	68%
Everest Civil	20%	9%	7%	19%	7%	62%
Side Dump Industries	18%	9%	6%	28%	5%	66%
Grain Train Haulage	10%	4%	3%	26%	1%	44%

Tolbra Pty Ltd

Tolbra was the only tenderer able to provide pricing for the revised requirement of one (1) AB Double water truck. Following the request for revised submissions, Tolbra advised Council that it was no longer able to provide the originally specified arrangement of two (2) single water carts.

Everest Civil

Everest Civil submitted revised pricing based on four (4) single water carts and confirmed that it was unable to supply an AB Double or road train configuration at the time of tender resubmission.

Side Dump Industries

Side Dump Industries submitted pricing for two (2) single water carts in accordance with the original tender specifications. Side Dump Industries advised that it could not supply an AB Double water truck configuration.

Grain Train Haulage

Grain Train Haulage submitted pricing for two (2) single water carts in accordance with the original tender specifications. Grain Train Haulage advised that it could not supply an AB Double water truck configuration.

Recommendation:

Following evaluation of the revised submissions, Council officers recommend awarding the contract to Tolbra Pty Ltd for the supply and operation of one (1) AB Double water truck for the Noccundra Airstrip project.

The recommendation is based on the following considerations:

- The AB Double configuration provides a more efficient method of water delivery than the use of two individual water carts, reducing travel and refill requirements and improving overall productivity.
- Council's assessment determined that one (1) AB Double water truck is sufficient to meet the operational requirements of the project.
- Tolbra was the only tenderer able to supply the required AB Double configuration.
- The pricing submitted by Tolbra for one (1) AB Double water truck represents a lower overall cost to Council than engaging two (2) individual water carts while delivering the required outcome more efficiently.

Accordingly, Council officers consider Tolbra's submission to provide the best value for money and the most operationally efficient solution for the delivery of the works.

Noting

Council officers have raised the matter of amending tender requirements after the close of tenders with the officer responsible for preparing the original tender specifications. While the revised procurement approach ultimately resulted in a more cost-effective and operationally efficient outcome for Council, the change required tenderers to be re-contacted and invited to submit revised pricing.

Council officers formed the view that the amendment was not substantial in nature and therefore did not require Council to re-advertise the tender. However, the amendment did result in additional administrative effort for both Council staff and tenderers.

Council expects future tender specifications to be developed with due consideration of the project's operational requirements and intended delivery methodology prior to tender release. This will reduce the likelihood of post-closing amendments, minimise unnecessary procurement administration, avoid placing undue burden on tenderers, and improve the efficiency and integrity of Council's procurement processes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A summary of the tenderers' costs is provided in the table below. This figure was calculated for six (6) cycles of work, commencing July 2026 ending December 2026.

Truck Configuration	Tolbra	Everest Civil	Side Dump Industries	Grain Train Haulage
Two (2) x Water Cart Hire 28,000 Litre Tank Capacity	Could Not Supply	\$334,545	\$306,327	\$312,818
AB Double 42,000 Litre Capacity	\$298,131	Could Not Supply	Could Not Supply	Could Not Supply

All costs above are exclusive of GST.

All Tenderers costs are within Council's budget allocation for the Noccundra Airstrip Upgrade.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Nil

CRITICAL DATES

July 2026

CONSULTATION

- CEO
- Engineer

Evaluation Panel

- Acting Manager – Roads Coordinator
- RMPC Officer
- Technical Officer
- Admin & Finance Manager

14.15 T2025-2026-277 - NORTH EAST ZONE 1 (77)
T2025-2026-278-288 - BULLOO DOWNS ROAD (78) AND TICKALARA ROAD (88)

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Attachments:

1. Tender Evaluation Summary
2. Tender Evaluation Report
3. Tender Evaluation Panel Summary Scoring - 77 under separate cover
4. Tender Evaluation Panel Summary Scoring - 78 and 88 under separate cover
5. Works Locality Plan under separate cover

PURPOSE

This report provides the background of the tender and evaluation process for the Flood Damaged Roads Restoration contracts for the following zones:

- North East Zone 1
- Bulloo Downs Road and Tickalara Road

Seeking Council's consideration of the recommendations made by the Tender Evaluation Panel.

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2.74.1 Procurement Policy

CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

INF1.3 Provide and maintain road infrastructure in accordance with sustainable asset management practices.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by K.G Bowen & S.C Bowen for the sum of \$2,217,124.90 ex GST to complete 2025-2026-277 - Flood Damaged Roads Restoration – North East Zone 1 (77) contract; and
2. Accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Tolbra Earthmovers and Haulage Pty Ltd for the sum of \$4,983,457.61 ex GST to complete 2025-2026-278-288 - Flood Damaged Roads Restoration – Bulloo Downs Road and Tickalara Road (78) and (88) contract with the immediate commencement of work program; and
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the contract in the form proposed; and
4. Resolves that the tendered rates, tender submissions, evaluation details and all discussions relating to this matter be treated as confidential commercial information and not disclosed

except as required by law.

BACKGROUND

In March and April 2025, the Bulloo Council region was subject to multiple significant rainfall and flooding events. This resulted in extensive damage to Council's Road network.

The works to be delivered under this Contract relate to the rectification of damage to roads caused by the flooding associated with these flooding and rainfall events.

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) is a State Government authority responsible for assisting local government authorities repair damage to their assets resulting from natural disaster events. To assist in the damage assessment, QRA claim process, procurement and delivery of the reconstruction works, Council engaged Shepherd Services Pty Ltd (Shepherd).

Shepherd Services are a specialist consultancy with significant experience in assisting local government authorities manage the disaster recovery process. Council Officers have worked closely with Shepherd to identify the damage, obtain QRA approvals and present the work packages to the market, enabling the reconstruction works to be completed. Funding to complete the contracted work will be provided by QRA.

Contract works are required to be completed by 30 June 2027; a QRA imposed deadline.

Councils' crews are engaged in recurrent Council maintenance and Transport and Main Roads (TMR) Road Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC) works and do not have the capacity to undertake the rectification works on such a large scale. Therefore, Council advertised tenders to seek appropriately experienced contractors to complete the QRA funded works prior to the June 2027 deadline.

TENDER PROCESS

The request for tenders was advertised for a four-week period on Friday 12 June 2026 Tenders closed at 12 noon on Wednesday 8 July 2026.

Council received Tender responses from eight companies. The Tenders were assessed by a Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) comprising of Council and Shepherd personnel.

PRE-TENDER MEETING

A pre-tender meeting was held for this contract in Thargomindah on Tuesday 23 June 2026. Attendance at the meeting was compulsory for organisations wishing to submit a tender. The meeting was attended by people representing eight organisations.

The meeting provided extensive information to prospective tenderers regarding the works to be delivered as part of the contract along with recent changes to the specification requirements to help drive continuing improvements in project quality, reporting and delivery processes.

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

The contractor is required to supply all necessary labour, plant and equipment to successfully complete the specified works. Road construction materials will be available for the contractor to use which will be stockpiled at the nominated gravel pits.

Each contractor will be appointed as the Principal Contractor in accordance with work health and safety requirements. Each contractor will be responsible for all aspects of Work Health and Safety along with providing and maintaining the necessary documentation and ensuring legislative compliance. Shepherd personnel and Council Officers will complete regular inspections and approve all completed contract works.

2026 RAINFALL AND FLOODING

Work associated with the T2025-2026-277 and 278-288 Flood Damaged Roads Restoration contracts, relate to damage which occurred during the multiple rainfall and flooding events between March and April 2025.

The contracts do not relate to the recent rainfall and flooding events during 2026.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THIS MATTER

Nil

DISCUSSION

Council received tender submissions from ten organisations for the two contracts. Each contract received a differing number of submissions.

Contract	Submissions
North East Zone 1	7
Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road	8

Tender documentation required Tenderers to detail in their submissions, why their company was the most appropriate organisation to complete the Tendered works. The nominated assessment criteria are:

- Rates, Price and Value for Money
- Local Preference Policy
- Capability, Resources and Personnel
- Management Plan Documentation and Implementation
- Previous Experience

Each submission was evaluated against the above criteria.

SC AND KG BOWEN EARTHMOVING (BOWEN)

Bowen submitted a tender for North East Zone 1 only.

Bowen are a Bulloo and Quilpie Shire based company who have a depot located in Thargomindah.

Bowen have previously delivered multiple contracts for Council. Recent works delivered for Council all relate to DRFA flood recovery works. Bowen recently delivered the Innamincka Road contract for Council. This Contract related to damage which occurred both during the 2023/24 financial year and the 2025 flood event. Bowen are currently engaged to deliver the Warri Gate Road contract.

Bowen have delivered previous contract works for Council to a high standard and without incident.

Bowen's tender documentation was mostly complete and presented to a reasonable standard allowing the TEP to assess the submission easily. Minor information had been missed, however, information provided in other areas of the documentation allowed the missing information to be determined.

Bowen's tender documentation highlighted the proposed methodology relating to the completion of the works. The TEP noted Bowen's tender detail indicating their previous extensive experience completing similar DRFA road repair works within Bulloo Shire and other remote outback locations.

Bowen propose to allocate significant plant and equipment resources to the completion of the contract works. Bowen are proposing to allocate two work crews to the delivery of the contract works.

Information presented in the tender documentation indicates that Bowen can commence work immediately upon possession of site being awarded. Bowen's second crew will be available to commence work on the contract upon completion of the Warri Gate Road works, expected in mid August. Bowen are proposing to use one subcontractor for sealing work.

Bowen's tender works program while basic, indicates completion of the works well within the allocated contract timeframe.

Bowen's management systems are not third party accredited. Bowen provided copies of all management system documents with their tender submission.

Bowen's Schedule L Statement of Departures was not complete. Review of Bowen's documentation did not identify any departures, qualifications or stated assumptions applying to their submission.

COOPER MCCULLOUGH GROUP PTY LTD (CMC)

CMC submitted a tender for the North East Zone 1 contract and the Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road contract.

CMC are a central and south east Queensland based company with offices located in Dysart, Emerald and the Sunshine Coast. Information in the tender submission indicates the company also has a depot located in Yuleba (near Roma). Investigations indicate the depot appears to be a recent addition to CMCs operation as online photos of the site do not indicate the presence of a depot or office facilities. CMC do not have an office or depot within the Bulloo municipality.

CMC have not previously delivered works for Council.

CMC have previously delivered DRFA works for other local government authorities within Queensland. CMC appear to have extensive experience in the construction of sealed roads and

supporting infrastructure, particularly on the trunk road or major local road network. From information presented in the tender documents CMC appear to have had limited experience delivering works in remote outback locations.

CMCs tender documentation was complete and presented to a good standard allowing the TEP to assess the submission easily.

CMCs tender documentation highlighted the proposed methodology relating to the completion of the works. CMCs tender documentation noted some of the restrictions placed on the completion of the works to ensure safety and respect closed roads following periods of wet weather.

CMC propose to allocate limited plant and equipment resources to the completion of the contract works. CMC provided a list of additional resources which included a small number of additional resources available should they be required. The TEP noted the limited resource allocation as a matter of concern given the scope and extent of the required works across large geographical areas.

CMCs tender programs both indicate they are able to commence work immediately upon possession of site being awarded.

CMCs tender programs indicate completion of work within the allocated contract periods. CMCs tender documents references work crews, however, the number of crews is not stated.

CMCs management systems are extensive, comprehensive, well presented and ISO third party accredited. The TEP noted that CMC have both basic and advanced NHVR fatigue management accreditation, meaning they operate high quality systems and processes related to the management of fatigue within their workforce.

CMC indicated in their Schedule L Statement of Departures that their offer fully complies with the requirements of the contract with no departures, amendments, qualifications or conditions applying to it. CMC detailed in their cover letter assumptions and departures associated with their tender. None of the assumptions or departures were of concern to the TEP.

DUNNS EARTHMOVING PTY LTD (Dunns)

Dunns submitted a tender for the Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road contract only.

Dunns are an Adelaide based company with a regional office located in Durham. Dunns have a permanent office and depot in the Bulloo Shire at Durham as part of their delivery of works for Santos. Dunns also have a regional depot located at Innamincka in South Australia supporting local work along with works within Bulloo Shire.

Dunns have previously delivered road construction works for Council. Dunns are currently engaged to deliver the Cameron Corner Road, Omircron Road and Toona Gate Road contracts, the completion of which has been delayed due to the ongoing wet weather. Dunns are also currently

engaged in delivering the North West contract works, the completion of which has also been delayed due to the ongoing wet weather.

Dunns tender documentation was complete and presented to a good standard allowing the TEP to assess the submission easily.

Dunns tender documentation provided limited details on the proposed methodology relating to the completion of the works. The TEP noted Dunn's tender detail indicating their previous extensive experience completing similar DRFA road repair works within Bulloo Shire and other remote outback locations.

Dunns propose to allocate significant plant and equipment resources to the completion of the contract works. Dunns indicate they have 130 employees which can be allocated to the delivery of the works. The tender documents did not detail the proposed number of crews to be allocated, however, based on the plant and equipment resources allocated at least two crews can be expected.

Information presented in the tender documentation indicate that Dunns have significant resources and capacity to deliver the proposed works.

Dunns tender works program indicates the completion of contract works within the contract timeframe. The tender program did not include the adverse weather allowance, however, the allocated completion timeframe is well within the contract allowance meaning that inclusion of the adverse weather allowance will still see the works completed on time.

Dunns management systems are comprehensive and well presented and ISO third party accredited. The TEP noted Dunns have a Fatigue Management Plan and Chain of Responsibility Management Plan. In addition, Dunns hold NHVR Advanced Fatigue Management Accreditation.

Dunns indicated in their Schedule L Statement of Departures that their offer fully complies with the requirements of the contract with no departures, amendments, qualifications or conditions applying to it.

EVEREST CIVIL PTY LTD (EVEREST)

Everest submitted a tender for the North East Zone 1 contract and the Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road contract.

Everest are a Brisbane based company with regional offices located in Toowoomba and Emerald. Everest do not have a permanent office or depot within the Bulloo municipality.

Everest personnel have previously delivered road construction works within Bulloo Shire.

CMC have previously delivered DRFA works for other local government authorities within Queensland, some in remote areas.

Everest's tender documentation was complete, comprehensive and presented to a excellent standard.

Everest's tender documentation provided extensive and comprehensive detail regarding the proposed methodology and completion of the works. Everest noted in their methodology five qualifications to their tender submission. Four of the qualifications are of no concern and represent minimal or no risk to Council. One of the qualifications is unclear and could represent a source of significant variation to the contract and would require clarification.

Information presented in the tender documentation indicates that Everest have the resources and capacity to deliver the proposed works. Everest nominated one subcontractor to undertake sealing work.

Everest provided comprehensive works programs with their submission indicating proposed delivery timeframes within the allocated contract periods. The tender programs did not include the adverse weather allowance, however, the allocated completion timeframe is well within the contract allowance meaning that inclusion of the adverse weather allowance will still see the works completed on time.

Everest's management systems are third party accredited, comprehensive and well presented. The TEP noted Everest do not have a Chain of Responsibility Management Plan, however, they have a policy detailing the expectations of the company and commitment to road safety.

Everest indicated in their Schedule L Statement of Departures that their offer fully complies with the requirements of the contract with no departures, amendments, qualifications or conditions applying to it. As noted above Everest detailed in their methodology assumptions and departures associated with their tender.

HALF HITCH CONTRACTING PTY LTD (HH)

HH submitted a tender for the North East Zone 1 contract only.

HH are a Bulloo Shire based company who have an office and depot located in Thargomindah.

HH are currently engaged in delivering the North East Zone 2 DRFA roadworks contracts for Council. HH have also previously provided wet hire services for Council and undertaken minor roadworks projects for Council on numerous occasions. HH works have been undertaken in a diligent manner without concern or incident.

HH's tender documentation was complete and presented to a good standard allowing the TEP to assess the submission easily. HHs tender documentation while presented to a good standard does not contain a significant amount of detail relating to their proposed completion of the works.

HH's tender documentation highlighted the proposed methodology relating to the completion of the works. The TEP noted HH's tender detail indicating their current experience completing similar DRFA road repair works within Bulloo Shire and other roadworks within the municipality.

HH propose to allocate sufficient plant and equipment resources to the completion of the contract works. HH are proposing to allocate one work crew to deliver the contract works. HH as a company have limited experience delivering roadworks, however, company personnel and nomination of a highly experienced roadworks supervisor and other site personnel provided the TEP with confidence that HH would be able to successfully deliver the works.

Information presented in the tender documentation indicates that HH can commence work immediately upon possession of site being awarded. HH's tender documentation did not address any logistical difficulties or resource constraints associated with their current North East Zone 2 works. HH are proposing to use one subcontractor for sealing work.

HHs tender works program indicates the completion of contract works within the contract timeframes. The tender program did not include the adverse weather allowance. If the adverse weather allowance was included in the program it would extend delivery beyond the allocated contract timeframe.

HH's management systems are not third party accredited. HH provided copies of all management system documents with their tender submission. While basic HH's management systems are complete and include all major requirements and are well presented.

HH indicated in their Schedule L Statement of Departures that their offer fully complies with the requirements of the contract with no departures, amendments, qualifications or conditions applying to it.

PURCELL CIVIL AND CONSTRUCTION (PURCELL)

Purcell submitted a tender for the Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road contract only.

Purcell are a Dalby based company. Purcell do not have a permanent office or depot in the Bulloo Shire area.

Purcell previously delivered the 2024-2025204 Durham Zone works package for Council.

Purcell did not attend the mandatory pre-tender meeting. Attendance at the meeting was required as a mandatory eligibility criteria item. The TEP considered Purcell's tender submission regarding details and any acknowledgement of the non-attendance at the pre-tender meeting. The TEP concluded that as the mandatory criteria had not been met, the tender would not be considered further.

GRASIT PTY LTD T/A RECS GROUP (RECS)

RECS submitted a tender for the North East Zone 1 contract and Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road contract.

RECS are a Young (NSW) based company. RECS do not have a permanent office or depot within the Bulloo municipality.

RECS are currently engaged in delivering the South West Zone DRFA roadworks contract for Council. Completion of the works have been delayed due to the ongoing wet weather.

RECS' tender documentation was complete, comprehensive and presented to a good standard allowing the TEP to assess the submission easily.

RECS' tender documentation provided detail regarding the proposed methodology and completion of the works. RECS noted two qualifications to their tender submission with the details provided below.

Information presented in the tender documentation indicate that RECS have suitable resources and capacity to deliver the proposed works. RECS noted in the tender documentation that they have the ability to deliver multiple packages, however, the TEP noted that more than one package, given the combined scope of work, could stretch their resources.

RECS' tender works program indicates the completion of contract works within the contract timeframe. The tender program did not include the adverse weather allowance, however, the allocated completion timeframe is within the contract allowance meaning that inclusion of the adverse weather allowance will still see the works completed on time.

RECS' management systems are not third party accredited, however, are comprehensive and well presented. The TEP noted RECS provided extensive examples of their systems, including documents demonstrating the infield use of their systems.

RECS indicated in their Schedule L Statement of Departures that their offer does not fully comply with the requirements of the contract. RECS provided two qualifications to their tender. One of the qualifications is considered to be a standard matter which would have limited impact on the delivery of the work or present a material risk to Council. One item presents a minor risk to Council, however, it does not warrant the tender being deemed as non-conforming.

TOLBRA EARTHMOVERS AND HAULAGE PTY LTD (TOLBRA)

Tolbra submitted a tender for the Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road contract only.

Tolbra are a Thargomindah based company who have a significant depot and office located in Thargomindah.

Tolbra have previously delivered multiple contracts for Council. Recent works delivered for Council all relate to DRFA flood recovery works and road pavement material procurement (winning and crushing).

Tolbra have delivered previous contract works for Council to a high standard.

Tolbra are currently delivering the Orientos Road, Epsilon Road and Bransby Santos Road Contracts (Western Contracts) for Council. These contracts relate to damage which occurred during the 2023/24 financial year and is unrelated to the 2025 flood event. Completion of the works have been delayed due to the ongoing wet weather.

The current works being delivered by Tolbra relate to DRFA flood recovery works.

Tolbra's tender documentation was complete and presented to a good standard allowing the TEP to assess the submission easily.

The TEP noted that Tolbra have outstanding commitments relating to the above-noted Western Contracts. The TEP also noted details provided in the tender documentation regarding a deliberate exercise and investment to increase Tolbra's capacity in recent months to address the current and projected flood recover works.

Tolbra propose to allocate sufficient plant and equipment resources to complete the work. The tender submission also listed extensive additional resources available to deliver the works. Tolbra nominated two work crews to deliver the contract works.

Information provided with Tolbra's Tender indicates the completion of contract works well within the allocated contract timeframe. Tolbra presented two alternative works programs to deliver the contract works. The tender program indicates an immediate commencement of work following the issuing of possession of site. The alternative work program indicates a commencement of work in January 2027 which would see a proposed completion date in late April which is beyond the allocated contract completion timeframe.

Tolbra's example management systems are not third party accredited, however, they are comprehensive and suitable for the contract works.

Tolbra indicated in their Schedule L Statement of Departures that their offer fully complies with the requirements of the contract with no departures, amendments, qualifications or conditions applying to it.

TUCKWELL TRANSPORT AND EARTHMOVING PTY LTD (TTE)

TTE submitted a tender for the North East Zone 1 contract and Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road contract.

TTE are a Paroo based company with an office and depot facility located in Cunnamulla. TTE do not have an office or depot within the Bulloo municipality.

TTE have previously delivered small amounts of road construction works for Council.

TTE did not attend the mandatory pre-tender meeting. Attendance at the meeting was required as a mandatory eligibility criteria item. The TEP considered TTEs tender submission regarding details and any acknowledgement of the non-attendance at the pre-tender meeting. The TEP concluded that as the mandatory criteria had not been met, the tender would not be considered further.

WTC GROUP AUST. PTY LTD (WTC)

WTC submitted a tender for the North East Zone 1 contract and Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road contract.

WTC are a New South Wales based company with offices in Narrabri and Mudgee in New South Wales. WTC do not have an office or depot within the Bulloo municipality.

WTC have not previously delivered works for Council.

WTC have previously delivered limited DRFA works for other local government authorities within Queensland. WTC appear to have extensive experience in the construction of sealed roads and supporting infrastructure, particularly on the trunk road or major local road network. From information presented in the tender documents WTC appear to have had limited experience delivering works in remote outback locations.

WTCs tender documentation was complete and presented to a good standard allowing the TEP to assess the submission easily.

WTCs tender documentation highlighted the proposed methodology relating to the completion of the works. WTCs tender documentation noted some of the restrictions placed on the completion of the works to ensure safety and respect closed roads following periods of wet weather. WTC also noted the inclusion of video requirements of proof rolls where in person inspections are not able to be completed.

WTC propose to allocate reasonable plant and equipment resources to the completion of the contract works. WTC provided a list of additional resources which included a significant number of additional resources available should they be required. The TEP noted that material haulage and delivery would be undertaken by a subcontractor.

WTCs tender programs both indicate they are able to commence work immediately upon possession of site being awarded.

WTCs tender programs indicate completion of work within the allocated contract periods, however, the programs do not include the contract allowances for adverse weather.

WTCs management systems are ISO third party accredited. The TEP noted that WTC provided an integrated management system document with their tender submission. Limited other management system documentation was provided.

WTC indicated in their Schedule L Statement of Departures that their offer does not fully comply with the requirements of the contract. WTC provided one qualification to their tender. The qualification presents a potentially significant risk to Council, however, it does not warrant the tender being deemed as non-conforming.

EVALUATION SUMMARY

Evaluation summaries for each contract have been prepared and are provided below.

North East Zone 1 (77)		
Tenderer	Price ex GST	Score / 100
K.G Bowen & S.C Bowen	\$2,217,124.90	71.9/100
Half Hitch Contracting Pty Ltd	\$2,069,379.92	71.5/100
Everest Civil Pty Ltd	\$1,468,943.94	63.3/100
WTC Group Aust Pty Ltd	\$1,693,747.58	57.3/100
Grassit Pty Ltd trading as RECS Group Australia	\$2,840,287.89	51.5/100
Cooper McCullough Group Pty Ltd	\$2,105,579.45	44.5/100

Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road (78) & (88)		
Tenderer	Price ex GST	Score / 100
Tolbra Earthmovers and Haulage Pty Ltd	\$4,983,457.61	72.0/100
Everest Civil Pty Ltd	\$2,705,225.87	63.8/100
Dunns Earthmoving Pty Ltd	\$6,412,126.75	63.2/100
WTC Group Aust Pty Ltd	\$1,693,747.58	58.3/100
Grassit Pty Ltd trading as RECS Group Australia	\$5,688,867.79	50.3/100
Cooper McCullough Group Pty Ltd	\$3,693,764.50	49.0/100

RECOMMENDATION**General**

Council, via its procurement of goods and services, seeks to support local businesses wherever possible. The allocation of a 20% weighting to local content provides a clear preference to local contractors and presents a high bar for non-local contractors to be competitive.

The TEP in its assessment of Tenders, sought to ensure no contractor was disadvantaged by being allocated more work than could be reasonably completed within the allocated contract timeframe.

The TEP noted differences between local vs non-local tenderers in pricing and resource allocations. Local Bulloo based contractors, and contractors who have current experience working in Bulloo Shire, tendered the highest prices. Almost without exception tenderers without experience working in Bulloo Shire and/or in remote outback locations (based on the information

provided) tendered lower prices. The lower priced tenderers also tended to have fewer resources allocated to the delivery of the contract works.

These factors concerned the TEP as the tenderers who have knowledge and experience of working within Bulloo Shire and the attendant risks and challenges it presents, clearly see the work, its extent and challenges and risks differently. The TEP was also concerned that the low pricing submitted by some tenderers, when compared to the allocated budget, was too low and ultimately not reflective of the scope of work required and the logistics and challenges of working in remote outback areas.

The recommended tenderers have extensive experience working in remote outback areas and have previously worked in the Bulloo municipality. The recommended tenderers either allocated sufficient resources or have available significant resources to draw from providing confidence that the work will be completed in accordance with contract timeframes.

North East Zone 1

Assessment of tenders received for the North East Zone 1 contract resulted in Bowen being the first ranked tenderer. Therefore, Bowen were deemed to be the recommended tenderer.

Bowen are an established local contractor who have successfully completed similar roadworks contracts for Council. Bowen's evaluation score and pricing ranked the company first in the overall contract assessment.

Due to the close score between Bowen and HH, identified at the completion of the assessment process, the TEP carefully reviewed all scoring decisions made to ensure consistency and fairness. No scores were changed as a result of the subsequent review.

It was however noted, that Bowen received the full allocation of 20/20 for Local Content, while Half Hitch received 18/20. Local Content was assessed as a self-declared bias, which identified a limitation in evaluation methodology which will be addressed in future tender evaluations to improve consistency.

For Councils information, if both Bowen and Half Hitch had both received 20/20 for Local Content, on the basis that both are Bulloo Shire ratepayers and meet Council's ordinary Local Content scoring criteria, Half Hitch's overall score would have increased to 73.5%, compared with Bowen's score of 71.9%. This sensitivity analysis does not alter the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation but is provided to assist Council in its deliberations.

Bulloo Downs Road and Tickalara Road

Assessment of tenders received for the Bulloo Downs Road and Tickalara Road contract resulted in Tolbra being the first ranked tenderer. Therefore, Tolbra were deemed to be the recommended tenderer.

Tolbra is an established local contractor with a demonstrated track record of successfully delivering similar roadworks projects for Council. Tolbra achieved the highest overall evaluation score in the assessment.

While Tolbra's tendered price was the third highest of the six submissions received, the Evaluation Panel considered this to be offset by Tolbra achieving the highest score under the Qualitative Assessment criterion and a strong Local Content score of 17/20. The Panel also recognised Tolbra's extensive knowledge of the Bulloo Shire road network, local operating conditions and project delivery requirements, which provides greater confidence in the successful delivery of the works.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The tendered contracts required contractors to price specified bodies of work via schedule of rates pricing schedules.

The North East Zone 1 and Bulloo Downs Road and Tickalara Road flood damage repair works have been approved, and will be funded by QRA, in accordance with the State and Federal Government Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) and Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) funding.

The recommended tenderers tendered prices to complete the works for the two contracts are significantly lower than the initial approved works budget from QRA. The approved works budgets are calculated via the QRA adopted benchmark rates which are exclusive to Bulloo shire. The benchmark rates are calculated to reflect the historic cost associated with completing each treatment type within Bulloo Shire.

Council Officers and Shepherd personnel will work with QRA to update the allocated funding for each submission to ensure full reimbursement for delivery of the contract works is received by Council.

STRATEGIC/OPERATIONAL RISK

Loss of QRA funding for flood damage works across Council's Road network for submissions.

- BSC.0077.245C.REC – North East Zone 1
- BSC.0078.2425C.REC – Bulloo Downs Road
- BSC.0073.2425C.REC – Tickalara Road
- BSC.0088.2425C.REC – Tickalara Road

Council Officers and Shepherd Personnel will work with the delivery contractors who are awarded the work and QRA to eliminate, where possible, and mitigate any identified strategic and/or operational risks associated with delivery of the awarded works.

CRITICAL DATES

The North East Zone 1 (77) has a contract completion timeframe from the date of contract award of 20 weeks, providing for a Practical Completion Thursday 3 December 2026.

The Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road (77) and (88) has a contract completion timeframe from the date of contract award of 30 weeks, providing for a Practical Completion date of Thursday 11 February 2027.

CONSULTATION

Tender Evaluation Panel

Shepherd Services

ATTACHMENT 1

Bulloo Shire Council Commercial In Confidence Tender Evaluation Summary		
Contract: Flood Damaged Roads Restoration - 277 – North East Zone 1 (77) 278-288 – Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road (78) & (88)	Budget: - North East Zone 1 (77) - \$4,849,405.52 - Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road (78) & (88) - \$10,860,500.65	
Closed: Wednesday 8 July 2026	Contract Term: Weeks from possession of site: - North East Zone 1 (77) – 20 weeks - Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road (78) & (88) – 30 weeks	
Funding Source: Queensland Reconstruction Authority		
RECOMMENDED TENDERER	TENDER PRICE ex GST	TENDERER'S ADDRESS
K.G Bowen & S.C Bowen North East Zone 1 (77)	\$2,217,124.90	1903 Old Thargomindah Road QUILPIE QLD 4480
Tolbra Earthmovers and Haulage Pty Ltd Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road (78) & (88)	\$4,983,457.61	46 Dowling Street THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492
TENDERS NOT RECOMMENDED		
Cooper McCullough Group Pty Ltd - North East Zone 1 (77) - Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road (78) & (88)	\$2,105,579.45 \$3,693,764.50	39 Murphy Street DYSART QLD 4745
Dunns Earthmoving Pty Ltd Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road (78) & (88)	\$6,412,126.75	2a Charles Street NOORWOOD SA 5067
Everest Civil Pty Ltd - North East Zone 1 (77) - Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road (78) & (88)	\$1,468,943.94 \$2,705,225.87	Suite 17, 8 Stuart Street BULIMBA QLD 4171
Half Hitch Contracting Pty Ltd North East Zone 1 (77)	\$2,069,379.92	55 Dowling Street THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492

Bulloo Shire Council Commercial In Confidence Tender Evaluation Summary		
Grassit Pty Ltd trading as RECS Group - North East Zone 1 (77) - Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road (78) & (88)	\$2,840,287.89 \$5,688,867.79	208 Milvale Road YOUNG NSW 2594
WTC Group Aust Pty Ltd - North East Zone 1 (77) - Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road (78) & (88)	\$1,693,747.58 \$2,894,722.70	147 Yarrie Lake Road NARRABRI NSW 2390
NON-CONFORMING TENDERS		
Purcell Civil and Construction Pty Ltd Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road (78) & (88)	\$2,831,659.79	2/187 Drayton Street DALBY QLD 4405
Tuckwell Transport & Earthmoving P/L - North East Zone 1 (77) - Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road (78) & (88)	\$1,646,697.03 \$2,938,938.40	Lot 1 Arthur Street CUNNAMULLA QLD 4490
LATE TENDERS		
Nil		
ENDORSEMENT		APPROVAL
Tiffany Dare _____ Chief Executive Officer		By Council on

ATTACHMENT 2**Bulloo Shire Council
Commercial In Confidence
Tender Evaluation Report****T2025-2026 - FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS RESTORATION – VARIOUS ROADS:**

- T2025-2026-277 – North East Zone 1 (77)
- T2025-2026-278-288 – Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road (78) & (88)

Invitation to Tender

An Invitation to Tender for the provision of the above works was issued on 12 June 2026 by the placement of public notices in the following forum(s):

- (a) Bulloo Shire Council Website

The Invitation to Tender closed at 12 Noon Wednesday 8 July 2026 and tenders were received via Council's tenders email address.

The Tender submitted by Cooper McCullough Group was sent to an incorrect Bulloo Shire Council email address rather than the nominated Council email address. The error was identified by Shepherd's Contracts Team and followed up with Cooper McCullough who submitted the tender via the correct email address as a forwarded email to demonstrate the initial submission time prior to the tender closing time. While the tender was not received prior to the advertised closing time the TEP elected to note the submission error and include the Tender as part of the normal assessment process.

Tender Submissions

Resulting from the Invitation to Tender, conforming submissions were received from ten tenderers. A non-conforming submission was received from one Tenderer. No late tenders were received.

Conforming Submissions

1. Cooper McCullough Group Pty Ltd
2. Dunns Earthmoving Pty Ltd
3. Everest Civil Pty Ltd
4. Half Hitch Contracting Pty Ltd
5. K.G Bowen & S.C Bowen
6. Grassit Pty Ltd trading as RECS Group Australia
7. Tolbra Earthmovers & Haulage Pty Ltd
8. WTC Group Aust Pty Ltd

Non-conforming Submissions

1. Purcell Civil & Construction Pty Ltd
2. Tuckwell Transport & Earthmoving Pty Ltd

Late Submission

1. Nil

1. TENDER EVALUATION PANEL'S REPORT

Tenders were assessed by the Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) comprised of the following members:

- George Inocentes – Bulloo Shire Council – Senior Civil Engineer
- Kate Humphries - Bulloo Shire Council – Admin & Finance Manager
- Ashley Higman – Shepherd – Manager Contracts
- Dave Watkins – Shepherd – Manager National Projects – Civil and Disaster Recovery

All members of the TEP reviewed the companies who submitted tenders and confirmed that no conflicts of interest existed or needed to be declared.

Stage 1 – Mandatory Criteria

An initial assessment of the received tenders was undertaken by Shepherd's Manager Contracts to check for completeness of responses and conformance to the following Mandatory Criteria:

- Submission of tender by closing date and in accordance with all other lodgement instructions.
- Provision of all information requested in the request for tender.
- Satisfactory licenses, accreditation and insurance.
- Agreement to the terms of contract without significant tender qualifications.
- Evidence of suitable work health and safety, quality and environmental management systems.
- Attendance at the mandatory pre-tender meeting.

Two tenderers did not attend the mandatory pre-tender meeting. The TEP determined that the tender instructions were clear and that multiple other tenderers attended the meeting and submitting conforming tenders. Therefore, the TEP determined the tenders received from Purcell Civil & Construction and Tuckwell Transport & Earthmoving were non-conforming and would not be considered further.

Stage 2 – Criteria Assessment

The TEP met on Thursday 9 July 2026 to review the tender submissions. The tenders were assessed against the quantitative and qualitative criteria as detailed in the tender documentation and detailed below.

Quantitative Evaluation Criteria	Weighting
Rates, Price and Value for Money	30%
Lump Sum / Unit Rates & Value for Money	
Qualitative Evaluation Criteria	Weighting
Local Contribution	20%
Business location	
Local content, purchases and employment	

Capability	10%
Demonstrates ability to successfully deliver the Works Under Contract	
Resources	10%
Demonstrates access to appropriate plant and equipment required to deliver the Works Under Contract	
Personnel	10%
Details of key personnel and subcontractors and their skills and ability to deliver the Works Under Contract.	
Previous Experience	10%
Demonstrates successful delivery of previous similar works for Bulloo Shire Council or another government authority	
Management Plan Documentation & Implementation	10%
Provision of management plan documentation used on previous similar projects.	
TOTAL	100%

Quantitative Evaluation

The tendered pricing for each submission was checked for accuracy, arithmetic errors and anomalies. The tendered rates and pricing were checked against other information provided in the tender documents to ensure it reflected the contractor's intentions in delivering the contract works and their intended methodology.

Multiple arithmetic anomalies were identified in the Schedule K1 Pricing Schedule submitted by Cooper McCullough Group. 13 items totalling 12.5km of heavy formation grading incorporating additional material were not priced. To enable fair comparison of tender pricing the TEP checked pricing for equivalent treatments tendered by Cooper McCullough, which identified consistent pricing for each treatment type. This consistency enabled the pricing schedule to be updated to ensure all items were priced and used for tender assessment.

Additional consideration of the tendered prices was undertaken to compare the lowest and highest prices received to ensure all aspects of the contract requirements had been taken into account and where and why differences existed in the pricing.

Qualitative Evaluation

The weighting used in the calculation for the scored selection criteria was confirmed prior to the assessment of the tender submissions. Each tender submission was assessed for each criteria by TEP members and individual scores assigned by the TEP members for the qualitative criteria items.

TEP member scores were reviewed collectively by the TEP to ensure consistency of scoring.

Stage 3 – Value for Money

Value for money was determined on the combined outcomes of the assessments of the qualitative criteria (technical worth) and quantitative criteria (tendered price).

After consideration of the tenders against the quantitative and qualitative criteria the TEP reviewed the overall scores. The TEP sought to understand and confirm how the total scores for each tenderer reflected value for money and each contractors ability to deliver the work in a safe and efficient manner.

Attachments 3 and 4 - Tender Evaluation Panel Summary Scoring details the final outcome of the TEP assessment of the tenderers.

2 CONCLUSION

Via the assessment undertaken of all assessment criteria the TEP concluded the tenders submitted by the following Tenderers represented the best value to Council:

1. North East Zone 1 (77) – K.G Bowen & S.C Bowen
2. Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road (78) & (88) – Tolbra Earthmovers & Haulage Pty Ltd

Tender Evaluation Panel Recommendation

That Council accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by K.G Bowen & S.C Bowen for Contract 2025-2026-277 – Flood Damaged Roads Restoration – North East Zone 1 (77) for \$2,217,124.90 ex GST in accordance with the contract provisions and schedule of rates; and

That Council accepts the schedule of rates tender submitted by Tolbra Earthmovers and Haulage Pty Ltd for Contract 2025-2026-278-288 Flood Damaged Roads Restoration – Bulloo Downs Road & Tickalara Road (78) & (88) for \$4,983,457.61 ex GST in accordance with the contract provisions and schedule of rates with the immediate commencement of work.

14.16 COMMUNITY, CULTURE & PLACES REPORT**File Number:** 162207**Author:** Tamie Warner, Community, Culture & Places**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Community, Culture & Places report for the month of June 2026

CORPORATE / HUMAN RESOURCES ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITY**New Starters**

Nil

Resignations

Nil

Positions Advertised

Executive Assistant

HEADCOUNT

Employment Type	Opening Balance	New Starters	Terminated	June Balance
Full Time	50	1	2	49
Part Time	1	-	1	-
Casual	6	-	1	5
Fixed Term	-	-	-	-
Apprentice	-	-	-	-
Totals	57	1	4	54

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**SWQROC Tourism Group****RAB Funding 2025-2028 – New Product Development (Drive Itinerary)**

The SWQROC new Drive Tourism Product Development RAB Funding Financial Agreement (FFA) has been executed in order to commence the project. Revised project deliverable 4th December 2026.

Krista Hauritz Tourism

Krista Hauritz has been engaged to lead the SWQROC New Product Development (Drive Itinerary) and invited to re-commence the Creative Concept stage of the project and the rationale behind this phase based on the following RAB Funding Agreement deliverables:

- Drive Tourism for SWQ (Product Development) including market research with LGAs and industry, development of creative concepts (product name/identity) and evaluation/marketing testing through stakeholder engagement to confirm suitability and regional alignment
- Develop high-quality visitor facing materials (eg printed map, brochure and digital assets) and integrate the new drive experience into drive systems and digital visitor information platforms with TEQ, including ADTW and OQTA.
- Implementation and distribution of the new Drive Tourism Product to market through Industry Partnerships
- Develop an Educational Familiarisation Program to introduce the drive to industry and media
- Implement a Monitoring Framework to measure visitation and economic benefits for Benefit Reporting
- Implement a coordinated 12-month regional awareness period to promote the drive through VICs, partner channels and digital platforms.

Krista will lead discussions to gain insights and input to lead into the development of a DRAFT Marketing Campaign for future consideration.

StoryTowns Delivery as part of the RAB Project

Part of the RAB project included the development of Geo-located Regional Audio Stories as developed with StoryTowns (consultant):

- Create geo-located audio stories accessible via mobile technology to capture and produce stories showcasing local landscapes, history and community life.

Fun Over Fifties tour series that has seen just short of **\$190k spent directly into the SWQ region across the 3 tours.**

Channel Country Music Muster

A total of 460 people have registered to attend the Muster, not including bookings at the Caravan Park, which is also fully booked for the event. Interest has been extremely strong, with accommodation across the town in high demand.

Ged and Trudy have been in town since 16 June, assisting with the planning, site preparation and event layout to ensure everything is ready for a successful Muster. Their support has been invaluable in the lead-up to the event.

Music in the Mulga – Recap

The 2026 Music in the Mulga festival—yet again faced significant challenges beyond our control. With apprehension we headed west to prepare for setup. Fuel prices and scare mongering by the media regarding the fuel prices and the supposed inability to obtain fuel led to numerous refunds and patrons advising the inability to attend due to costs. Passing no vans on the way out and hearing the dismal reports on visitor numbers in each area did not improve the mindset.

Once again moving the event to a new site brings logistical problems with the setup and making things run smoothly but everything seemed to work well with only a few changes required for 2027.

Response from patrons was incredibly positive and they loved having us all camping in the one spot together again and it was still close enough to town for those that wanted powered sites or accommodation to be able to commute. Many also walked or rode bikes into town most days.

It was great to receive the support from many locals especially on the Friday and Saturday. We hope this is an event that the locals will take ownership of and continue to support into the future.

Being back to a four day event, camping together and a new site that has a wonderful atmosphere kept all the patrons extremely happy and keen to return. I am confident Music In The Mulga has found its new home at the Thargomindah Golf Club with an atmosphere that defines the festival's character where we can ensure that the unique blend of music, atmosphere, community, and outback charm continues to thrive and grow this event to benefit all those concerned.

We, once again **extend our deepest gratitude to the Bulloo Shire Council and community members** who stepped in to assist—whether through physical labour, logistical support, or simply showing up to help create the welcoming atmosphere that *Music in the Mulga* is known for.

See you all 13th-16th May 2027 at Thargomindah for a bigger and better event.

VIC Statistics

VIC		Facebook – Explore Bulloo		Instagram	
Visitors	846	Interactions	1.4K	Views	4.1k
Phone calls	567	Comments	-	Interactions	29
Email enquirers	107	Views	8.3k	Reach	194
		New followers	86	New followers	-
		Total Followers	9,125K	Total followers	1412

LIFESTYLE AND RECREATION

- Pram Kickers, was attended by 16 community members, the show took an unexpected turn in subject matter towards the end but was well performed. Our next scheduled performance is ABBA Girls in September.
- Ladies Day was held on the 27th June and was attended by 44 local ladies. The event was a huge success with all that attended having a fabulous night out. Our 2027 event is now in the planning stages and will be a whole community event.
- Leather Work – 6/7 June, Quilting - 20/21 June, were successfully run and all that attended came away with new skills and items they had made during the workshop.
- Upcoming workshops - Wire Work – 11/12 July, Upholstery – 15/16 July.
- Plans are underway for the combined Christmas tree/markets with the Thargomindah P&C. Council will be going halves in the fireworks display and I have booked entertainment for the night. A survey will be posted to see the community's interest in once again running the Pavilion competition and if so what categories they would like included.
- Fishing Comp has been postponed due to the river conditions, it is hoped that this will now be run over the September school holidays.
- Helena Salmon has now ceased employment at Teelow Court due to the changes in the WQPHN funding.
- 2026/27FY Forward Program & Budget in relation to RADF202400048 under Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) has been assessed and approved by Arts Queensland

Activity –			Visits
Total Library Visits	April	May	June
Tourists	18	3	5
Local Adults	11	9	10
Local Children	30	31	92
First 5 Forever (Parents and Children)	8	35	29
F5F On the Road (Seasonal) – Thargo Polox	-	15	18
Afterschool Craft			85
Book loans	64	38	83
WQPHN Activities – Healthy Ageing Program			
Water Aerobics (Seasonal)	-	-	-
Massage/Beauty Treatments/Hairdresser (55yrs & Over)	15	2	17
Luncheon (1)	14	-	17
InBody Scans	-	2	1
Workshops/Community Events/School Holiday			
Book Club	5	4	5
Anzac Day	75		
Theatre Production – Pram Kickers	-	32	16
Teelow court visits			Visits
Healthy ageing activities	28	38	23
Visiting Therapists			13

Library

- Forward plan for 2026/27 has been submitted to SLQ.
- Acquittal of Unspent grant funds 2025/26 has been submitted.
- There has been a large increase of borrowing from the library over the past month.
- Book Club continues and meet the first Wednesday of every month
- F5F was held at the Thargomindah Polox carnival in with a good number of children making use of the activities provided
- Playgroup continues every Thursday at the Library and there will now also be RAFS Playgroup every 2nd Tuesday in the park.
- Afterschool craft has commenced on Monday and Wednesday between 3-4pm at the library and is showing great numbers so far.

COMMUNITY RECOVERY & RESILIENCE

June saw a strong shift from planning into implementation, with a focus on community engagement, remote community outreach, partnership development, and delivery of recovery and resilience initiatives.

June also saw ongoing development of the *Growing Leaders – Growing Stronger* initiative, exploring how sport and community participation can be used to build leadership capability, resilience and social connection across Bulloo Shire.

A key priority throughout the month was ensuring residents in Noccundra, Cameron Corner and Hungerford had opportunities to contribute to recovery planning and discuss ongoing challenges. Significant progress was also made in strengthening partnerships, building access to resources and support services, progressing community capacity-building initiatives, and continuing activities designed to improve social connection and preparedness across the Shire.

Activity Summaries

- Conducted community engagement activities in Noccundra and Hungerford, gathered valuable feedback on ongoing flood impacts, preparedness, social connection and service access.
- Continued development of the *Growing Leaders – Growing Stronger* program, using rugby league as a platform to strengthen leadership, resilience and community participation. The program is scheduled for delivery from 7–9 August 2026, focusing on leadership development, confidence-building, mentoring and community participation opportunities for young people and emerging leaders across the Shire.
- Commenced exploration of a Community Animal Resilience Program through discussions with leading emergency management and animal welfare specialists, including David King (NSW SES) and Robert Leach (International Fund for Animal Welfare). Discussions focused on practical approaches to improving preparedness for the welfare, evacuation and movement of animals during disasters, with the aim of strengthening community resilience and reducing stress on both people and animals during future flood events.
- Progressed planning for the “Bull Dust & The Real Dirt – Cracks, Lessons and the Stories We Live With Now” community storytelling podcast initiative. Obtaining quotes for a keynote speaker engagement, community consultation workshop and development of locally informed “vulnerability question cards” to support safe and meaningful conversations around recovery, resilience and lived experience. The project is intended to form the foundation of a future community-led podcast capturing stories, lessons learned and shared experiences from across the Bulloo Shire.
- Continued delivery of the Community Recovery & Resilience Hub, including expansion of wellbeing resources, outreach materials and planning for a mobile delivery model to improve accessibility across the Shire.
- Progressed the Walk, Talk & Connect initiative (5 at 5 / 5 at 9), providing regular opportunities for community connection, informal consultation and identification of recovery and wellbeing needs.
- Strengthened partnerships with RFDS, Birdie's Tree, TRACC, Red Cross and other organisations to improve access to mental health, wellbeing, children's resilience resources and recovery support for Bulloo residents.

- Progressed the AI for Recovery and Community Capacity Building initiative, with workshop dates confirmed for 19–23 August 2026. The program will deliver practical training in grant writing, social media, AI capability development and one-on-one business support for community groups, businesses and volunteers.
- Delivered and promoted a Community Clean-Up and Breakfast event, incorporating preparedness messaging and engagement with SES and community members.
- Advocated for Bulloo Shire's inclusion in the regional screening program for the documentary *Just a Farmer*, a community resilience and wellbeing initiative being delivered across several South West Queensland communities through a partnership involving TRACC, South West Hospital and Health Service, the Department of Primary Industries and other regional stakeholders. Following discussions with the organisers regarding Bulloo's exclusion from the original program, arrangements have now been made under CRRO funding to bring the event to Thargomindah in November 2026. Planning has also progressed for associated community wellbeing and resilience activities to maximise the benefit of the event for local residents.
- Continued development of the CRRO Community of Practice, including business case development, governance documentation and collaboration with CRROs across Queensland.

Looking Ahead – July 2026

July will focus on:

- Flood recovery consultation and community engagement activities with landholders in the Thargomindah area.
- Follow-up actions arising from Noccundra / Cameron Corner and Hungerford community feedback.
- Delivery planning and scheduling of AI workshops.
- Ongoing Walk, Talk & Connect activities.
- Expansion of Community Recovery & Resilience Hub outreach activities.
- Continued partnership development with RFDS, Birdie's Tree, TRACC and other service providers.
- Delivery of community preparedness, wellbeing and resilience-building initiatives.
- Continued planning of Building Community Resilience - Animals in Emergencies – Planning, Health & Evacuation initiative
- Continued planning of Building Community Resilience - Think Fast, Stay Safe Trivia Night - Family Trivia Night & Resilience Keynote
- Continued planning for the “Bull Dust & The Real Dirt – Cracks, Lessons and the Stories We Live With Now” community storytelling podcast initiative.
- Continued advocacy to ensure Bulloo Shire residents have equitable access to recovery, wellbeing and resilience programs delivered elsewhere in regional Queensland.

14.17 RURAL & TOWN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT**File Number:** 161905**Author:** Donna Hobbs, Rural & Town Services Manager**Authoriser:** Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Rural Services Department Report for June 2026.

BIOSECURITY**LANDHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

Throughout the past month, Council staff actively engaged with landholders through phone calls, emails, and face-to-face consultations. Discussions focused on several key biosecurity topics, including pig numbers, the implementation and review of biosecurity plans, weed management strategies, and the logistics surrounding road openings, particularly for stock truck movements. The following properties were consulted as part of these efforts: Nappa Merrie, Omicron, Epsilon, Orientos, Tickalara, Bulloo Downs, Dynevor Downs, Thargomindah Station, Wiralla, Autumnvale, Yakara, Boodgherree, Kilcowera, Moombidary, Nockatunga, Naryilco, Durham Downs, Picarilli, Bingara, Besm, Nooyeah, Willara and Wombula. Landholders have commended Council on the completion of Bundilla Creek culvert project.

BIRD FLU (H5 Avian Influenza)

Cases of H5 bird flu have been detected in Australia for the first time, marking the arrival of the globally circulating H5 strain. The virus is transmitted among animals via droppings and respiratory secretions of birds, as well as through contaminated environments, equipment, eggs, feed, footwear, and clothing. Signs of infection can include sudden death, lack of coordination, tremors, swimming in circles, twisted necks, inability to stand or fly, diarrhoea, difficulty breathing, and swelling of the head, neck, and eyes.

As bird flu is a notifiable animal disease, anyone who suspects that an animal may be infected is legally required to report it immediately to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1 800 675 888 (available 24/7) or 13 25 23.

Information has been distributed landholders and community.



CATTLE TICK MANAGEMENT

There has been an increase in cattle tick outbreaks in previously tick-free (“clean country”) areas. To move livestock from infested zones to tick-free areas, producers must ensure supervised chemical treatments and obtain a tick-free manual inspection by an Accredited Certifier, who will then issue a Biosecurity Certificate. The Dalby Saleyards, managed by Western Downs Regional Council, have introduced a fine of \$2,750 for each consignment of cattle found to have ticks upon entry to the saleyards.

THARGOMINDAH TOWN COMMON

Further application of Graslan herbicide was carried out along additional sections of the Town Common boundary fences prior to expected rainfall. This proactive measure aims to reduce weed growth along the fence line and support overall biosecurity objectives.

STOCKROUTE MANAGMENT

The final assessments of Stock Route water points were completed on 17 June, covering Currawinya, Numalla, and Curracunya. Earlier in the year, Orient Oil and Tygerra were assessed in January, with Patterbin completed on 4 June. The Department of Resources is currently enhancing its asset management processes for water facilities along the Stock Route. Local Governments have been requested to conduct asset inspections of all water points. Bulloo Shire has been allocated the 2025/2026 financial year to complete these inspections. All facilities have now been assessed, with reports forwarded to the Department for approval. It is important to note that future Capital Works funding opportunities will require that asset inspections are completed within the preceding 12 months.

AGFORCE WORKSHOP

Agforce hosted a Vegetation, Fire, and Mapping Workshop at Toompine on 27 May. The event was attended by Rural Service staff and landholders from the Thargomindah and Toompine regions. Presentations included Ewan Crook from Vence Virtual Fencing, Adam Osborne from Rural Fire Service Qld on the importance of well-maintained fire breaks, and Cormac Farrell and Connal Burslem from the Federal Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (via video link), who discussed the recently passed Environmental Protection Reforms Bill (28 November 2025). Craig Turner from the Department of Primary Industries’ Disaster Recovery Program (via video) shared information about disaster recovery assistance, particularly for fire and flood events. Amanda McMullen from Agforce (via video link) provided guidance on how landholders can access property mapping assistance.

COMMUNITY FLOOD RECOVERY

Rural Service staff attended the Community Flood Recovery Morning Tea at Noccundra on 23 June. The event was attended by locals from Durham Downs, Nockatunga and Noccundra. Epsilon and Orientos joined via the phone. Council’s Community Recovery and Resilience Officer facilitated a session to gather feedback on last year’s flooding event. The most significant concern expressed by landholders related to the procedures for opening and closing roads.

Rural Financial Counselling Western Queensland Roadshow

Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) Southern Queensland, QRIDA and business recovery agencies visited communities across Western Queensland to provide free, impartial and confidential support to help farm businesses navigate financial challenges following natural disasters.

The local Rural Financial Counsellors have a detailed understanding of the disaster recovery process and can provide immediate help to access available funding. They also provide ongoing support to help primary producers to develop a recovery plan and increase farm business resilience.

This roadshow was in Thargomindah on the 9 June.



Get back on track!
Western Queensland Roadshow

RFCS, QRIDA and business recovery agencies will be visiting communities across Western Queensland to provide practical support to primary producers to access recovery grants, complete applications and connect with wellbeing support services. If you have been putting off the paperwork or unsure where to start, now is the time to re-connect with these agencies and have a conversation about available support options for your business recovery.

Roadshow drop-in dates and times		Get help with:
Eulo Eulo Hall 8 June 2026 1:30pm - 3:30pm	Quilpie Quilpie Council Shire Supper Room 10 June 2026, 9am - 1pm	Financial Counselling (Rural Financial Counselling Service Southern Queensland)
Thargomindah Bulloo Shire Council 9 June 2026 8:30am - 11am	Wyandra Wyandra Hotel 11 June 2026 9:30am - 11:30am	Exclusion Fencing Reimbursements (Quilpie Shire Council)
Adavale Adavale Community Hall 9 June 2026 12pm - 3pm	Cunnamulla Paroo Shire Council Koolaburra Room 11 June 2026, 1:30pm - 4:30pm	Farm Business Resilience Planning (Rural Solutions Queensland)
Toompine Toompine Hall 9 June 2026 1pm - 3pm	Bulbin Bulbin Civic Hall 12 June 2026 9:30am - 12:30pm	Exceptional Disaster Recovery Grants & Loans (QRIDA)
		Drought Preparedness Grants (QRIDA)
		Farm Business Analysis (QRIDA)
		Land Restoration Grants (SQL)
		Mental Wellbeing Support (RFCS)

For more information: visit rfcssq.org.au or call 07 4622 5500



MEETINGS, TRAININGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED DURING THE MONTH

- 2 Kullilli & BSC Consultative Committee meeting
- 3 TMR Stock Grid Removal Program Meeting
- 4 Department of Local Government, Water & Volunteers Client Service Meeting
- 9 Rural Financial Counsellor Western Qld Roadshow
- 15 Drug and Alcohol Policy Training
- 16 Executive Leadership Team WHS Meeting
- Bulloo Shire Staff Lunch
- 23 Noccundra Flood Recovery Morning Tea

UPCOMING

Rural Fire Primary Producer Brigade Field Days

Rural Fire is holding Field Days throughout the Southwest to enhance bushfire preparedness and



Primary Producer Brigade Field Days

These events aim to enhance bushfire preparedness and resilience of primary producers in the area. All primary producers are welcome

09:30am-1:30pm

Quilpie | Monday 27th July

Thargomindah | Tuesday 28th July

Cunnamulla | Wednesday 29th July

Morven | Thursday 30th July

Augathella | Friday 31st July

Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided

Come along to hear about how the RFSQ can support fire management for the upcoming higher risk bushfire period

RSVP
Monday 20th July 2026
RFSQ Charleville Area Office
Ph: (07) 4656 5839
Email: RFSQ.Charleville@fire.qld.gov.au





resilience of primary producers. The Thargomindah Field Day is being held on the 28 July, starting at 9:30am with the venue to be advised.

RFQS Awareness Sessions

Rural Fire Services Qld are also delivering a short presentation on what RFSQ is currently doing around heavy plant and support operations and how the request for assistance will be activated.

The program is aimed at plant and machinery operators and supervisors in charge of heavy plant and other machinery likely to be requested. This includes graders, loaders, dozers, excavators, tractors and water carts.

Council's Engineer is working the RFSQ to confirm a suitable date to present the program as part of a toolbox type session in person at the Council Depot.

TOWN SERVICES

Airport

- Airport operations continued smoothly throughout the reporting period with no disruptions.
- Aviation fuel supply remained reliable, with no shortages or issues recorded, ensuring uninterrupted service delivery.
- 3 RFDS aeromedical retrievals were successfully facilitated, supporting critical health service delivery to the region.
- BKR Town Maintenance maintained consistent oversight and management of operations at the Thargomindah Aerodrome including inspection of airstrip prior to each REX and RFDS landing and take-off as per CASA Regulations.

Facilities and Housing

Routine maintenance and minor repairs were carried out as required. Blinds continued to be progressively installed in Council housing by Town Services staff.

Parks and Gardens

Town Services staff continued regular kerbside waste collection and skip bin servicing. When the rubbish compactor was out of service for two collection days, staff emptied bins by hand. The truck was damaged during tipping into the pit but has since been repaired and is now fully operational. Staff also carried out general grounds maintenance at locations such as the Council Administration Office, Visitor Information Centre (VIC) grounds, Leahy House, Truck Stop, Teelow Court, and Senior Units. In addition, staff assisted with event setup for the Channel Country Music Muster.

Parks and Gardens also completed Rest Area Servicing at five locations:

- BESM rest area – whipper snapped; bins emptied
- Lake Bindegolly – bins emptied
- Ambulance Bay on the Cunnamulla Road – bins emptied.
- Noccundra amenities – whipper snapped

14.18 SPECIAL PROJECTS**File Number: 162211****Author: Chris Woodland, Projects Manager****Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer****Attachments: Nil****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Special Projects report for the month for June 2026.

GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS**Residential Activation Fund (RAF) - Replacement of Thargomindah Sewerage Treatment Plant****New STP Preliminary Design – GHD**

- GHD Engineers have recently provided preliminary design information and are currently indicating a preference for Design Option 3, which would require the construction of new lined evaporation ponds. To support an informed assessment and decision-making process, I have requested further information from GHD regarding Design Options 1 and 2, including the rationale for the apparent preference for Option 3. At this stage, no detailed design documentation, technical assessments, or comparative information has been provided for Options 1, 2, or 3, limiting our ability to evaluate the merits, risks, costs, and operational implications of each alternative. I have been in contact with GHD and GBA with my concerns, requesting more information.
- GHD has raised concerns that DETSI may be reluctant to support BSC's continued use of the existing evaporation ponds, given their age, the absence of original design documentation, and the potential risk of ground seepage. Before Council is asked to consider acceptance of Design Issue 3, I will be seeking further clarification and assurance that DETSI is prepared to endorse the ongoing use of the current ponds. Alternatively, Council may prefer to pursue the installation of new lined ponds. If that path is considered, it would be valuable to understand the expected lifespan, maintenance requirements, and long-term performance of the proposed liners. While new infrastructure may offer immediate benefits, it is important to ensure that it remains a sustainable asset and does not evolve into a future liability.
- GBA brief: Meeting with GHD held 6 July discussing Preliminary design direction and evaluating data from Council for design
 - GHD on track for 14 August 2026 Preliminary design report for the three options (TBC)
 - Final Water Balance Modelling by Bio-Track to be completed for Preliminary design with GHD's design input
 - Council provided additional information and data to GHD for Preliminary Design
 - Frequency of meetings with GHD for progress is as required

Geotechnical Investigation – Douglas Partners

- Douglas Partners have complete fieldworks - Soil testing at the Golf Course and existing STP site.
- The geotechnical report on the fieldwork samples are expected next week to assist in the evaluation and design elements for the new proposed evaporation pond and STP designs.



Douglas Partners - Soil testing STP site

Golf Course - Evaporation ponds of site works

- CZ5 Contracting has successfully completed the desilting of the golf course catchment pond and associated drainage network, as well as the desludging of the existing STP catchment pond. These works have significantly improved the storage capacity and operational efficiency of the effluent management system.
- Treated effluent is now being redirected back into the catchment ponds as intended. Following the recent rainfall event, the ponds have reached full capacity, demonstrating the restored functionality and effectiveness of the upgraded storage infrastructure.



Golf course completed desilt

Residential Activation Fund (RAF) - Frew and Sams St Trunk Infrastructure

Frew and Sam Streets Town Water Extension Project

- AgoVires have now completed approximately 80% of the tender works. Progress on the final 60 metres of pipeline installation was impacted by wet weather and the presence of a short distance of bolder rock within the trench alignment. Rock breaking operations and trench clearing have since been successfully completed, now allowing for completion of the first stage works.
- The approved variation has now been initiated to deliver the remaining infrastructure links on Moore Street, Henry Street, and the balance of Sams Street, ensuring the subdivision is completed in accordance with the overall development objectives. The scope includes the installation of additional valves and fire hydrants.



Few St -Town water installation

Frew and Sam Streets Sewer Extension Project

- Tender documents are nearing completion for this project, however I'm waiting on redesign of Flovac system due proposed location not having enough space for installation.
- The proposed project completion date is 20 November 2026.

Community Energy Upgrade Fund (CEUF)

Northern Renewable Group attended the site on 22 June to inspect the proposed solar installation locations and assess their suitability. Following a detailed assessment, it was determined that converting the existing river pump to operate on solar power was not feasible due to the location requirements for the solar panel installation. To maximise the benefits of the proposed solar investment, Northern Renewable Group recommended integrating a new solar system with the existing infrastructure at the sports oval. This approach would optimise daytime energy usage by supporting the facility operations, including the canteen and refrigeration units, resulting in greater operational efficiency and improved utilisation of renewable energy during peak usage periods.

It was confirmed that the proposed installation to the Fire/SES shed is still a suitable installation location. I will now proceed with producing a scope of works for quotation for both locations.



Proposed CEUF funded Solar installation extension location to sports oval

Sport and Recreation Recovery Grant (SRRG)

Received grant funding approval for the following Thargomindah township projects:

Project reviewing, scheduling, scoping works and calling for quotations is all underway.

Memorial Park

- Replace squash court floor, new tin, paint and line markings.
- New walking machine to Gym
- New step machine to Gym

Sport Oval

- Repair and upgrade field lighting.
- Undertake field turf improvements and repair irrigation systems.
- Repair flood-damaged electrical systems.
- Repair or replace the irrigation pump as required.
- Repair electrical systems servicing the canteen and ablution block.

Community Centre

- Remove and replace the squash court floor, including line marking and tin trim.
- Prepare and repaint the squash court side walls and line markings.
- Replace the flood-damaged gymnasium treadmill and step machine.

- Supply and install height-adjustable tin.

Rodeo Grounds Facility Upgrade

- Replace the effluent disposal system and reinstate the sewerage system.
- Undertake ground restoration works.
- Replace flood-damaged fencing.
- Replace the underground sprinkler system.
- Replace flood-damaged electrical and hot water systems.
- Reinstall the container toilet block, including re-levelling and drainage repairs.
- Make the grandstand structure safe.

Thargomindah Gold Course

- Fairway Restoration - Fairway grading, levelling, raking, sand placement and surface preparation
- Weed Control - Non-selective and spot spraying / weed infestation treatment
- Sand Materials - Sand materials and labour for fairway/green reinstatement
- Fencing - Southern, western and northern boundary fencing reinstatement
- Site Furniture - Rubbish bins and aluminium bench seats

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Golf Club Proposed PWD Facility

A site inspection was completed to assess and confirm the complexity of the plumbing requirements. No issues or constraints were identified during the assessment. The final design plans will now be completed and submitted for building certification and regulatory approval.

Provision has been included in the draft 2026/2027 Budget for consideration.

Housing Maintenance

Full housing inspections are scheduled to commence in late July. These inspections will provide a complete scope of works for required housing maintenance across Council properties. The resulting reports will allow maintenance works to be programmed and prioritised for each property based on urgency and importance.

Provision has been included in the draft 2026/2027 Budget for consideration to commence maintenance work.

Thargomindah Town Water Cooling System Audit

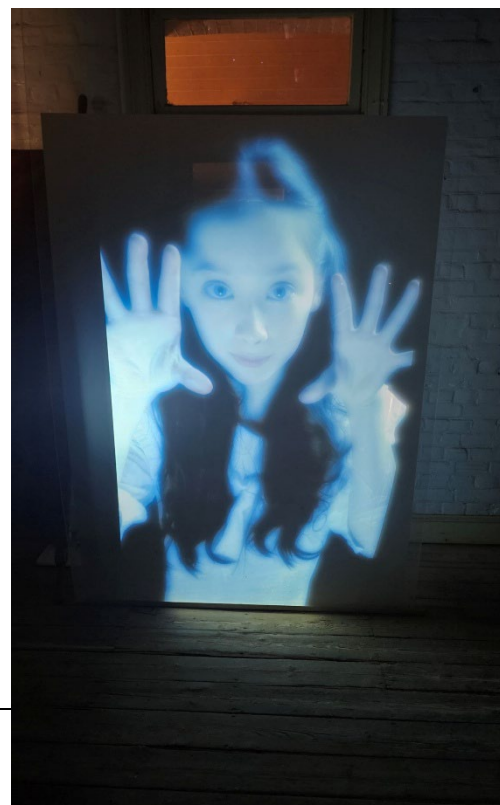
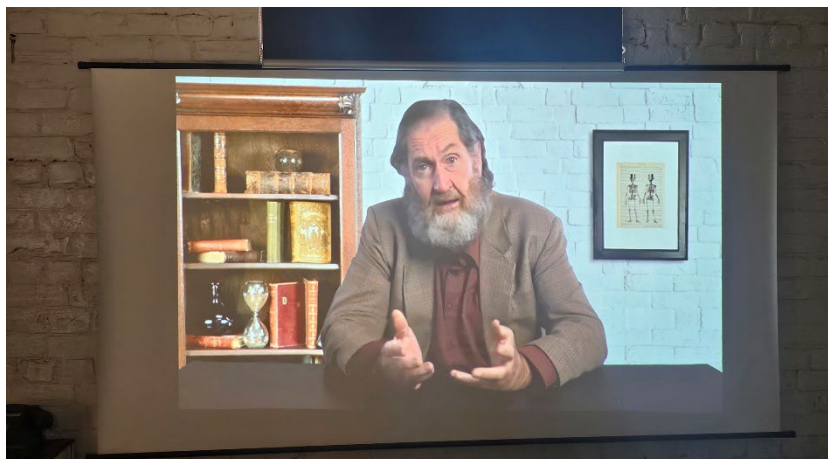
Northern Renewable Group has completed a comprehensive site investigation and system audit of the Thargomindah town water cooling system to identify operational issues, assess system performance, and inform future improvement opportunities. Their final report is expected later this month. Preliminary findings indicate that a further audit is recommended during the hotter months to assess system performance under maximum load conditions. In the meantime, solar

panel maintenance should be prioritised during the cooler months to improve system efficiency and reliability. Following receipt and review of the final report, I will present the key findings, recommendations, and proposed actions at the August meeting to support informed decision-making and future planning.

Tourism Tech Assets Upgrade

Northern Renewable Group has completed the required maintenance and replacement of electrical components across the tourism technology assets at the Old Hydro Power Station, Old Hospital, and Old Jail. These works have improved system reliability and restored functionality to critical infrastructure.

Further upgrades are recommended during the off-season to allow software and control system improvements to be undertaken with minimal operational disruption. Due to the age of the existing computer hardware and software, it was considered too high-risk to perform major updates at this time, as there was a significant possibility of affecting the current operation of the system. Despite these limitations, the technology is currently operating at approximately 95% of its intended capacity. Ongoing planning is underway to identify suitable upgrade pathways that will enhance system performance, reliability, and long-term sustainability while minimising the risk of service interruptions.



Bulloo Shire Council - SPECIAL PROJECTS - 2025-26

Project	Project number			Funding by	Start Date (Grant)	Completion Date (Grant)
QRRRP						
Flood Study and levee concept design	3000	2009	0	Grant		
SRRG						
Memorial Park	8000	426	0	Grant	14-06-26	30-06-27
Sport Oval	8000	427	0	Grant	14-06-26	30-06-27
Golf Course	8000	428	0	Grant	14-06-26	30-06-27
Community Center	8000	429	0	Grant	14-06-26	30-06-27
Rodeo Grounds Facility Upgrade	8000	430	0	Grant	14-06-26	30-06-27
RAF (STP)						
STP Design and desludg/desilt	8000	5004	0	Grant	25-06-26	30-06-27
New STP Construction and Commissioning	8000	5004	0	Grant	25-06-26	30-06-27
CEUF						
Solar installations (Solar and Pumping)	8000	330	0	Grant/BSC	31-01-26	31-10-26
RAF (Frew and Sams St Trunk Infrastructure)						
Frew and Sams St Town Water	8000	5005	0	Grant		TBA
Frew and Sams St Sewerage tender docs	8000	5005	0	Grant		TBA
Frew and Sams St Town Stormwater - K&C	8000	5005	0	Grant		TBA
Explorers Caravan Park						
New Multi Room Cabin	8000	380	0	BSC		
Full park maintenance inspection	5700	2004	4000	BSC		
Produce 10yr design layout of park						
New Housing						
4 x 2 bedroom houses				BSC		
1 x 3 bedroom house				BSC		
Residential Sheds						
News shed - 91 Frew St				BSC		
News shed - 88 Sams St				BSC		
Nipunya Caravan Park						
Cabin deck maintenance	5700	2001	4000	BSC		
Memorial Park						
New Cenotaph (Future Grant)	TBA			TBA		
Leahy House						
Building inspection, cost estimate for repairs and renovation				BSC		
PM building repairs (new floor, skirting and refit doors)				BSC		
Thargo Walking Track - Solar lights						
Solar Light Maintenance Program	5310	2644	0			
Thargo Golf Club						
New PWD facility				BSC		
Carpark Solar lights				BSC		
Sports Oval						
New change room design (Mayors request future grant)				BSC		
Thargo Pool						
Painting of pool showers and change rooms				BSC		
Town Hall and Retail- Design and Estimate						
Preliminary design				BSC		
Preliminary estimate				BSC		

14.19 OPERATIONAL SERVICES REPORT

File Number: 161413
Author: George Inocentes, Engineer
Authoriser: Tiffany Dare, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Operational Services Report for June 2026.

TMR RMPC (Routine Maintenance Performance Contract)

- Council RMPC Budget for this financial year is \$ 1,502,577.00
- Tender for Grid removal along 94A and 94B have been submitted to TMR for their consideration.
- Clearing works along Cunnamulla Road and Quilpie Road had commence.

TMR FLOOD DAMAGE RESTORATION DRFA

Flood Damage Restoration works:

- Eulo–Hungerford Road (7001): Heavy Formation Grading with top-up gravel.
 - Heavy formation grading is continuing in preparation for upcoming resheeting works.
 - Crushing of gravel at Boorrara Pit has been delayed due to recent rainfall. The crushing contractor will mobilise once site conditions are sufficiently dry.
- Bundeena Road (94B) & Cunnamulla–Thargomindah Road (94A):
 - In-situ stabilisation works have been awarded to Everest Civil and are scheduled to commence in the last week of August. Works have been timed to enable sealing of the stabilised sections in early September during more favourable weather conditions.
 - Austek has been awarded the bitumen sealing works, which are programmed to commence following completion of the stabilisation works.

TMR TIDS (Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme)

- Council has been allocated \$1.07 million under the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) for the 2026–27 financial year.

TMR DRFA Betterment Works at Paroo Crossing

- Council has received the tender documentation for the Paroo Crossing Betterment Works project.
- The tender is scheduled to close on 30 July 2026.

- Discussions have been held with TMR engineers regarding project timing, with a preference to commence works in mid-August or early September. An early start will maximise construction time available prior to the storm season, which typically occurs between December and March.

Country Road Connect (CRC)

- Two significant floodways have been identified along the route which require culvert installations to improve flood resilience and road access.
- D&D Concrete has been engaged to undertake the works, including the installation of:
 - one (1) 1.5 m x 1.5 m x 12 m box culvert; and
 - two (2) sets of 750 mm diameter x 12 m reinforced concrete pipes.
- All culverts and pipes will be supplied by Council and are currently stored at the Council depot.
- Works have been delayed due to recent rainfall across the Shire and will recommence once site conditions are suitable.

Drill of Bore

- Bore drilling works have been awarded to Drill Engineering & Pastoral Co (Depco).
- State planning approval has been obtained for the project.
- The project is currently awaiting the required water permit prior to the commencement of drilling activities.

Bundilla Culvert Installation

- Installation of the culvert and concrete works over the culvert have been completed.
- Installation of concrete canvas will commence once site conditions are sufficiently dry and the embankment slopes are suitable for construction activities.

Council Maintenance

- Crack sealing works at the Thargomindah Airstrip have been completed in accordance with a request from BKR, which manages airport maintenance activities.
- Repairs to, or replacement of, the concrete causeway crown at the Ballera Bridge Crossing have been scheduled, with works to be undertaken by D&D Concrete.
- Road patching works along Warri Gate Road have been scheduled and will commence once conditions are sufficiently dry to allow access and construction activities.

Sealing Noccundra Airstrip

- Subgrade preparation has been completed, with gravel placement for the subgrade layer now underway.
- Crushing of gravel materials is ongoing to support current and upcoming stages of construction.

- Project delayed due to wet weather.

REPA Emergent Works

- Tolbra has completed emergent works on Bransby Santos Road and Orientos Road.
- Emergent works along the Cooper Floodplain have also been completed. Council has installed a reduced speed limit sign through the damaged section pending permanent restoration works.
- Further inspections are scheduled to be undertaken by Shepherd on Tickalara Road and Woompah Gate Road to determine whether additional emergent works are required. Delayed due to wet weather.

Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade

- GBA Consulting Engineers continue to work closely with Council's Engineer and Special Projects Manager to progress the Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade project.
- Desilting works at the treated effluent storage area adjacent to the Golf Club have been completed.
- GHD is continuing hydraulic modelling and technical assessments using information provided by GBA in consultation with Council. The modelling will help inform the next stage of project planning and design.

WATER:

Thargomindah Town Water Supply

- Cooling Plant:
 - Repairs to the burst pipework in the Cooling Shed have been completed with the repair passing the initial pressure and operational testing, however water sampling indicates that a biofilm has developed inside the UV filtration system. NRG are currently arranging for the UV to be cleaned. Once water quality results return to verify the UV filter is working effectively approval can be sought from the Water Regulation Office to bring the plant back online.
 - NRG were onsite in the last week of May to perform a service on the system. During the service it was determined that the seals in the filternox filtration system were heat damaged and the filternox was causing a water hammer through the pipeline. It is believed that this is the most probable cause for the pipework to blow out. NRG are also investigating options that will assist in preventing a potential water hammer from causing more damage to the system, preventative measures being investigated include:
 - The installation of a thrust block

- The installation of a thrust valve
- The installation of a surge chamber
- The installation of an automated valve which would prevent water from entering the Filternox when the system is idle.

Operational testing of the system has now commenced and once permission is granted from the Water Regulation Office, the heat exchange unit will be brought online to supply the town water supply.

- There was a main break on the corner of Stafford and Frew Streets which required water supply to be interrupted to eleven households for approximately 1.5 hours while repairs were performed.
- Repairs to the Bermad valve on Bore 01 were completed, however the pressure gauge failed while the bore was being brought back online causing multiple over-pressure issues within the town, including a burst main on Sams Street. All issues were resolved within a 2-hour timeframe.
- The quarterly SWQWSA meeting was held in St George which included a tour of both the Dirranbandi Water Treatment Plant and the St George Sewerage Treatment Plant.
- Bore 02:
 - The Thargomindah Town Water Supply is currently being supplied by Bore 02 only due to a failure of the pressure reduction valve at Bore 01. Bore 01 will be reinstated to operate in conjunction with Bore 02 once the valve has been repaired.
 - The flow meter at Bore 02 has been repaired.

Usage

The following readings were recorded for May 2026:

May water supply usage	20,010.5KL
Average daily water usage	645.5KL
Water supply usage for 2025/2026 (July to May)	217,707.5KL
Council's annual allocation (Licence No. 618478)	345,000KL
% of allocation used	63.1%
Maximum Air Temperature	31.6°C
Minimum Air temperature	13.1°C
Average Maximum Air Temperature	23.5°C
Average Minimum Air Temperature	13.1°C
Recorded rainfall for May 2026	49.4mm

Hungerford (Non-potable & Raw Water Supplies)

- There were no incidents reported for the raw water supply during May 2026.

- The UV housing repairs have been completed.

Usage

The following readings were recorded for June 2026 for water usage in Hungerford:

Bore Water – Town Usage	
May water supply usage	188.0KL
Average daily water usage	6.1KL
Water supply usage for 2025/2026 (July to May)	1,617.0KL

Extracted from Bore	
Total water extracted in May	452KL
Total water extracted for 2025/2026 (July to May)	3,660KL

Raw Water – Town Usage	
May water supply usage	571.0KL
Average daily water usage	18.4KL
Water supply usage for 2025/2026 (July to May)	11,710.0KL

Extracted from Paroo River	
Total water extracted in May	0.0KL
Total water extracted for 2025/2026 (July to May)	6,562.0KL

Noccundra (Raw Water Supply)

- There were no incidents reported for the raw water supply during June 2026.

SEWERAGE

Sewerage Pump Station:

- There were no incidents reported at the Sewerage Pump Station during May 2026.

Sewerage Treatment Plant:

- There were no incidents reported at the Sewerage Treatment Plant during May 2026.
- The final effluent pumps were changed out with the spare pumps on hand.

Usage

The calculated volume of effluent pumped and processed by the sewerage treatment plant is ongoing with the following results recorded. The flow through the Thargomindah Sewerage Treatment plant for May 2026 was:

Total discharge pumped to wastewater treatment plant	2,324.55KL
Total volume of effluent discharge from the Wastewater Plant	1,659.0KL
Average daily discharge to wastewater plant	74.99KL
Total discharge from Wastewater Plant 2025/2026 (July to May)	10,854.0KL

WASTE

- Rubbish collection services for both wheelie bins and skip bins were carried out without incident throughout May.
- The newly appointed coordinator for the SWQROC Waste Management Group, Troy Uren, visited the Thargomindah and Noccundra waste facilities during a recent familiarisation tour of SW Qld. Unfortunately, Troy was unable to visit the Hungerford waste facility during this visit as the roads were closed due to wet weather.

WORKSHOP REPORT

All Generators - monthly checks all around town – Have been carried out by Staff

Various machines –replacement of new batteries, Tyres & services – as needed

Outstanding Defects

Only plant and equipment that are currently **out of service** are listed below. Plant remaining operational and awaiting minor repairs has not been included in this report.

PLANT No	PLANT DESCRIPTION	DEFECT TYPE	Comments	Date Purchase Order	Purchase Order No.
558	Loader	External door lock broken	The external door lock is inoperable, requiring staff to reach through the window to open the door. This has resulted in a workplace injury. The plant has been tagged out of service by WHS pending repair of the door locking mechanism and confirmation that the unit is safe to return to operation.	3/07/2026	31539
5001	Traffic Lights	Solar wiring from the solar is not charging battery	Mechanic has identified a fault with the solar charging system. Due to the age of the unit, replacement parts are difficult to source. <i>Council is currently assessing the cost-effectiveness of repairs compared with replacement or hire of an alternative unit.</i>	3/02/2026	30635
5003	Traffic Lights	control box won't respond & keep breaking fuses	Mechanic has identified faults within the control box, which is repeatedly blowing fuses. Due to the age of the unit, replacement parts are difficult to source. <i>Council is currently assessing the cost-effectiveness of repairs compared with replacement or hire of an alternative unit.</i>	3/02/2026	30635

Plant Defects Register			
STATUS			
DEFECTS			
DATE	MONTH DEFECTS REPORTED	DEFECTS REPAIRED	TOTAL DEFECTS (OUTSTANDING)
24-Dec	3	0	3
30-Dec	74	66	7
January	19	17	2
February	32	30	2
March	30	28	2
April	12	9	3
May	28	22	5
June	12	3	9
July	1	1	0
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
	211	176	33

Purchase of Council New Plant Machine

The following new Council Plant is schedule to be deliver by the winning tenderer:

Budget Purchases Still to come:

- 12ton Truck Crane/Tip – tender awarded should be delivered 14/7/26
- Roller Pedestrian

Plant Arrivals

Nil

15 LATE ITEMS

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

17 NEXT MEETING

18 CLOSURE