

# BULLOO

## Buzz



Left - Right: Kyra Warner & Jordy Ferguson



# MAYOR'S *Message*

TRACTOR FERGUSON

## SWQROC Meeting (St George)

I recently attended the South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC) meeting held in St George alongside fellow Mayors from across the region. Members received a range of important updates and presentations on matters impacting our communities:

Translink provided an update on the 2026 review of regulated air services. This follows their recent visit to the region for community consultation, and their review will help inform future service delivery across South West Queensland.

The Bureau of Meteorology updated members on the new weather station. The project is progressing, with final location to be determined in Quilpie Shire and an estimated delivery timeframe of approximately two years, including around 18 months of off-site construction followed by installation on site.

Regional Development Australia (RDA) presented an overview of the current drought framework for South West Queensland, outlining how the region is being supported and coordinated through ongoing drought conditions.

The Queensland Government provided a briefing on recent State Government priorities relevant to regional and remote communities.

Members also received a presentation on the Digital Connectivity in South West Queensland Report, highlighting current challenges and opportunities to improve connectivity across the region.

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) provided an update on recent projects funded under the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program (QRRRP), supporting ongoing work to strengthen community resilience.

The group endorsed the formation of a Child Safety Reform Working Group to support the implementation of the Child Safe Organisations Act 2024. This legislation establishes a new legal framework requiring organisations working with children to implement enhanced safeguarding measures.

These meetings remain an important forum for regional collaboration, advocacy and ensuring the priorities of South West Queensland are clearly communicated to State and Federal partners.

## Insurance in Rural and Regional Queensland Roundtable (St George)

I also attended the second Insurance in Rural and Regional Queensland Roundtable in St George. The roundtable brought together representatives from the QRA, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), major insurers, and local and state government.

Discussions focused on:

- Continuing to strengthen the link between flood mitigation infrastructure and insurance premium outcomes for regional and remote communities
- Sharing key learnings and outcomes from the Roundtable Working Group

These discussions are part of ongoing work to address the challenges faced by regional communities in accessing affordable insurance.

## SWQROC Fuel Tracker

If you're travelling across the South West Queensland (SWQROC) region for upcoming events and are unsure about fuel availability, be sure to check the SWQROC Fuel Tracker before you go.

Tourism plays a vital role in supporting our smaller communities, and we greatly appreciate visitors taking the time to explore our region.

## Flood Study and Levee Design Update

Council recognises the importance of flood mitigation for our community and continues to actively progress the Flood Study and Levee Design for Thargomindah as a priority project.

Following recent discussions with QRA representatives, including a meeting held in St George, Council has confirmed the scope of works that will be progressed under this program. These include:

- Flood Study – Thargomindah
- Engagement of Peer Review and Technical Experts
- Floor Level Capture – Thargomindah
- Levee Concept Design – Thargomindah
- LiDAR (aerial mapping) capture for the Bulloo catchment





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The Flood Study will provide a detailed understanding of flood behaviour, risks, and mitigation options, forming the basis for future infrastructure investment and improved resilience across the community.

At present, QRA is in the final stages of appointing technical experts. Once this is confirmed, Council will be able to commence the tender process for the flood study. LiDAR mapping and floor level capture works are currently anticipated to be undertaken by the State in July, which will provide critical data to support accurate modelling and design.

Importantly, once the levee concept design is completed and a preferred mitigation option is confirmed, funding is expected to progress towards construction of the levee as a key long-term solution.

In addition to the above, Council has put forward further projects for consideration under resilience and risk reduction funding programs, including:

- Hungerford Township Flood Study
- Hungerford Township Flood Levee Design
- Thargomindah Evacuation Centre Design
- Updating the Local Disaster Management Plan and sub-plans
- Enhancement of Council's Disaster Dashboard

Council remains committed to advocating strongly for these projects and ensuring our communities are better prepared for future disaster events.



# Community News

## Thargo Bulls Return Home in Historic Rugby League Revival

The spirit of country rugby league was alive and thriving in Thargomindah on Saturday, 9 May 2026, as the Thargo Bulls hosted their first home game in 24 years. The long-awaited return of senior rugby league to the small south-west Queensland town drew a huge crowd, packed accommodation, and created an atmosphere that locals will remember for years to come.

After months of hard work rebuilding the club and reigniting community support following the devastating 2025 floods, the Bulls finally ran onto their home ground in front of a sea of blue and gold supporters. Families, former players, travelling fans, and neighbouring communities all gathered to celebrate what was far more than just a football game — it was a celebration of resilience, mateship, and community pride.

The day kicked off with junior football before the senior fixtures took centre stage later in the afternoon. The Bulls first faced the Charleville Comets in a tough and physical contest. Despite a determined effort and strong defensive display, the Comets managed to secure a 12–0 win.

But the highlight of the day was still to come.

In front of a roaring home crowd, the Thargo Bulls produced a memorable performance against the Cunnamulla Rams, charging away to a thrilling 38–14 victory — the club's first win in more than two decades. Mack Mason starred for the Bulls with two tries, while Liam Negus and Lachie Bampton also crossed for doubles in an outstanding team effort. Captain Dylan Andrews led from the front, contributing with the boot and helping guide the side around the field.

The success of the event went well beyond the scoreboard. More than 200 spectators lined the oval fence throughout the day, with caravans and visitors filling the town. Old jerseys and Bulls merchandise made a proud return, and celebrations continued long after the final siren sounded.

The Thargo Bulls committee would like to extend a huge thank you to all volunteers, sponsors, players, families, the referee and community members who helped make the weekend such a success. From preparing the grounds and organising catering, to running the bar, gate, raffle, and canteen, every helping hand played a part in bringing rugby league back to Thargomindah.

A special thank you goes to the neighbouring clubs who travelled long distances to support the return of western rugby league, as well as the local businesses and sponsors whose generosity helped make the event possible. The club would also like to acknowledge the dedication of coaches, trainers, committee members, and supporters who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes over recent months to rebuild the Bulls.

Most importantly, thank you to the Thargomindah community. The incredible turnout, support, and atmosphere throughout the day showed exactly what country rugby league means to the bush.

The Bulls are officially back — and the future is looking bright for rugby league in the far south-west. 🟡🟦



# Corporate Plan 2026–2031

## Thank you for your feedback

Council would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated in the Corporate Plan 2026–2031 community consultation, including both the online survey and in-person sessions.

Your feedback plays a vital role in shaping Council's direction over the next five years and ensures our planning reflects what matters most to our community.

### What We Heard from the Community

#### Key Priorities

The consultation results show strong support for investment in the region's future:

- 72% of respondents support investing in new infrastructure to support growth
- Strong focus on:
  - Supporting local jobs and businesses (61%)
  - Continued investment in infrastructure (56%)

#### Top Issues for the Next 4–5 Years

The community identified several key challenges Council must address:

- Housing availability and affordability (72%)
- Flood resilience and recovery (56%)
- Water, sewerage and essential services (44%)

#### What This Tells Us

Overall, the feedback confirms that the community is prioritising:

- Infrastructure and reliable services
- Economic opportunities and local jobs
- Housing availability
- Resilience to natural events

These priorities provide a clear direction for where Council should focus its efforts and investment.

#### What Council Must Get Right

A consistent message from the community was the importance of getting the fundamentals right.

The community told us that fairness, equity and strong support for all residents must sit at the centre of Council's future planning. There is a clear expectation that decisions, services and investments are balanced, inclusive, and reflect the needs of the whole community.

#### Looking Ahead: What Success Should Look Like in 10 Years

The community also shared what success should look like over the next 10 years. Feedback has been grouped into areas where Council has direct control, requires funding support, or plays an advocacy role.

##### Council-led / Within our control

- New median strips and garden beds
- Investment in local green spaces
- Improved council facilities (e.g. tidy waste facility/dump area)
- Infrastructure development (e.g. larger day care, water park)
- Improved water cooling solutions
- Accessible housing through planning, land use and facilitation
- Tourism investment (local assets, events and promotion)
- Improved efficiency – reducing wasted time and money in Council works

##### Council-led / Requiring funding

- Town Levy
- Sealing of Warri Gate
- Stormwater improvements
- Renewable energy alternatives

##### Advocacy / Influence (State, Federal or private sector)

- Upgrade of hospital clinic (State Health responsibility)
- More affordable freight and cost of living pressures (State/Federal policy)

#### What Happens Next

Council will use this feedback to finalise the Corporate Plan 2026–2031, which will guide future planning, decision-making and investment across the region. This ensures that Council's priorities are aligned with community expectations and focused on delivering a sustainable, resilient and thriving future for Bulloo Shire.



# Council News

## Smoking Ceremony Marks Cleansing and New Beginnings for Council Administration Building

Following the impacts of the March 2025 flood event and the return to the restored Administration Building, Council held a traditional Smoking Ceremony to mark recovery, renewal and a fresh start for the organisation and community.

The ceremony was well attended by Councillors, staff and community members, reflecting a strong level of local support and respect for this important cultural practice.

A Smoking Ceremony is an Aboriginal cultural practice used to cleanse a place and its people. Through the use of smoke from native plants, the ceremony symbolically clears negative energy and promotes healing, protection and renewal.

The ceremony provided an opportunity to:

- Cleanse the Administration Building following the disruption caused by the floods
- Acknowledge the challenges experienced by staff and the community
- Support healing and recovery across the Shire
- Create a positive and respectful environment moving forward

Council acknowledges and thanks the Kullilli People for leading the ceremony and for sharing their cultural knowledge in support of this important occasion.



# Recycle Area Operations

## We Need Your Help

Council are currently struggling to keep the recycle/transfer section of the Thargomindah Refuse Centre in a condition that is safe for the community to use, so are asking if you can help to keep the area neat and tidy when you are taking items to the area.

One of the main issues in the recycle area is that general rubbish that should be dropped directly into the skip bins at the entrance of the transfer station is getting mixed with items that could be recycled. Another issue is that items are not being separated into the relevant bays, and are getting dumped at the front of the bays instead of stacked neatly at the rear of the bays.

In order for the area to remain accessible for all users, and for items dropped in to the bays to be kept in a reasonable condition so they can be recycled, Council is asking for your help in keeping the area neat and tidy, and request that all items are stacked or placed neatly as far back as possible into the collection bays. Council will no longer be using any machinery to push this area up which will retain the condition of any items dropped off so items can be recycled or re-used.

Some tips on how you can help us:

- Place any general waste in the skip bins at the tip entrance.
  - This is any and all items that have no further use, the items that you usually place in your wheelie bin, or items that are damaged past the point of them being re-usable.
- Place all cardboard and paper in the designated skip bin also at the tip entrance.
- Ensure all items placed in the recycle area are reusable/recyclable.
  - Remember, most of the items in this area are re-used or recycled by our locals – that is, your friends and family.
- Sort all items and stack neatly into the relevant bay.
  - Garden Waste
  - Scrap Metal
  - Tyres
  - Mulch
  - Pallets and Timber
  - White Goods
  - Reusables
- One man's trash is another man's treasure – currently the only items council can remove for recycling is scrap metal and tyres, everything else will eventually make it in to the landfill pit, so this area is for items that may have some life remaining and can be re-used by our locals.
- And lastly, place any waste oils in the designated oil collection area, all oils should be stored in an appropriate, sealed container. Council staff will decant any waste oil into the correct oil tank for collection and recycling.

Council look forward to working with the residents of Thargomindah in creating a safe and operational transfer station



# TOILET RULES

## WHAT NOT TO FLUSH

**1**

Nappies, Sanitary Products,  
Condoms & Fabric items

**2**

Food Scraps, Coffee Grounds, Tea  
Leaves

**3**

Cooking Fats & Oils

**4**

Chemicals, Engine Oil, Unused  
Medicines



**3 P's to Flush**

*Pee, Poo & Toilet Paper*



# Community Recovery & Resilience

## Building a Stronger Bulloo Together

In response to the 2025 floods, the Community Recovery and Resilience Officer (CRRO) role is about working alongside our community to understand what worked, what didn't, and how we can build a stronger, better prepared Bulloo.

It's about making sure what we build reflects real local experience, what we know works here. My first task has been developing a draft action plan full of ideas for events, activities, and initiatives designed to strengthen connection, build confidence, and support recovery. It focuses on what Bulloo already does well, where the gaps are, and how we can create practical, community-led ways of supporting one another, both in everyday life and in future challenges.

## The Power of Connection

One year on, we're seeing that after a disaster, one of the biggest challenges is what comes after. Early on, everyone pulls together, but as life moves on, support fades, and many are left dealing with it on their own.

### Connection is what helps people get through.

- A quick check-in.
- A chat at the footy.
- A cuppa.
- A walk alongside someone.
- A simple "how are you really going?"



These small moments matter more than we think. That's why we're starting to create regular, daily opportunities for people to come together, whether that's popping into the Community Recovery & Resilience Hub, joining a 5 at 5 or 5 at 9 walk, or getting along to upcoming community events. Not because there's something "wrong", it's simply because staying connected makes us stronger. Recovery isn't just about rebuilding what was lost, it's about looking out for each other along the way.

## Let's Get It Right - Together

To build real preparedness and resilience in our community, we need practical resources, better ways to communicate, and stronger, more coordinated responses when it matters most.

But to get there, I need to hear from everyone, what worked, what didn't, and what's still missing. This is your chance to be part of something you can look at and say, "Hey, that was my idea," or "They've planned for what happened to me."

By the time this role wraps up, my goal is simple: that every person in Bulloo can say, I'm ready as an individual, we're ready as a family, and we're ready as a community.

That, we have confidence in our local systems, council, SES, police, rural fire, all working together; our charities understand our needs; we know what to do with our animals; where to go, and how information will reach us in an emergency; we've learned from what didn't work, and built on what did; we can say with confidence:

**"WE'VE GOT THIS."**

*So please take a few minutes to have your say, because together, we can make sure our community is ready for whatever comes next.*



*Gillian - Your Local CRRO*

# Community Recovery & Resilience



## Community Recovery & Resilience Hub

**Come in, have a chat, and get involved**

A place to come together, share stories,  
and help each other rebuild after the flood.



### Have Your Say

Community voice & shared understanding - From Little Things Big Things Grow Survey



### Community Connection Activities

Developing young leaders - Recognising community leaders & shared strengths



### Systems-Down - Community Strength

Local stories & lessons learned - Creating valuable resources & action plans to protect our future - Walk & talks



### Buddy Circles & Community Response Teams

Noone gets left behind - Looking out for each other - Checking in - Networking - Sharing emergency information



### Community & Local Business Capacity Building Series

AI for impact courses - Grant writing - Social media - Risk management



### Not Just Another Podcast - Regional Capability Eco-system

Bulloo podcast - Bull Dust & The Real Dirt - Cracks, lessons, and the stories we live with now



### Building Readiness - Animals in Emergencies

Workshops, discussions & planning for realistic evacuation, movement and animal welfare for pets and livestock



### Building Community Preparedness & Resilience

Think fast - Stay Safe - Trivia Night - Test your knowledge - Learn about preparedness - Family event



### Hungerford Gymkhana - Closing the Distance for Connection & Wellbeing

Bringing people together at a trusted outback event - Connect with Support and Emergency Services - Identify Needs

**Everyone is welcome**

Drop in anytime, stay for a chat, or just see what's happening.

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Recovery Funding Arrangements



Australian Government



Queensland Government





# Community Recovery & Resilience

## One Year On... Staying Connected Matters

One year on from the 2025 flood, one thing is becoming clear, recovery does not end when the water goes down.

In the early days, everyone rallies. But over time, things quieten down, and many people are still carrying the impact, often on their own.

**Connection** is what helps people get through. A check in, a chat, a cuppa. These small moments matter more than we think. Recovery is not just about rebuilding. It's about looking out for each other along the way ♥

# 5 AT 5

## Walk, Roll, Ride

### 5km - 5am

## Walk, Talk & Connect



Join us for a morning walk focused on moving forward after the flood.  
Sharing what helped, what we've learnt, and how we support each other.  
Stay for coffee and conversations with locals, emergency teams and support services.  
Your experience & advice will help shape a practical, community-built guide.

**When:** Every Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri  
**Time:** 5am  
**Starts:** Mon 01/06  
**Meet:** VIC - Old Coffee Shop  
**Or WALK WHERE YOU ARE**

**Focus for Week 1:**  
**What lessons or advice would you pass on to help someone feel prepared, safe, and supported during a flood?**

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**Not ready to exercise, but want to connect?**  
**Join us for coffee & conversation at 6am.**





Australian Government Queensland Government

# Walk, Talk & Connect

# 5 AT 9

## Walk, Roll, Ride

### 5km - 9am

## Walk, Talk & Connect



Join us for a morning walk focused on moving forward after the flood.  
Sharing what helped, what we've learnt, and how we support each other.  
Stay for coffee and conversations with locals, emergency teams and support services.  
Your experience & advice will help shape a practical, community-built guide.

**When:** Every Wednesday  
**Time:** 9am  
**Starts:** Wed 03/06  
**Meet:** Thargo Roadhouse  
**Or WALK WHERE YOU ARE**

**Focus for Week 1:**  
**What lessons or advice would you pass on to help someone feel prepared, safe, and supported during a flood?**

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**Not ready to exercise, but want to connect?**  
**Join us for coffee & conversation at 10am.**





Australian Government Queensland Government

## Walking Forward Together

To support this, we are launching 5 at 5 and 5 at 9: **Walk, Talk and Connect.**

These sessions create space for people to come together, share experiences, and talk about what helped during the flood and what we want to carry forward.

The conversations will help shape a simple, practical guide based on real local experiences, strengthening preparedness, communication, and connection for the future.

You can walk, join for coffee, or simply share your story, wherever you are.

Because moving forward is easier when we do it together.



# Community Events

## THARGOMINDAH LEATHER WORKSHOP

WITH *Cherryl McIntyre*

Discover leathercraft with Cherryl McIntyre in a fun, hands-on workshop where you'll learn tooling, colouring and lacing while creating your own projects. Learn the fundamentals of the craft...and be inspired.

**Dates: 6th-7th June 2026**

**Time: 9am-5pm**

**Venue: Golf Club**

**Ages: 12 years and over**



### Kit Costs:

**Belt \$65.00**

**Zoe laced clutch \$85.00**

**Purse, ID & Key Tag \$45.00**

**Valet Tray \$25.00**

*Additional kits available*

*Eftpos available for kit purchases*

**Sign up today!**

**To register contact**

**Diane (07) 4621 8047**

*Exquisite Leather*  
HAND MADE IN AUSTRALIA

[exquisiteleather.com.au](http://exquisiteleather.com.au)

This event is  
sponsored by



**Regional Arts  
Development Fund**



# Community Events



## THARGOMINDAH POLOCROSSE FLOOD CUP 2026

### 13/14 JUNE

✓

**A, B & C GRADES**  
(NUMBERS PERMITTING)

🐎

**Mini - Juniors**

HORSE HEALTH DECLARATION REQUIRED ON ENTRY  
UMPIRES MUST SUPPLY OWN  
HORSES, WHISTLES & JACKETS



📍 **Thargomindah Rodeo Grounds**

📷 PIC: QBBP0052

🐎 Sand Playing Fields

⛶ Free Camping and Showers

☎ Club Contact: Helen Taylor 0419553421

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**FREE DINNER**  
ON FRIDAY

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**CANTEEN IS OPERATIONAL**  
ALL WEEKEND  
BY OUTBACK GRAZING CO.

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**\$10 DOLLAR**  
PIZZA NIGHT  
ON SATURDAY

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**FREE ENTRY &**  
FREE PLAYER LEVY

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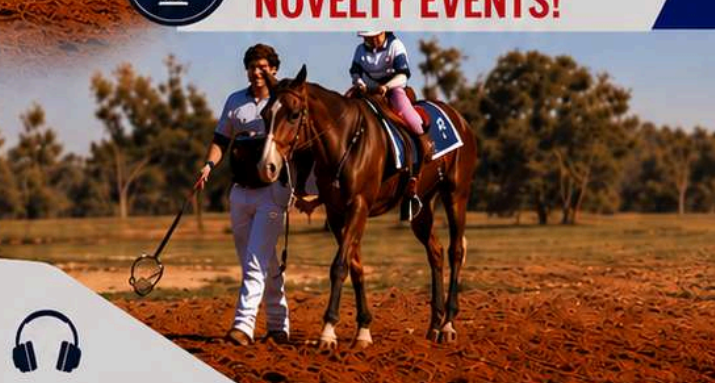
**SATURDAY NIGHT**  
NOVELTY EVENTS!



**SPECIAL CONDITIONS / INFORMATION:**

1. NO DOGS ALLOWED on the grounds as per PAA Ruling
2. Risk Management Policy in place
3. Qld Ambulance will be in Attendance Both Days
4. NO ELECTRIC TAPE as per PAA ruling
5. No riding without a helmet as per PAA Rulings

Any Database problems, please contact  
QPA OFFICE State Administrator  
(07) 4632 3045 or [admin@polocrosse.com.au](mailto:admin@polocrosse.com.au)





**BEAUWOOD PARK**  
— EQUESTRIAN —  
WE ARE MULTI-HORSE

**PETAMA**  
ENTERTAINMENT  
AKA DJ LUND





# Community Events



GET YOUR TICKETS FOR  
**LADIES NIGHT**  
THIS YEARS THEME IS

60'S **Disco** 70'S  
80'S **Divas** 90'S

|          |      |         |
|----------|------|---------|
|          | JUNE |         |
| SATURDAY | 27   | AT 5 PM |
|          | 2026 |         |

THARGOMINDAH GOLF CLUB  
DRAG QUEEN BINGO AND MUCH  
MORE FUN!!!!

\$50 PAYABLE AT TIME  
OF BOOKING  
@ LIBRARY!!!





# Community Events



## Free School Holiday Activity

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June

10am Kids Airbrush Cap Workshop  
5yrs-teens

6.30pm Adults Airbrush Cap Workshop

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

10am Chalk Street Art Workshop

Contact Library 46218047  
or Private message Diane





# Community Events



## Save the Date Bulloo Shire Fishing Competition

**3RD - 5TH  
JULY 2026**

**LOTS OF GREAT  
PRIZES**

**PRESENTATIONS @  
SUNDAY FUNDAY**



**REGISTRATION  
OPENS 20/06/26**



# Community Events



## Save the Date Sunday Fun Day



3pm Sunday,  
5 July 2026

@ Sports Oval  
Events include -

Tug-a-War

Iron Man

Iron Women

100m Sprints

Wheelie Bin Races

Longest Cast

Lure in the bucket

+ Many more Novelty  
Games!!



THIS IS A FREE EVENT -  
EVERYONE IS INVITED

PRIZES TO  
THE VALUE  
OF \$1655

FREE BBQ DINNER  
BYO DRINKS



Proudly Presented by  
Bulloo Shire Council

For more info contact the  
Library 46218047



# Community Events

Brian Letton



**THARGOMINDAH SW QLD**  
**13 - 19 JULY 2026**

Rob Breese



Sandie Dodd



Owen Blundell



Reece Blinman



Alastair Mclean



Rob Walters



Graham Rodger



The Stewies



Ged &amp; Trudy Hintz



## Entry Fees

**Main Event 18th -19th**  
**\$45 p/p per day**

EFTPOS available for Festival  
 Tickets & Camping ONLY.

## On Site Camping

**NON POWERED CAMPING**

**From the 11th - 19th July 2026**  
**\$5 per site per night**

Early Entry from Saturday the 11th July  
 Showers, Toilets & Limited Water available  
 Dogs allowed but must be kept on leads  
 Generators permitted from 8am - 8pm

## Give the Bush a Helping Hand!

- Walk Ups with Rob & Dawn From Monday the 13th July
- Tuesday Movie Night
- Wednesday Damper Cooking Competition (The Golden Camp Oven Award)
- Wednesday Night 70's Theme
- Thursday Night Camp Oven Meal
- Friday Night Old Time Dance
- Saturday Night Party Night!!

Planned Activities throughout the week (eg, Line Dancing and Bingo)

Food and Market Stalls Available on Site

Regular Shuttle Bus | Prizes for Shopper Dockets

Colin Driscoll



Lach McKay



Contact the Thargomindah Visitor Information Centre on:  
 Phone: 07 4621 8095 Email: [tourism@bulloo.qld.gov.au](mailto:tourism@bulloo.qld.gov.au)



# Community Events

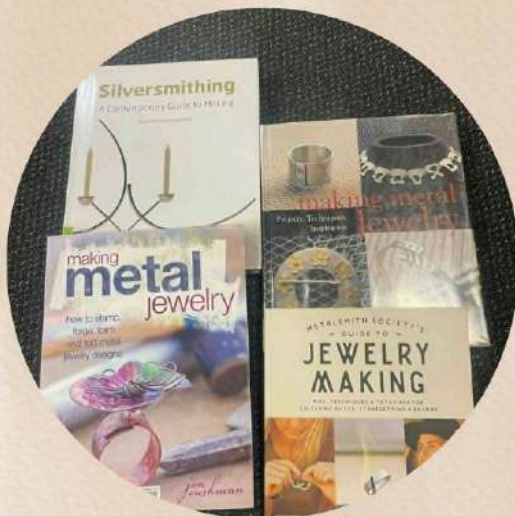
## NEW TO THE LIBRARY



**NEW LEGO & DUPLO**



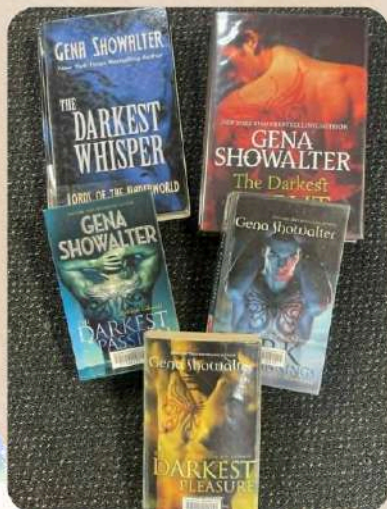
**F5F KITCHEN**



**HOW TO BOOKS**



**TALKING STORIES**



**AND LOTS OF  
NEW TITLES  
IF YOUR  
LOOKING  
FOR  
SOMETHING  
A LITTLE  
DIFFERENT**





# Community Events

## NEW TO THE LIBRARY



**DYSLEXIC FONT**



**F5F PLAY AREA**



**AUDIOBOOKS**



**SERIES IN A BOX**



**MANGA**



**GAMES**

**AND LOTS OF NEW TITLES IN ALL GENRES**



# Community Events



## THARGOMINDAH MOTORBIKE 2026 GYMKHANA & ENDURO

FRIDAY

**18<sup>TH</sup>** SEPT  
2026

BAR &  
LIVE MUSIC



SATURDAY

**19<sup>TH</sup>** SEPT  
2026

GYMKHANA



SUNDAY

**20<sup>TH</sup>** SEPT  
2026

ENDURO



★ LOCATION - RODEO GROUNDS THARGOMINDAH ★



LIVE MUSIC BY  
KEEDI JADE  
MUSIC



CATERING BY  
OUTBACK  
GRAZING CO



AMENITIES  
TOILETS  
& SHOWERS



CAMPING  
AVAILABLE



# Student Bursary - Now Open

Bulloo Shire Council is committed to supporting educational opportunities for students across our region. As part of this commitment, Council allocates funding each year to provide a Student Bursary for eligible applicants.

Applications for the **2026/2027 and 2027/2028 bursary program are now open**, with applications **closing Friday, 29 May**.

The bursary provides financial assistance to help cover tuition fees or other costs associated with an approved course of study.

To apply:

Review the Student Bursary Policy

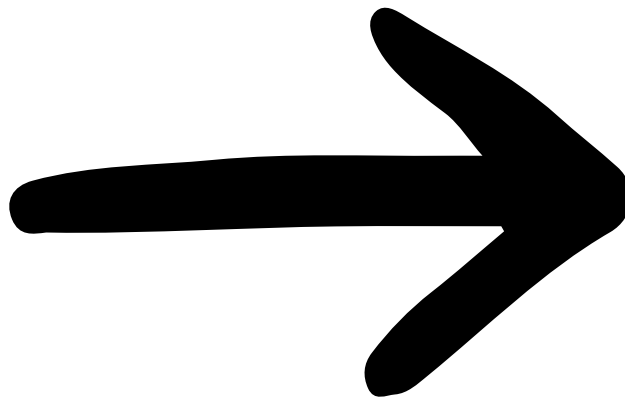
Complete the Application Form

Submit your application with supporting documentation (e.g. proof of enrolment and course details)

For more information or to obtain an application form, please contact Council.

Don't miss this opportunity to support your studies.

*Please see Next Page for Application  
Form*







## Student Two Year Bursary Application Form

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Tertiary Entrance Statement attached: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Post-Secondary Full Time Course Enrolled In: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents/Guardians:  
(must reside in the Bulloo Shire) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (m) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**FUTURE ASPIRATIONS OF RECIPIENT** (100 words or less on what the recipient intends to do upon graduation and how this course will assist with future employment.)

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Have you previously applied for this bursary? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If So, When: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominee:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

# Naturally occurring fluoride in Thargomindah's drinking water

Fluoride is a natural element often found in water, plants, rocks, soil, air and some foods. Research shows that fluoride helps protect teeth against tooth decay. Regularly drinking water containing small amounts of fluoride can help reduce tooth decay for people of all ages.

## What is the drinking water standard for fluoride?

The Australian Drinking Water Guidelines recommend an upper limit of 1.5 milligrams per litre (or parts per million) of fluoride in drinking water. This is equivalent to one twentieth of a teaspoon of fluoride in a bathtub of water.

Many Western Queensland towns source their drinking water from groundwater (i.e. bores). These water sources can contain natural fluoride levels that are above this limit.

Monitoring of Thargomindah's drinking water supply has indicated that it contains naturally occurring fluoride in the range from 1.6 to 1.9 milligrams per litre. This is slightly above the recommended limit in the Guidelines.

Conventional water treatment processes and most domestic water filters do not reduce the level of fluoride present in your drinking water.

## What are the risks of elevated levels of fluoride in drinking water?

There are two side effects that have been associated with elevated levels of fluoride in drinking water. The first is dental fluorosis and the second is skeletal fluorosis, which only occurs with very high levels of fluoride in drinking water.

## What is dental fluorosis?

The main side effect associated with elevated levels of fluoride in drinking water is a condition known as dental fluorosis.

Dental fluorosis is largely an aesthetic concern and most often occurs as a mild change to the appearance of tooth enamel. It can appear as small, almost invisible, white lines in the enamel. More rarely, and in more severe cases, it can appear as pitting or staining of the enamel.

Dental fluorosis can occur if too much fluoride is ingested when teeth are developing at around one to four years of age. Teeth already present in the mouth are not at risk of developing fluorosis.

The risk of developing dental fluorosis, or experiencing more severe forms of the condition, increases with greater levels of fluoride in drinking water. However occasionally dental fluorosis occurs in developing teeth at relatively low fluoride levels.

Showering or bathing in water containing high levels of fluoride does not increase the risk of developing dental fluorosis.



## What can I do to minimise the risk of dental fluorosis?

Most domestic water filters do not reduce the level of fluoride present in your drinking water. Parents can reduce the risk of children developing dental fluorosis by:

- Ensuring children do not take fluoride supplements (e.g. fluoride tablets and/or drops).
- Cleaning children's teeth with low fluoride or fluoride free toothpaste until the age of 18 months, unless otherwise recommended by a dentist.
- If fluoridated toothpaste is used, ensuring only a pea-sized amount of toothpaste is used and that children spit out after brushing and rinse their mouths with water.
- Monitoring and restricting other sources of fluoride in their children's diet (such as seafood and tea, which are known to contain fluoride).
- Providing bottled drinking water with low fluoride content where possible and not substituting bottled drinking water with soft drinks or other drinks high in sugar.
- Breast-feeding infants where possible and using bottled water to add to infant formula.

## Help and assistance

For general enquiries contact your local Public Health Unit:

- Darling Downs Phone: 4699 8240

For more information:

Contact your dental professional

- Visit [www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth)
- Call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) for confidential health advice 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Email [oral\\_health@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:oral_health@health.qld.gov.au)

The information in this fact sheet applies only to those parts of Queensland with levels of naturally occurring fluoride above the drinking water Guideline of 1.5 milligrams per litre. It does not apply to locations with standard levels of water fluoridation.

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# Welcome to the Team

Chris Woodland - Project Manager



## Tell us a little about yourself....

Born in Winton and grew up on the Sunshine Coast. I started my career in a hardware store, worked as a builder's labourer, studied architecture, and began my career as a building designer. I worked for a large building company, starting as a corporate designer, then moving to estimator, construction supervisor, and finally area manager. I have run my own building design business from 1990 to the present. I have been working with the Bulloo Shire since the renovation of the Old Hostel building, which became the VIC building. Gillian and I were here full-time for three years starting in 2016. Now we are back again and loving every second, I love my job and love being busy.

What's your goal for 2026?

I'm looking forward to being back in the outback and soaking it all in, I just love the Thargo life! Getting my lawn looking good is going to be a challenge, though, haha. Looking forward to doing a lot of fishing. Work wise, once again helping the Shire continue to be the best place in the far Southwest.

What do you like about the Bulloo Shire Community?

Between the people, the location, and the weather, I love that everyone is always willing to help each other out. There is always something going on or someone wanting to catch up. The weeks fly by in Thargo.

What's your favourite food?

Anything seafood, love Yellowbelly. I'm spoilt though, Gillian is the best cook, doesn't do enough baking though!

What's your favourite TV show or movie?

Movies, there are many. My old favourite is "The Man From Snowy River" "The Dirtwater Dynasty" two great Aussie movies. TV - Ted Lasso, Billions, Yellowstone, Hardquiz, 8 out of 10 cats, too many!



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Gillian Strong - Community Recovery and Resilience Officer



My work background has been pretty random, from 15 years in the RAAF to managing Life. Be in it in the NT, running my own PT business, and just this year completing my mediator certification with the Department of Justice. I still don't know what I'm going to be when I grow up.

In my earlier days, I was pretty hectic with fitness and health, and full of 'friendly' advice. Thankfully, age has brought a bit more wisdom, less advice and a few more friends.

I'm also a mum and step mum of five, and a grandmother of nine. I love all kids, the cheeky, the naughty, the good, and everything in between.

What's your goal for 2026?

As corny as it sounds, I'm excited about my job, so my goal for 2026 is to really make a difference in this CRRO role. I want to genuinely connect with everyone to make sure I'm delivering what people actually need, not just what I think they need. (So, fill out the survey!) I know how strong, resourceful and resilient the people out here already are, so I just want to build on that, find any gaps in support, education or training, and help fill those in a practical way. At the end of the day, I just want people to feel supported, informed, connected and confident if we ever face another flood.

What do you like about the Bulloo Shire Community?

Honestly, being back here again, I'm still in a bit of a honeymoon phase. I'm just loving life. Everyone just lets you be yourself. They might shake their head and think I'm weird sometimes, but no one's trying to change anyone, and I love that. There's always something social going on, stories, a good laugh and a drink or two... life just feels full. After coming from a place where a lot of people won't even make eye contact, to where it's normal to say hello, wave, and just be yourself, I feel right at home.

What's your favourite food?

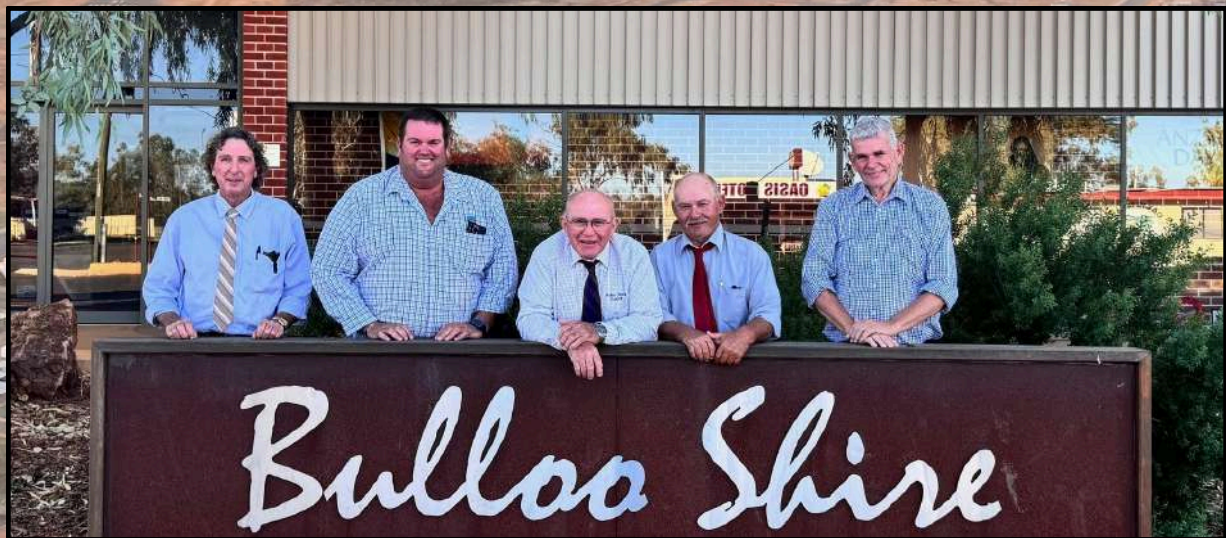
Anything with chilli in it

What's your favourite TV show or movie?

Ted Lasso



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