## BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL



# ORDINARY MEETING Friday 27 August 2021



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#### NOTICE FOR AN ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

NOTICE is hereby given that an **ORDINARY MEETING** of the Boulia Shire Council will be held on **Friday 27 August 2021** at the **Boulia Shire Hall** commencing at **9 am** for the transaction of the following business.

Councillor attendance via teleconference is deemed to be in attendance at the meeting with full voting rights (as per Council resolution 2015/4.9).

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Ms Lynn Moore Chief Executive Officer

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- In some instances, due to unforeseen circumstances, the sequence of the Ordinary Meeting of Council on the meeting day may vary from the order of the agenda issued. The corresponding meeting minutes will follow the outline of the originally issued agenda, however the resolution numbers noted will be in accordance with the actual sequence of the meeting on the day.

#### **COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS**

ALGA	Australian Local Government Association
CWRPMG	Central West Regional Pest Management Group
DDMG	District Disaster Management Group (Mt Isa)
DRFA	Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements
DTMR/TMR	Department of Transport and Main Roads
IPWEA	Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (NAMS.Plus)
LDMG	Local Disaster Management Group
LGAQ	Local Government Association of Queensland
LGMA	Local Government Managers Association
ManEX	Managers and Executive
NAMS.Plus	Asset Management System from IPWEA
NDRP	Natural Disaster Resilience Program
NDRRA	Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements
OHDC	Outback Highway Development Council
ORRG	Outback Regional Road Group
ORRTG	Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group
OQTA	Outback Queensland Tourism Association
QRA	Queensland Reconstruction Authority
QSNTS	Queensland South Native Title Services
QWRAP	Queensland Water Regional Alliance Program
R2R	Roads to Recovery
RAPAD	Central West Queensland Remote Area Planning and Development
RAPADWSA	RAPAD Water and Sewerage Alliance
REPA	Restoration of Essential Public Assets
RMPC	Roads Maintenance Performance Contract
TIDS	Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme
WQLGA	Western Queensland Local Government Association
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#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Council's risk management prose is based around the following principles:

Risk Identification: Identify and prioritise reasonably foreseeable risks associated with activities, using the

agreed risk methodology.

Risk Evaluation: Evaluate those risks using the agreed Council criteria.

Risk Treatment/Mitigation: Develop mitigation plans for risk areas where the residual risk is greater than our

tolerable risk levels.

The Risk Matrix below is used to assess the likelihood and consequence of any risk to Council, to then identify any necessary treatment actions. This matrix will also be used to assess any risk identified in Council's reports:

	Consequence				
Likelihood	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
	1	2	3	4	5
Almost Certain 5 Is expected to occur at most times	Medium	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
	M - 5	H -10	H - 15	E - 20	E - 25
Likely 4 Will probably occur at most times	Medium	Medium	High	High	Extreme
	M - 4	M - 8	H - 12	H - 16	E - 20
Possible 3 Might occur at some time	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High
	L - 3	M - 6	M - 9	H - 12	H - 15
Unlikely 2 Could occur at some time	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
	L - 2	L - 4	M - 6	M - 8	H - 10
Rare 1 May occur in rare circumstances	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium
	L - 1	L - 2	M - 3	M - 4	M - 5

### 1 Meeting Opening with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Mayor will acknowledge the traditional carers of the land on which Council meets, the 'Pitta Pitta' people, and pay Council's respects to the elders past and present.

The Mayor will also acknowledge past and present service personnel.

#### 2 Present

Councillors: Councillor Eric (Rick) Britton

Councillor Sam Beauchamp

Councillor Tim Edgar Councillor Jack Neilson Councillor Jan Norton

Officers: Ms Lynn Moore (Chief Executive Officer)

Mrs Kaylene Sloman (Director of Corporate Services)
Mr Harin Karra (Director of Works and Operations)

Mrs Nicole Tonkies (Executive Assistant)

Ms Estelle van Tonder (Acting Executive Assistant)

#### 3 Apologies / Leave of Absence

This item on the agenda allows Council the opportunity to receive apologies/leave of absence from Councillors unable to attend the meeting.

#### 4 Declaration of Interests

To help ensure openness, accountability and transparency, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillors must declare if they have a Prescribed Conflict of Interest or a Declarable Conflict of Interest in a matter. All declarations of interest are managed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*.

This section also allows Councillors the opportunity to lodge new or make an amendment to their annual register of interests.

#### 5 Mayoral Minutes

This item on the agenda allows business which the Mayor wishes to have considered at the meeting introduced without notice.

#### **6 Notice of Motion**

This item on the agenda allows matters of which notice has been given by Councillors to be considered at the meeting.

#### 7 Request to Address Council in a Public Forum

A member of the public may take part in the proceeding of a meeting only when invited to do so by the Chairperson.

In each local government meeting, time may be required to permit members of the public to address the local government on matters of public interest related to local government. The time allotted shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes and no more than three (3) speakers shall be permitted to speak at one meeting. The right of any individual to address the local government during this period shall be at the absolute discretion of the local government.

If any address or comment is irrelevant, offensive, or unduly long, the Chairperson may require the person to cease making the submission or comment.

For any matter arising from such an address, the local government may take the following actions:

- · refer the matter to a committee
- deal with the matter immediately
- · place the matter on notice for discussion at a future meeting
- note the matter and take no further action.

Any person addressing the local government shall stand, and act and speak with decorum and frame any remarks in respectful and courteous language.

Any person who is considered by the local government or the Mayor to be unsuitably dressed may be directed by the Mayor or Chairperson to immediately withdraw from the meeting. Failure to comply with such a request may be considered an act of disorder.

#### **8 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

This item in the agenda enables previous minutes of Council meetings to be confirmed.



### MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON Thursday 15 July 2021 COMMENCING AT 9:00 am

#### 1 Meeting Opening with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Mayor opened the meeting at 09:01 am.

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional carers of the land on which Council meets, the 'Pitta' people, and paid Council's respects to the elders past and present.

The Mayor also acknowledged past and present service personnel.

It has been noted that the Mayor has reminded all Councillors in regards to registration of interests and declaration of contact with or engagement of lobbyists.

#### 2 Present

Councillors: Councillor Eric (Rick) Britton

Councillor Sam Beauchamp Councillor Tim Edgar Councillor Jack Neilson Councillor Jan Norton

Officers: Mr Ray Geraghty (Acting Chief Executive Officer)

Mrs Kaylene Sloman (Director of Corporate Services)
Mr Harin Karra (Director of Works and Operations)

Mrs Nicole Tonkies (Executive Assistant)

Ms Estelle van Tonder (Relief Executive Assistant)

#### 3 Apologies / Leave of Absence

There were no apologies or leaves of absence for this meeting.

#### 4 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Norton declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in report 12.2.1 - Purchase of Land in Boulia for staff accommodation in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* section 150EI, due to a close associate of the Councillor being an applicant for approval. In accordance with section 150EM of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Norton will leave the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on.

#### **5** Mayoral Minutes

There were no Mayoral Minutes to be noted at this meeting.

#### **6 Notice of Motion**

There were no notices of motions to be noted at this meeting.

#### 7 Request to Address Council in a Public Forum

There were no requests to address the Council.

#### **8** Deputations

There were no deputations to Council.

#### 9 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Moved: Cr Norton Seconded: Cr Neilson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18th June 2021 be accepted.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.1 Carried

Moved: Cr Britton Seconded: Cr Edgar

That the minutes of the Budget Meeting held on 25th June 2021 be accepted.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.2 Carried

#### 10 Reports

#### 10.1 Works and Operations

TITLE:	Engineering Services Report – Newsbrief for June	DOC REF:
IIIEE.	2021	10.1.1

#### **PURPOSE**

To inform Council on the progress of various items through an information update.

Moved: Cr Britton Seconded: Cr Edgar

That the Engineering Services Report – Newsbrief for June 2021 be noted.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.3 Carried

TITLE:	Cronto Work Status Summary June 2021	DOC REF:
IIILE.	Grants Work Status Summary – June 2021	10.1.2

#### **PURPOSE:**

To advise Council of the progress of projects being completed with the assistance of either funding provided by Council, State or Federal Grants.

#### Moved: Cr Neilson Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

That the Grants Work Status Summary – June 2021 report on the progress of the funded projects be received for information.

#### Resolution No.: 2021/7.4 Carried

TITLE:	Construction of New Residential Building -	DOC REF:
IIILE.	Racecourse Reserve	10.1.3

#### **PURPOSE:**

To seek Council approval to call for Expressions of Interest for the removal of the existing Racecourse Reserve house and approval for the location of the new house.

#### Moved: Cr Norton <u>Seconded:</u> Cr Neilson

- That the location of the new residential building at the Racecourse Reserve be in the same location as the present Racecourse Reserve house.
- That an Expression of Interest to sell and remove the existing house be released and the CEO be delegated authority to negotiate the terms of the purchase and removal of the existing house.

#### Resolution No.: 2021/7.5 Carried

TITLE:	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure	DOC REF:
IIILE:	Program Phase 3 - Project Acceptance	10.1.4
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#### **PURPOSE:**

To seek Council's endorsement of the project earmarked for completion with funding received under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3.

#### Moved: Cr Neilson <u>Seconded:</u> Cr Norton

That Council allocate all funding under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 to the pave and seal of the Boulia Industrial Estate.

#### Resolution No.: 2021/7.6 Carried

TITLE:	ORRTG Regional Route Hierarchy and Investment	DOC REF:
IIILE.	Priority	10.1.5

#### **PURPOSE:**

To present to Council the latest Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group (ORRTG) Regional Route Hierarchy and Investment Priority maps.

#### Moved: Cr Beauchamp <u>Seconded:</u> Cr Neilson

That the Council endorse the Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group Hierarchy and Regional Investment Maps as presented in the ORRTG Regional Route Hierarchy and Investment Priority report.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.7 Carried

TITLE:	Foreman, Road Maintenance and Utility Services	DOC REF:
IIILE:	June 2021 Report	10.1.6

#### **PURPOSE:**

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Town Department during the month of June 2021.

Moved: Cr Norton Seconded: Cr Britton

That Council receive the Foreman, Road Maintenance and Utility Services June 2021 report for information.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.8 Carried

TITLE.	Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction	DOC REF:
TITLE:	June 2021 Report	10.1.7

#### **PURPOSE:**

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Works Department in line with the Boulia works program.

Moved: Cr Edgar <u>Seconded:</u> Cr Britton

That Council receive the Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction June 2021 Report for information.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.9 Carried

TITLE:	Rural Lands Protection Officer June 2021 Report	DOC REF:
IIILE.	Rufai Lanus Protection Officer June 2021 Report	10.1.8

#### **PURPOSE:**

To advise Council of current activities relating to weed management, pest control, animal management and stock routes.

Moved: Cr Beauchamp <u>Seconded:</u> Cr Neilson

That the Rural Lands Protection Officer's June 2021 Report be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.10 Carried

#### 10.2 Office of the Chief Executive

TITLE:	Mayor's Report - 27th National General Assembly	DOC REF:
IIILE.	Mayor's Report - 27 in National General Assembly	10.2.1

#### PURPOSE:

To provide Council with a brief on the Mayor's attendance at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 27th National General Assembly.

Moved: Cr Neilson <u>Seconded:</u> Cr Edgar

That the Mayor's Report - 27th National General Assembly be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.11 Carried

TITLE: Chief Executives Report for June 2021 DOC REF: 10.2.2

PURPOSE:

To advise Council of the activities of the Chief Executive Office.

Moved: Cr Britton Seconded: Cr Neilson

That the Chief Executive Officer June 2021 report is received for information.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.12 Carried

TITLE: Action List - June 2021 Update DOC REF: 10.2.3

**PURPOSE:** 

To present to Council an updated Action List.

Moved: Cr Edgar <u>Seconded:</u> Cr Beauchamp

That the Action List update for June 2021 be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.13 Carried

TITLE: Delegations to CEO and CEO to Staff

DOC REF:
10.2.4

#### **PURPOSE:**

Council as a Local Authority is required to undertake a wide range of powers and functions that are prescribed in legislation and necessary for the good governance of the Shire. Council is required to determine the functions of a Local Authority that are to be delegated to the CEO and to review those delegations on an annual basis.

Moved: Cr Norton <u>Seconded:</u> Cr Beauchamp

- 1. That all the powers referred to in the document entitled "Register of Delegations Council to CEO" attached to this report are hereby delegated by Council to the Chief Executive Officer of Council pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009.
- 2. That Council note in the Register of Delegations current delegations from the CEO to other staff and contractors.
- 3. That all previous delegations be updated to reflect the changes, accepted by delegates and then published on the website

Resolution No.: 2021/7.14 Carried

TITLE: Policy Review - Policy 114 Drug and Alcohol Policy DOC REF: 10.2.5

#### PURPOSE:

To present to Council an updated version of Council's Drug and Alcohol Policy for adoption.

Moved: Cr Norton Seconded: Cr Britton

That Policy 114 Drug and Alcohol Policy, as presented, be adopted.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.15 Carried

TITLE:	Policy Review - Policy 129 Councillor Code of	DOC REF:
IIILE:	Conduct	10.2.6

#### **PURPOSE:**

To present to Council an updated version of Council's Councillor Code of Conduct policy.

Moved: Cr Britton Seconded: Cr Neilson

That Policy 129 Councillor Code of Conduct, as presented, be adopted.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.16 Carried

#### 10.3 Corporate Services

TITLE:	Director Corporate Services June 2021 Report	DOC REF:
IIILE.	Director Corporate Services June 2021 Report	10.3.1

#### PURPOSE:

To advise Council of the activities of the Director of Corporate Services.

Moved: Cr Beauchamp Seconded: Cr Britton

That the Director of Corporate Services June 2021 report be accepted for information only.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.17 Carried

TITLE:	Policy Reviews	DOC REF:	
IIILE.	Policy Reviews	10.3.2	

#### PURPOSE:

To review and update Council's policies in accordance with the adopted procedure to ensure that policies made by Council are compliant with legislation and are reviewed in a timely manner.

Moved: Cr Norton Seconded: Cr Britton

- 1. That the following policies be endorsed as presented:
  - Audit & Risk Management Committee Policy 108
  - Internal Audit Policy 110
  - Fraud and Corruption Control Policy 133
- 2. That all policies are loaded on the Councillor hub.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.18 Carried

Mr Geraghty left the meeting at 10.21 am.

TITLE:	Finance Manager June 2021 Report	DOC REF: 10.3.3
		10.5.5

**PURPOSE:** 

Financial Summary as at 30th June 2021.

Moved: Cr Edgar <u>Seconded:</u> Cr Beauchamp

That the Finance Report for June 2021 be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.19 Carried

#### 10.4 Community Services

TITLE:	June 2021 Community Services Report	DOC REF:
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	10.4.1

#### **PURPOSE:**

To provide Council with an update of the activities associated with Councils' community development activities.

Moved: Cr Neilson Seconded: Cr Edgar

That the June 2021 Community Services Report be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.21 Carried

TITLE:	Why Leave Town credit cards	DOC REF:
11166.	vvily Leave Town Cledit Cards	10.4.2

#### **PURPOSE:**

To inform Council on requirements of Community Drought Support funding 2020-2021.

The Why Leave Town credit cards report was deferred for consideration to the August 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

TIT! F	Policy Review - Arts and Cultural Policy, Council	DOC REF:
TITLE:	Housing Policy	10.4.3

#### **PURPOSE:**

To present to Council an updated version of the Arts and Cultural Policy and Council Housing Policy.

Moved: Cr Edgar <u>Seconded:</u> Cr Beauchamp

That Policy 117 Arts and Cultural Policy and Policy 138 Council Housing Policy, as presented, be adopted.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.22 Carried

TITLE:	Min Min Encounter June 2021 Report	DOC REF:
IIILE.	Will Will Encounter Julie 2021 Report	10.4.4

#### PURPOSE:

To report on the day to day operations of the Min Min Encounter and to promote tourism in the Shire and surrounding region.

Moved: Cr Edgar Seconded: Cr Britton

That the Min Min Encounter June 2021 Report be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.23 Carried

TITLE:	Library Juna 2021 Banart	DOC REF:
IIILE.	Library June 2021 Report	10.4.5

#### **PURPOSE:**

To update Council on the visitations and activities in the Library.

Moved: Cr Britton Seconded: Cr Norton

That Council receive the Library June 2021 Report for information.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.24 Carried

TITLE:	Boulia Sports and Aquatic Centre June 2021 Report DOC REF: 10.4.6
IIILE.	10.4.6

#### **PURPOSE:**

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the centre.

Moved: Cr Beauchamp <u>Seconded:</u> Cr Edgar

That Council receive the Boulia Sports and Aquatic Centre June 2021 Report for information.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.25 Carried

#### 11 Late Reports

TITLE:	Audit and Risk Management Report	DOC REF:
	-	11.1

#### **PURPOSE:**

To inform Council of the latest reports and minutes from the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Moved: Cr Neilson Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

That the Audit and Risk Management Report be received for information purposes.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.20 Carried

TITLE:	TITLE: Internal Fees & Charges 2021/22 Updated Report	DOC REF:
III LL.	Internal Lees & Charges 2021/22 Opdated Report	11.2

#### **PURPOSE:**

To advise Council of the proposed Internal Fees & Charges for 2021/22.

The Internal Fees & Charges 2021/22 Updated Report was deferred for consideration to the August 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council

Councillor Norton declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the report 12.2.1 Purchase of Land in Boulia for staff accommodation in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* section 150EI, due to her son being the applicant for approval in the report. In accordance with section 150EM of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor Norton left the meeting while this matter was discussed and voted on.

Councillor Norton left the meeting at 11.03 am.

#### **12 Closed Session**

#### **CLOSED MEETING AT 11.03 AM**

Moved: Cr Neilson Seconded: Cr Edgar

That Council move into Closed Session in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012 section 254J (3) on the following provision:

(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

Resolution No.: 2021/7.26 Carried

#### **OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AT 11.07 AM**

Moved: Cr Beauchamp Seconded: Cr Britton

It was resolved Council move out of the closed meeting, and adopt the recommendations discussed in closed committee.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.27 Carried

The following recommendations were resolved from the closed session: 2021/7.28.

TITLE: Purchase of Land in Boulia for staff accommodation DOC REF: 12.2.1

#### PURPOSE:

To seek Council approval for the acquisition of land within Boulia for the construction of staff accommodation.

Closed under Local Government Regulation 2012 (254J (3))

(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

Moved: Cr Neilson Seconded: Cr Britton

That Council approve the purchase of the land at Lot 27 on B2672, 56 Pituri Street Boulia for the future construction of staff accommodation.

Resolution No.: 2021/7.28 Carried

Councillor Norton returned to the meeting at 11.08 am.

#### **13 General Business**

There was no general business to be noted at this meeting.

#### **14 Meeting Closure**

The Mayor closed the meeting at 11:47 am.

#### 15 Confirmed

Minutes to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

#### 9 Reports

#### 9.1 Works and Operations

TITLE:	Engineering Services Report – Newsbrief for July	DOC REF:
IIILE.	2021	9.1.1

REPORT	Stuart Bourne	DATE:
BY:	GBA - Senior Civil Engineer	20/08/2021

#### **CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:**

Key Priority 2: Built Environment

2.3: Well planned - land, open spaces and assets

2.3.1: Develop and implement a robust Asset Management Strategy to support effective long-term asset management

Key Priority 3: Economic Development

3.2: Advocate for the region through regional networks

3.2.1: Advocate and support the development of the Outback Highway

Key Priority 4: Natural Environment

4.2: Resilient management plans which support the community in times of crisis

4.2.1: Implement initiatives for flood responses and to plan, prepare, respond, recover and build resilience from disasters for the communities of our region

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Information Report only - not applicable.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To inform Council on the progress of various items through an information update.

#### **CONTENT:**

#### 1. Visits to the Shire

21st – 28th July	Nathan Raasch	Donohue Highway prime and seal Golf Links prime
29-30 <sup>th</sup> July	Richard Lewis	Golf Links seal

#### 2. Flood Damage Works

For a detailed summary of all Flood Damage events and their status, see attachment.

The March 2019 Flood Event (Severe Tropical Cyclone Trevor and Associated Low Pressure System 19-27 March 2019) Emergency Works is completed and approved for the value of \$1.050m. In Field assessment was held in Boulia on the 16-19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 for the REPA works. Submission has been approved by QRA for a total value of \$14,231,596.59. Job Management Plan completed. Cultural Heritage Risk assessment complete. CH Site inspections Feb 2021. The completion date of the event has been extended by 12 months. Completion due June 2022.

The Jan 2020 Monsoonal Flooding Event (QLD Monsoonal Flooding, 23 Jan – 3 Feb 2020) has been activated. Emergency works are complete and submission has been uploaded to MARS for acquittal with submission value of \$494,438.07 (BoSC.0011.1920E.EWK). Emergency works Submission is approved for a value of \$494,154.85. REPA Pickup has been completed on Donohue Highway only. REPA Submission has been uploaded to MARS with submission value of \$450,999.46 (BoSC.0008.1920.REC). In Field assessment completed on 8th May. The submission has been approved by QRA for \$450,999.46. Scope of works has been uploaded into Asset Edge Recover system. Works has not commenced on this event.

#### 3. Other

#### Donohue Highway: Outback Way Funding Package 2

Contract	Location	Length	Project Funding	AG Contribution	SG/LG Contribution	Year	Comment
1	111.1- 114.46	3.36	\$2.18m	\$1.744m	\$0.436m	19/20	Complete
	114.7km to 116.5km (Georgina Approaches – Stage 6)	1.7					Complete
2	206.5 – 211.5 and	5	\$2.965m	\$2.372m	\$0.593m	19/20 & 20/21	Design Complete. Works
	211.5 – 213.5 (Kellys Ck end – Stage 5)	2					complete from CH 206.45- 211.5
3	211.6-220.3 (Emergency Airstrip end – Stage 5)	8.7	\$2.97m	\$2.376m	\$0.594m	20/21	Complete
4	233-238,6 (Ridges – Stage 4)	5.6	\$2.36m	\$1.888m	\$0.472m	20/21	Complete
		26.26	\$10.475m	\$8.38m	\$2.095m		

There is 76.1 km left to seal which is about 30% (locations left are Lake Wanditti and Pituri to Kellys Ck and 2.7km near the emergency airstrip).

Design is complete for Stage 7 and 8.

Cultural Heritage inspections are underway for stage 7 & 8.

#### 4. Industrial Subdivision

Purchase order submitted to Ergon for the power reticulation. Pending Ergon detailed design and prestart meeting with Ergon. Sewer Design now complete.

#### 5. Wills Street Drain

Survey of Wills St and adjacent streets completed options analysis and design in progress.

#### 6. Bengeacca Crossing

\$1.7m QRA resilience funding – top up as required with Outback Way Package 3.

Survey of crossing to be completed 13<sup>th</sup> August, cultural heritage assessment Aug/Sep 2021 for sidetrack. Design underway.

#### 7. Showgrounds Telemetry

MPA to send quote for variation for showgrounds sewer telemetry.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Nil – information update only

#### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

All programmed works allocated within budget guidelines and/or new grant allocation

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Engineering Services Report – Newsbrief for July 2021 be noted.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Flood Damage Events - Detailed Summary (ID 373049) [9.1.1.1 - 1 page]

Reviewed by Director of Works and Operations	Mr Harin Karra
Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Ms Lynn Moore

#### **Boulia Shire Council**

#### Flood Damage Events - Detailed Summary (3/08/2021)

QRA Event Code	Activation	Туре	Sub	omitted Value(Inc M,Esc and Cont)	App Valu	proved Submission ue (Inc PM,Esc and Cont)	Fir	nal Expenditure (Acquittal)	Comments
BoSC.23.18	March. 2018	REPA	\$	7,200,421.00	\$	3,994,189.65	\$	2,811,273.65	Works Completed. Acquittal in Progress
BoSC.0006.1819G.REC	March. 2019	REPA	\$	14,706,416.51	\$	14,231,596.59			Approved, works commenced
BoSC.0011.1920E.EWK	Jan/Feb 2020	Emergency Works	\$	494,438.07	\$	494,154.58	\$	494,438.07	Approved/ Works Complete
BoSC.0008.1920.REC	Jan/Feb 2020	REPA	\$	450,999.46	\$	450,999.46			Approved - Donohue only

TITLE:	Crente Work Status Summers, July 2021	DOC REF:
IIILE.	Grants Work Status Summary – July 2021	9.1.2

REPORT BY:	Mr Harin Karra Director of Works and Operations	<b>DATE:</b> 20/08/2021
DI.	Director of Works and Operations	20/00/2021

Key Priority 2: Built Environment

- 2.2: Sustainable housing, buildings and community infrastructure
- 2.2.2: Provide and maintain well planned community assets to meet the needs of our community

Key Priority 6: Lifestyle and Community

- 6.1: Facilitate opportunities for community development
- 6.1.3: Maintain a high quality of life by providing facilities and resources that encourage a secure, interactive and progressive community lifestyle

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Information Report only - not applicable.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To advise Council of the progress of projects being completed with the assistance of either funding provided by Council, State or Federal Grants.

#### **CONTENT:**

Currently Council have several funding streams which are providing funds to complete various programs across the Shire. Without this type of 'unrestricted' funding Council would be unable to complete these projects and is grateful to receive grants from the following departments:

W4Q - Work for Queensland

(DILGP - Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning - State funding)

COVID W4Q - COVID Works for Queensland

(DLGRMA - Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs - State funding)

**LGGSP** - Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program

(DILGP - Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning - State funding)

**DCP** - Drought Communities Program

(Dept of Infrastructure and Regional Development – Federal funding)

**DCP Ext.** - Drought Communities Programme - Extension

(Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities & Regional Development – Federal funding)

**BoR** - Building Our Regions Funding (DSD - Dept of State Development – State funding)

**LRCI -** Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program

(Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications – Federal funding)

#### Current Project status -

All projects under the LGGSP, LRCI, Works for Queensland Round 3 and COVID Works for Queensland Program have been completed with the exception of the Construction of New Residential Building (Caretaker's house at the Racecourse Reserve) which has been granted an extension of time until the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and the Heritage Complex Fencing Upgrade which has been granted an extension of time until the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

BOR R4 - Boulia Industrial Estate – Applied for a variation for an extension of time to the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

#### Works for Queensland Round 4 -

Council Housing Renovations	Painting, renovation bathrooms, kitchen, painting, replacing stumps, stairs etc	Yet to commence
Min Min Encounter-	Painting, walls, ceiling, flooring, fitout	Yet to commence
Robinson Park shelter	New shade shelter for playground	Yet to commence

ANZAC Garden gazebo	New shade structure for the ANZAC Garden	Yet to commence
Improve the sewer aeration		Orders have been
system	Purchase and installation of solar power unit.	sent
Digital TV		Variation to be applied (report to August Council meeting)

LRCI Phase 2 - Industrial Subdivision services: installation of sewer and comms services – sewer and manholes procured and order sent.

LRCI Phase 3 – Industrial Estate pave and seal – yet to commence.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

George Bourne and Associates (GBA) - various tenders.

#### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

All programs have been included in the budget for 2021-22.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Grants Work Status Summary – July 2021 report on the progress of the funded projects be received for information.

#### ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Reviewed and Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Ms Lvnn Moore
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TITLE:	2021-24 Works for Queensland funding - project	DOC REF:
IIILE.	change	9.1.3

REPORT	Harin Karra	DATE:	
BY:	Director of Works and Operations	20/08/2021	

Key Priority 2: Built Environment

2.2: Sustainable - housing, buildings and community infrastructure 2.2.1: Provide sustainable and environmentally sound water, sewerage and waste services for the communities within the Shire 2.2.2: Provide and maintain well planned community assets to meet the needs of our community

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The risk associated with the recommendations of the report have been assessed as Insignificant (Consequence) and Possible (Likelihood) giving an overall assessment as Low L-3.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To seek approval to reallocate project funds in the 2021-24 Works for Queensland funding program.

#### **CONTENT:**

Council has received \$1,026,667 under the 2021-24 Works for Queensland funding grant. At the April 2021 Council meeting, the following list of projects to be completed with this funding was approved by Council:

#### 2021-24 Works for Queensland funding List of Projects

Project Title	Project Description	Project Estimate Cost
Min Min Encounter - Tourism Information	Renovation interior walls, flooring and	
Centre	painting.	\$150,000.00
	Council Housing Renovation includes: Painting, renovation bathrooms, kitchen,	
Council Housing Renovation (various)	painting, replacing stumps, stairs etc.	\$500,000.00
	Upgrade existing system to re broadcast	
Digital TV	digital tv network for Boulia town.	\$220,000.00
New Shade shelter for Playground	Install new permanent shade structure for the existing playground.	\$30,000.00
Shade structure for Anzac Garden	Install new permanent shade structure at the ANZAC garden.	\$66,667.00
Solar Power Unit for sewer Aerator	Install new solar power unit for Solar	\$60,000,00
Solar Power Officior Sewer Aerator	Power Unit for sewer aerator system	\$60,000.00

Total Projec	ts Cost \$1,026,667.00
W4Q Funding Allo	scation \$1,026,667.00

A community meeting was held in June at which the proposed Digital TV project was discussed. Participants raised their concerns regarding the ongoing costs of Digital TV. As

there was a limited number of attendees to the community meeting, a community survey was subsequently released to the public to try and gain a greater insight on whether or not the Digital TV project was feasible to continue with.

#### Survey excerpt:

#### Digital TV Transmission

Over the past several years we have had many requests for digital TV transmission. An amount of \$220,000 has been allocated from the Works for Queensland Grant to install the initial system but that is only tower infrastructure to transmit. The whole of life costs come as 'extras':

- Each home who chooses to access the TV transmission will be required to install at their own cost an antenna, stand and materials. Indicative pricing obtained by Council for individual household antenna installation is approx. \$695 per house assuming the contractor could do all houses at the same time.
- The ongoing costs to each household will be an annual fee to connect to the network as
  the cost to replace the tower retransmission unit will be required in 10-15 years and will
  need to be based on a user pays system. It is calculated at around \$200 \$250 per
  annum.

Would you be in favour of an annual payment to enable digital TV transmission? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Whilst the number of surveys returned was poor (only 3 returned), of the returned surveys who answered the above question, all were marked no.

Taking into account the above, it is recommended that Council consider the reallocation of funds to another project. It is proposed that the funds be reallocated to the installation of a solar system at the Urandangi Council Depot.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Community Survey, CEO

#### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Funding to be noted in future budgets accordingly.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council reallocate \$220,000.00 in the 2021-24 Works for Queensland funding program from the Digital TV project to the Urandangi Council Depot Solar Project.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil	

Reviewed and Approved by Chief Executive Officer | Ms Lynn Moore

TITLE:	EOI - Removal or Demolishing of Caretakers	DOC REF:
IIILE.	Residence	9.1.4

REPORT	Harin Karra	DATE:
BY:	Director of Works and Operations	20/08/2021

Key Priority 2: Built Environment

- 2.2: Sustainable housing, buildings and community infrastructure
- 2.2.1: Provide sustainable and environmentally sound water, sewerage and waste services for the communities within the Shire
- 2.2.2: Provide and maintain well planned community assets to meet the needs of our community

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The risk associated with the recommendations of the report have been assessed as Moderate (Consequence) and Rare (Likelihood) giving an overall assessment as Medium M-3.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To advise Council of the outcomes of the Expression of Interest (EOI) for the removal /demolition of the Caretakers Residence.

#### CONTENT:

Council recently released an EOI for the Residential Building for Sale for Removal or the Demolition of Building for the Caretaker's Residence. This was advertised via the Council website, Facebook, email blast, Longreach Leader and Mt Isa Star.

At the close of the EOI at 2pm Wednesday 11th August 2021, no responses were received.

It is therefore proposed that Council move forward to demolish the building and clear the site.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

CEO

#### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Costing included in the budget for 2021-22 (project cost).

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the proposal to demolish the Caretakers Residence by Council.

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	Reviewed and Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Ms Lynn Moore

TITLE:	Pony / Camel Paddocks Fencing Report	DOC REF:
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REPORT	Harin Karra	DATE:
BY:	Director of Works and Operations	20/08/2021

Key Priority 2: Built Environment

- 2.3: Well planned land, open spaces and assets
- 2.3.1: Develop and implement a robust Asset Management Strategy to support effective long-term asset management
- 2.3.2: Identified projects to be approved by Council and shelf ready projects created ready for future funding
- 2.3.3: Plan open spaces and recreational facilities and streetscapes to improve civic pride and aesthetic appeal
- 2.3.4: Facilitate land and infrastructure development that meets the needs of the community and fits with the financial constraints of Council, key stakeholders including State and Federal governments
- 2.3.5: Ensure Town Planning Scheme accommodates appropriate land/zonings for future commercial/industrial establishment and growth

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The risk associated with the recommendations of the report have been assessed as Insignificant

(Consequence) and Rare (Likelihood) giving an overall assessment as Low L-1.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To seek Council's approval to remove fencing between the Pony and the Camel Paddock.

#### CONTENT:

Over the past few months Council entered into discussions in reference to mustering the stock off the Pony and Camel paddocks due to a lack of feed. This resulted to Council issuing a notice regarding potential de-stocking of the paddocks. In addition, Council implemented agistment fees for stock grazing on these paddocks in the 2021-2022 Fees and Charges. As a result of the public notice that was issued, community feedback was received regarding the current condition of the fencing of the paddocks.

The fence between the two paddocks has been in a state of disrepair for more than 12 months with broken and missing wires. Some wooden posts have rotted off and the steel pickets are rusted through and bent over. The fencing is not stock proof as can be seen in the photos.

It is suggested that the old fencing between the paddocks is removed as it is not worth replacing. This will create one large paddock.





#### CONSULTATION:

Nil

#### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approve for the fence in-between the Pony and Camel Paddock to be removed.

#### ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Reviewed and Approved by Chief Executive Officer

Ms Lynn Moore

TITLE:	Foreman, Road Maintenance and Utility Services	DOC REF:
IIILE.	July 2021 Report	9.1.6

REPORT	Mr Ron Callope	DATE:
BY:	Foreman, Road Maintenance and Utility Services	20/08/2021

Key Priority 6: Lifestyle and Community

- 6.1: Facilitate opportunities for community development
- 6.1.3: Maintain a high quality of life by providing facilities and resources that encourage a secure, interactive and progressive community lifestyle

#### RISK MANAGEMENT:

Information Report only - not applicable.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Town Department during the month of July 2021.

#### **CONTENT:**

Restrictions remained on most roads due to water laying in wheel ruts before a grader became available.

	TOTAL			
<u>July 2021</u>	Open	Closed	Restricted	COVID-19 Restrictions
BOULIA - DAJARRA RD	31			31
DAJARRA - MT ISA RD	31			31
BOULIA - WINTON RD	31			31
BOULIA - BEDOURIE RD	31			31
BOULIA - QLD BORDER RD	31			31
QLD BORDER - ALICE SPRINGS	8		23	31
RD				
URANDANGI SOUTH RD	8		23	31
URANDANGI NORTH RD	8		23	31
URANDANGI BORDER RD	8		23	31
TOOLEBUC RD	8		23	31
COORABULKA RD	8		23	31
SLASHERS CREEK RD	8		23	31
SPRINGVALE RD	8		23	31
SELWYN RD	8		23	31

#### **Race Course:**

Arena and grounds	General maintenance of the grounds has continued as usual.
	Camel Races were a success with no problems arising.

#### **Town water testing and Depot maintenance:**

Chlorine level testing	Testing levels in Boulia are sitting at required levels and are continually monitored.
	Urandangi water testing is currently being completed on a weekly basis.

Parks and Gardens:	
Council, Min Min Encounter, ANZAC and Airport gardens	All garden areas are continuing being worked on (watering, weeding etc.) to ensure they are kept in good order. With the tourist season underway, we are working hard to ensure the town is looking its best.
Mowing/Whipper Snipping	Our crew was kept busy with mowing and whipper snipping being completed in the following areas on these days throughout July 2021:
	<ul> <li>5<sup>th</sup> July – Min Min Encounter, Pensioner Units, School Safety Park</li> </ul>
	■ 7 <sup>th</sup> July – Sports Centre
	<ul> <li>13<sup>th</sup> July – Median Strips, Airport, Fire Station, School Safety Park</li> </ul>
	There has been a shortage of staff due to leave through Camel Race period.
	Grass has been slow growing throughout the Winter months.

#### **Town Entrances:**

Boulia–Bedourie–Winton roads intersection	The moon rocks project is still at 98%. We are currently waiting on more moon rocks to arrive to add to the display. Once these rocks are installed the project will be complete.
Three Mile Campground	The area has been maintained with general maintenance including regular slashing and whipper snipping.

#### RMPC/Works crew:

The RMPC Budget for the last financial year was fully spent and we are now into the 21/22 Budget.

RMPC signage is still an ongoing project. The Road Construction Crew and Sign Crew are currently on the Bedourie & Winton Roads doing surface correction and pothole patching with general signage repairs where required.

#### **Urandangi:**

Urandangi	Regular Council services continued over the month of July
	(mowing, whipper snipping, rubbish collection etc.). The new
	15,000 litre diesel fuel tank has arrived.

#### Water and Sewerage:

**Boulia Township** 

Call outs – water	Nil
Call outs – sewer	Nil
Broken mains	Nil

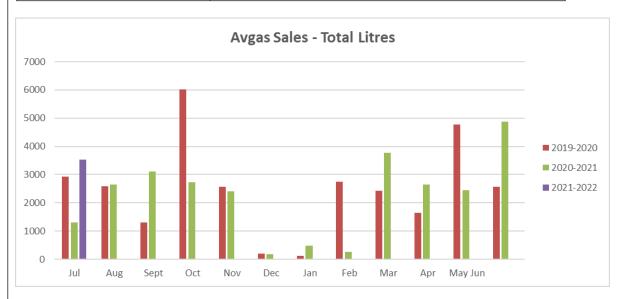
#### Urandangi Township

Call outs – water	Nil
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Call outs – sewer	Nil
Broken mains	Nil

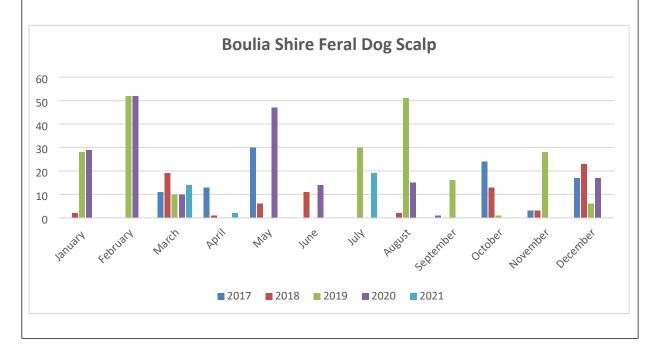
#### **Boulia Airport activity:**

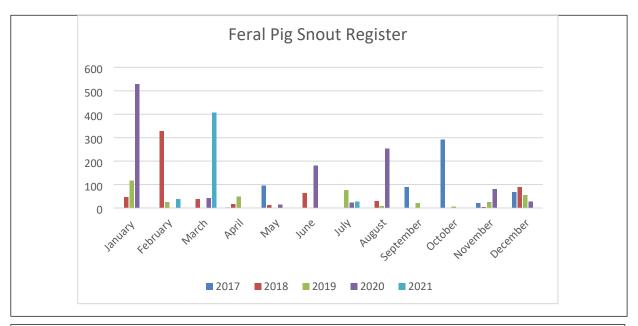
Number of call outs: RFDS	0
Avgas/Jet A1 Refuelling	July 2021 – 29 self-fuelled through Compac.
Avgas/Jet A1 2020/21 stats	Avgas 26885 litres, Jet A1 12 Drums, 123 fuelled, 44 A/H, 68 drums of avgas refilled.



#### **Boulia Feral Animal Bounty Claims:**

Feral Pigs	27
Feral Dogs	19





#### **CONSULTATION:**

DWO as required.

#### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

All work completed within budget allocations.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the Foreman, Road Maintenance and Utility Services July 2021 report for information.

#### **ATTACHMENTS: Nil**

Reviewed by Director of Works and Operations	Mr Harin Karra
Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Ms Lynn Moore

TITLE:	Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction July 2021 Report	<b>DOC REF:</b> 9.1.7
REPORT BY:	Mr Jimmy Newman Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction	<b>DATE:</b> 20/08/2021

Key Priority 2: Built Environment

- 2.1: Fit for purpose roads, airport infrastructure
- 2.1.1: Develop, manage and maintain Council controlled roads and airport infrastructure to sustain and improve connectivity and safety
- 2.1.2: Deliver quality outcomes on all roads (Shire and State) within quality assurance guidelines

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Information Report only - not applicable.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Works Department in line with the Boulia works program.

#### **CONTENT:**







Current and upcoming projects are as follows:

- The crew is currently working on RMPC heavy shoulder grading on the Boulia / Bedourie Road for the next two weeks.
- When completed we will commence on flood damage on the Marion Section of the Boulia / Bedourie Road (DRFA Flood Damage).
- Targets on the Donohue Highway have been completed. A two-coat seal was completed on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021
- The Donohue Hwy status as follows:

Total Unsealed	79.6	Kms
Total Sealed	159.0	Kms
Total Length	238.6	Kms

#### CONSULTATION:

DWO as required. GBA as Project Officers on RMPC work.

#### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

All work completed within guidelines and budget allocations.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive the Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction July 2021 Report for information.

<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> Nil
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Reviewed by Director of Works and Operations	Mr Harin Karra
Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Ms Lynn Moore

TITLE:	Rural Lands Protection Officer July 2021 Report	DOC REF:
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REPORT	Graham Smerdon	DATE:	
BY:	Rural Lands Protection Officer	02/08/2021	

Key Priority 4: Natural Environment

4.3: Sustainable practises are in place to be a good caretaker of our natural resources 4.3.1: Caretake environmental impact areas of pests, weeds, water resources, disasters and

#### natural resources

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Information Report only - not applicable.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To advise Council of current activities relating to weed management, pest control, animal management and stock routes.

#### CONTENT:

#### RLPO:

The month was spent doing weed control on the Town Common and checking the state of the feed on the common.

#### **TOWN COMMON:**

I carried out an inspection on the state of the feed on the Town Common and without rain I don't think it will be able to carry the numbers of stock that are currently running on the common past the end of September 2021.

I have also been doing pest weed control at the Burke River and Sandy Channels where they run through the Town Common. This consisted of me basal barking Parkinsonia Bushes with a mix of Access and diesel. I have so far treated approx. 400+ bushes ranging in size from 30cm up to 3metres in height.

I will have to go back to some of the patches to get the bushes that were growing in the middle as they were that thick, I could not get all of them the first time.

I have to still do over half of the Sandy Channels and will be going out and treating some Parkinsonia Bushes growing in the Nine Mile Creek Channels.

#### **DOMESTIC ANIMAL CONTROL:**

There were no dogs impounded this month.

#### **CWRPM (TECGROUP):**

There was no news this month.

#### WEED SPRAYING SHIRE ROADS:

No weed spraying was done this month.

#### RMPC:

I will be back doing weed spraying after we have had some good rain falls.

#### **GRAVEL/BURROW PITS:**

Still needing rain to see what kind of a kill I will get from pits where I had to go back and put out more pellets.

#### **STOCK ROUTE:**

I have not heard back if we will be getting any funding that I applied for. No travel permit enquires.

#### **1080 BAITING:**

There was no 1080 baiting done in July.

I will be attending a Shire Rural Lands Officer Group (SRLOG) meeting in August where we will find out more about the updates and changes to the rules and use of 1080 poisons.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Nil

#### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Rural Lands Protection Officer July 2021 Report be received for information.

#### ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Reviewed by Director of Works and Operations	Mr Harin Karra
Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Ms Lynn Moore

TITLE:	Boulia Work Camp July 2021 Report	DOC REF:
	Bodila Work Gamp Gary 2021 Report	9.1.9

REPORT BY:	Vic Strowger Filed Supervisor, Correctional Officer Townsville Correctional Centre	<b>DATE:</b> 20/08/2021
	Townsville Correctional Centre	

Key Priority 1: Social License

- 1.1: Enhance sporting, recreational & cultural facilities and activities
- 1.1.1: Build a strong sense of community by supporting local groups and organisations

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Information Report only - not applicable.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To advise of the activities of the Boulia Work Camp from 5<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021.

#### CONTENT:

During this period the below community work was conducted:

- Boulia Camel Races Clean area, setup, dismantle and remove rubbish
- Racecourse Reserve Prepare camping grounds for Camel Races
- Racecourse Reserve Maintain watering of area
- Racecourse Reserve Mow and whipper snip area
- Racecourse Reserve Collect and lay topsoil around grandstand
- Commercial Rubbish Collect commercial rubbish with Council rubbish truck
- Sports Centre Dismantle scaffolding and place in Council large shed
- Sports Centre Mow around swimming pool
- Council House Remove items from house and place in Council yard
- Roadside Collect removed trees from the Bedourie Road, take to camping ground
- Town Tip Clean rubbish around tip
- Roadside Pick up rubbish along road to Racecourse Reserve
- Melrose Place Mow and whipper snip area
- Boulia State School Mow and whipper snip area
- Church Yard Mow and whipper snip area
- Cemetery Assist at Cemetery for 2 x funerals
- Town Verge Collect topsoil and spread soil over verge near Roadhouse

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Nil

#### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Boulia Work Camp July 2021 Report is received for information.

#### ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Reviewed by Director of Works and Operations	Mr Harin Karra
Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Ms Lynn Moore

#### 9.2 Office of the Chief Executive

TITLE:	Chief Executives Report for July 2021	<b>DOC REF:</b> 9.2.1
REPORT BY:	Lynn Moore Chief Executive Officer	<b>DATE:</b> 9/8/2021

#### **CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:**

Key Priority 5: Robust Governance

5.1: Confidence

5.1.1 Manage Council's operations in an effective manner by clearly defining the functions, services, roles, and responsibilities of Council

#### **PURPOSE:**

To advise Council of the activities of the Chief Executive Office.

#### CONTENT:

#### Sale of Council Housing – 6 Mulligan Street

Contracts for the sale, as per Ministerial consent, of 6 Mulligan Street have now been signed and returned to the lawyers and Council's obligations have been fulfilled. The purchasers have not completed the obligations under the contract and the contract has now been cancelled.

#### **Outback Highway – Donohue Highway**

The Bengeacca causeway section of the Donohue Highway will begin construction in 2021 with designs and surveys completed. This section is funded under the Queensland Reconstruction Authority and will form part of the allocation towards the Federal Government funding for the Outback Way. Progress is being made with the joint PPR planning with Transport and Main Roads (TMR) with a proposal to go to Canberra expected later in the year after approval by Qld TMR.

#### Flood Warning - increased exposure sites

Several sites which were the result of community discussion and review via the large map which was displayed on the floor of the shire hall are now coming to fruition. The program has been very successful in the allocation of resources and is in the position of looking at further sites and other funding to improve the coverage in the western shires. We have put suggestions into the group for electronic signage for the North Rd, South Rd and the Donohue Highway. These of course will be at the discretion of Transport and Main Roads.

One existing site in Urandangi is being relocated to a Council controlled road reserve.

#### **Queensland Treasury Corporation – Business Improvement Program**

The initial data collection process has been carried out followed by the meeting with QTC representatives. The project will then be 'kickstarted' in September.

#### **Resource Community Infrastructure Fund Round 1**

This will be a very competitive round of funding and is open to Local Government and Nongovernment and not-for-profit organisations. Two applications will be submitted:

- 1. Wills Street upgrade (clinic causeway) est \$4.65m
- 2. Upgrade of Sport and recreation facilities est \$190k
  - a. Renew tennis court fencing
  - b. Install LED lights at sports ground and Rodeo Arena
  - c. Automatic irrigation system at the Racecourse Reserve
  - d. Upgrade the cold room and kitchen at the Racecourse Reserve.

#### Financial Assistance Grants Scheme (FAGS) review

The Queensland Local Government Grants Commission (QLGGC) is undertaking a review of the methodologies underpinning the allocation of grant funding from FAGS.

The Grant is made up of two (2) components:

- 1. General Purpose Grant
- 2. Identified Road Grant

NB: There is a minimum 30% grant component which is available to all Councils which will not be

#### changed.

The review of the grant allocation is aimed at investigating ways to:

- Better distribute the General-Purpose Grant to Councils with limited revenue raising capacity relative to cost burden.
- Review the Identified Road Grant component to provide less emphasis on population.

Council has submitted our response to the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils which is made up of RAPAD, NWQROC and SWROC (ROC = Regional Organisation of Councils) for a combined submission to the QLGGC.

Our internal review has been completed by Council on 'non-Council' services/costs accrued for the following which accounts for a significant part of Councils annual budget:

Support of QFES, Community Groups, Bio-Security Land management (pest and weeds), Land development, Tourism, Cultural and Historical attractions, subsidised staff housing, increased wages for remote staff, additional travel costs, town water costs town waste management costs, radio re-transmission, Boulia Aquatic Centre, Stock Routes, Royal Flying Doctors, Australia Post, Boulia Airport.

The review to be finalised by the OLGGC is expected to take several months as this is a complicated scenario involving all Councils in Queensland with any changes not expected until 2023.

# **Results of the Community Survey**

Following up on the Community Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Because of the small numbers of people in attendance, a survey was distributed to the residents. Only three further submissions were received back to Council with the following responses:

- On the issue of TV re-transmission: two (2) responses for 'No' and one (1) not completed.
- On the issue of heating the pool: two (2) responses for 'No' and one (1) not completed.
- Future suggestions: engaging a Tourism Development Officer, Day Care Centre, Housing, more indigenous projects (cultural gardens etc), a café for people to meet, better planning for businesses during the tourist season, extra cleaning in the park during peak 'Corella' season. Love the emails and Facebook for people to be kept in touch.

#### Meetings coming up... Or cancelled due to COVID restrictions

MONTH	ACCOM DATES REQD (INCL TRVL)	ATTEND	MEETING LOC. AND ACCTUAL DATES
August	2-5 <sup>th</sup>	Rick and Sam	3 <sup>rd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> Bush Councils – Barcaldine (Cancelled due to COVID restrictions)
August	19 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup>	Rick/Lynn/Sam/Jan	19 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> Outback Hwy AGM – Winton (Cancelled due to COVID restrictions)
August	23 <sup>rd</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rick and Lynn	RAPAD F2F meeting, Longreach
October	24 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lynn/Rick/Sam	LGAQ Annual Conference 25 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> Mackay

### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Meetings attended are identified in Council's annual budget allocation.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Chief Executive Officer July 2021 report is received for information.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil	
Chief Executive Officer	Ms Lynn Moore

TITI C.	Action List - July 2021 Update	DOC REF:
IIILE.	Action List - July 2021 Opuate	9.2.2

REPORT BY:	Ms Lynn Moore Chief Executive Officer	<b>DATE:</b> 20/08/2021
BY:	Chief Executive Officer	20/08/2021

Key Priority 5: Governance

5.2: It is clearly evident in how Council does business

5.2.4: Transparency and accountability through management reporting

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The risk associated with the recommendations of the report have been assessed as Insignificant (Consequence) and Rare (Likelihood) giving an overall assessment as Low L-1

#### **PURPOSE:**

To present to Council an updated Action List.

#### CONTENT:

Council maintains an Action List that outlines actions to be taken as a result of a Council resolution or a request for action made by Councillors in between meetings.

Items on the list are updated as progress on each item is made and is presented to Council on a monthly basis for information.

Once an action has been shown as completed it is removed from the list.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Nil

#### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Action List update for July 2021 be received for information.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. CEO 2 ACTION LIST August 2021 [9.2.2.1 - 6 pages]

		Boulia Shire Counc	cil Action	List
DATE	RESOLUTION	SUGGESTION	RESPONSIBILITY	COMMENTS
		Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> N	/lay 2019	
22/05/2019		Boundary fence on Cooridgee and Wirrilyerna	RLPO/DWO CEO	19/08/2021 No progress as yet 08/03/2021 Contact from Wirrilyerna - possible solution on fencing by landholder. 11/02/2021 No response has been received from Wirrilyerna landholder on options. I have asked a local contractor to provide a quote on replacement of fence where it is.
		Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nover	nber 2019	
18/11/2019	2019/11.36	That Council proceed with the Facebook Checkfront online booking system.	CSM	Completed and working 07/07/2021 Online booking system made live on the 1st July. 14/06/2021 Hiccups being ironed out and will go live again on the 1st July. 07/05/2021 Done - online. A few hiccups have occurred which the company is ironing out for us.
		Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dece	ember 2019	
18/12/2019	2019/12.8	That the Town Common Stock Route Fence/Stock Baulk be deferred for investigation on Town Common leasing to be obtained.	DWO	<b>16/08/2021 Investigation in progress</b> 11/05/2021 Submitted for 2021/2022 budget. Without leasing in place.
		Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	2020	
19/6/2020		TOURISM - 'Why do I live where I live?' – Michaella to 'interview' locals on a video for the web?	CSM/ Michaella	10/08/2021 Michaella still doing filming for this as volunteers to talk are rare. 07/07/2021 In progress 14/06/2021 Ongoing progress with WH&S Officer photography input. 07/05/2021 Progress still happening with Media Officer. 08/04/2021 Media officer working on this. 04/03/2021 Michaella is progressing with this task.
		Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Septem	ber 2020	
25/09/2020		Replacement of entry signs to Boulia Shire	DWO	16/08/2021 Sign design to be completed next month and distributed for comments. 11/02/2021 Held off until approx. July to coincide with road works.

		Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Decem	ber 2020	
18/12/2020	2020/12.21	<ol> <li>That Council approve a combined television advertising project with Barcoo and Diamantina Shire Councils.</li> <li>That a \$15,000 allocation be made in the annual budget for the project.</li> </ol>	CSM	10/8/21 First payment gone to Diamantina and footage has been taken over all 3 shires.  07/07/2021 Meeting to be held on 12/7 to discuss further.  14/06/2021 On hold temporarily as Diamantina being swamped with tourists. Peter Murray has been employed to be the photographer for this tv advertising.  07/05/2021 Still waiting on this confirmation. Talking to Diamantina 11th May.
		Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Februa	ry 2021	
26/02/2021		Cllr Edgar – water at the Rodeo Grounds, consider installing automated sprinkling system	DWO	07/07/2021 No budget allocated for this financial year. Would need to be allocated in future budget or funds obtained through a grant.  19/03/2021 Work in progress.
26/02/2021		Used grid that is on hand with Council to be installed in problem area of town fence. Painting pattern to be implanted on the grid to deter livestock from crossing.	DWO	05/07/2021 Works deferred - looking to complete by end of September. 19/03/2021 Aiming to install by end of June.
26/02/2021		Cllr Norton: left over aggregate piles located out of town – expressions of interest to be released advising of piles that are available for use. Identified sites to be clearly marked and notes made in any advertising/signage that aggregate taken from other sites may result in prosecution.	DWO	07/07/2021 Will be actioned when time allows. 19/03/2021 Piles to be identified.
		Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Marc	h 2021	
26/03/2021		Cllr Neilson: Council to consider starting an Instagram page to help promote the region	CSM	10/08/2021 is done.  08/07/2021 In progress.  14/06/2021 She is still working on getting this up and running.  Talking to other local govt re implementation.  07/05/2021 Following up with Media Officer.  08/04/2021 Media Officer is instigating this.
26/3/2021		Investigate the 'speed advisory signs' (solar) with smiley	DWO/CSM	08/07/2021 Progress subject to funding.
		faces for both the Herbert St and outside the school.		08/04/2021 Costs vary from \$9,000-\$10,000 for these signs.
		Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	2021	
23/04/2021		Cllr Edgar: look at the possibility of updating the Tropic of Capricorn signage and pillar and make it a point of interest with a possible undercover table area rest stop. Point of Interest signs around the shire are also fading.	DWO	16/08/2021 Rest stop has been completed by TMR. 07/07/2021 Red paint removed. Rest stop will still be a TMR consideration as this is a TMR road but TMR will be installing small cell (mobile) at Tropic of Capricorn.

23/04/2021		Were floor tiles purchased for the Magix system at the Sports Centre?	CSM	11/05/2021 This sign has been vandalised with red paint this week. Will have this repaired. Rest stop will be a TMR consideration as this is a TMR road. Will put this forward for consideration by TMR.  10/08/2021 tiles are at depot to be installed. 14/06/2021 Tiles on order
		Friday 21st May	2021	
21/05/2021	2021/5.4	That Council:  (a) Agree to enter into an agreement made under s87A  Native Title Act 1993 and consent to the determination of the Wangkamahdla People native title claim QUD52/2016 in the terms of the s87A Agreement and Proposed Consent Order (attached to the report presented to Council); and (b) delegate to the CEO the power to agree to any changes that may be required by the Court to the final determination referred to in paragraph (a) and to instruct Holding Redlich to sign the s87A Agreement on Council's behalf.	CEO	16/08/2021 Wangkamahdla Native Title Determination held via Zoom. Report to August Council meeting. 14/06/2021 Wangkamahdla Native Title Determination to be held on 14 <sup>th</sup> July at Cravens Peak.
21/05/2021		Town Common: concerns regarding stock numbers if it doesn't rain. Letter to be sent to cattle owners advising that if there is no rain event between now and December Council will need to look at destocking Common end of November. They might want to consider selling stock now due to current cattle prices.	CEO/DWO	23/07/2021 Letters sent to cattle owners. 08/07/2021 Draft letter raised for Council consideration. 14/06/2021 Letters to be issued after the Community Meeting on 16/6.
21/05/2021		Camels in Rodeo paddock: state of paddock deteriorating due to increasing numbers of camels and no rain. Public notice to be raised advising due to lack of rain/condition of paddock, rodeo paddock will be cleared after July and all camels will be removed. No camels to be returned on the common/rodeo paddock without registration. Budget Meeting to include agistment fees for Camels.	CEO/DCS/ DWO	21/07/2021 Approved Council notice distributed to the community. 08/07/2021 Draft notice raised for Council consideration. 14/06/2021 Notice to be issued after the Community Meeting on 16/6.
		Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	2021	
18/06/2021	2021/6.12	That Council approve to donate two identified shade structures to Ms Pam Forster for her continued use for community benefit.	DWO	16/08/2021 Shelters have been identified and ready for collection by Ms Forster. 06/07/2021 Letter sent to Ms Forster advising Council decision.

18/06/2021	2021/6.29	2. Considering the intended purpose of the structures being of a benefit to the community in the long term it is not proposed to advertise to a wider audience.  1. The Director of Works and Operations recommendation is to receive and note the Tender Recommendation report prepared for the full scope of the project, which includes 12 Councils, and flood warning infrastructure (95 assets at 65 sites) across the North West Queensland Region.  2. The Director of Works and Operations recommendation is to authorise the CEO to negotiate	DWO/CEO	16/08/2021 Sites identified and project underway. 08/07/2021 Further details to be advised.
		the terms and enter a contract with Qteq Pty Ltd to supply and install flood warning infrastructure within Boulia Shire and advise Council once the final contract amount is confirmed.		
18/06/2021		Town Common/Golf Club boundary fence – old Golf Club fence to be removed	DWO	16/08/2021 Marked as a future project. 07/07/2021 Suggested to be made a Work Camp project subject to Work Camp availability.
18/06/2021		Water issues: - register to be created for notation of when flushing is done/what line Look into getting sample bottles for collection possibly at the Post Office that residents can use to collect samples	DWO	16/08/2021 Two community feedback comments received regarding water quality. 07/07/2021 In progress.
	,	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	y 2021	
15/07/2021		Cllr Britton: record expenses pertaining to water quality monitoring in Urandangi	DWO	19/08/2021 Costing being captured in financial system
15/07/2021		Investigate - purchasing a coffin lowering device - Wall for Ashes at the Cemetery	DWO	19/08/2021 Investigating prices
15/07/2021		Cllr Norton: consider extra signage at Dump for visitors to help make sure they dump in the right areas.  Consider extra bins in the main street during the Big Red Bash period and daily collection for these bins	DWO	19/08 Signage to be installed
15/07/2021		Letter to be sent to Boulia Police regarding Council's concerns over enforcing correct caravan parking and speed limits through road works	CEO/DWO	22/07/2021 Letter sent to Boulia Police who have advised they have and will continue their communication with Caravaners in relation to parking. They will also be looking to conduct more patrols in roadwork areas.

15/07/2021	2021/7.5	1. That the location of the new residential building at	DWO	16/08/2021 Report to the August Council meeting regarding
		the Racecourse Reserve be in the same location as the		EOI
		present Racecourse Reserve house.		
		2. That an Expression of Interest to sell and remove the		
		existing house be released and the CEO be delegated		
		authority to negotiate the terms of the purchase and		
		removal of the existing house.		
15/07/2021	2021/7.28	That Council approve the purchase of the land at Lot 27	CEO	16/08/2021 Awaiting contract.
		on B2672, 56 Pituri Street Boulia for the future		
		construction of staff accommodation.		

COUNCILLOR	COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS BETWEEN MEETINGS				
Date	STAFF member	Project – or Issue:	Response:		
18/12/2019		Cllr Beauchamp: Future idea – Drone Park	14/10/2020 Still on the burner Sam		
19/6/2020	Harin	Cllr Edgar: Dam/recreational water park (boating etc)	26/02/2021 Alternative dam location - obtain drone footage to identify potential location.  This has been raised several times. We will put together all the information we have into a business case for review by Council for the long-term benefits and costs etc. Not estimated to be completed within the next 6 months due to the workload of staff.		
19/06/2020	Julie	Cllr Neilson: Branding idea – pronunciation of Boulia – Bull'ya	14/06/2021 Will talk to Focus (Xzibit in October re branding options). 01/10/2020 Branding ideas and marketing to be looked at in further detail with OQTA Assist and Focus Productions.		
19/06/2020	Julie/Harin	Cllr Britton: Consider coloured directional signage (e.g. on street signs) to help show where things are within the town 17/08/20 Signage design to stand out and be broader width	26/02/2021 Street signage (ie. Street names) currently is only on one side of the street. Consider both sides in future?  14/10/2020. Revised street maps with coloured markers on street signs are to be implemented. This will be delivered in conjunction with the DWO.		
17/08/2020	CEO/CSM	Cllr Edgar: Consider possibility of installing a walking track from the Sports Centre to the Rodeo Grounds	14/06/2021 As funding is available have talked to local Pitta Pitta as to what we could do with river walk. 26/02/2021 – Could be a project for Work Camp? 7/11/2020 This is a project to be looked at in 2021 in partnership with DWO. 01/09/2020 CSM Report to Dec Council meeting.		
23/10/2020	DWO/CSM	Cllr Norton: Shading for Robinson Park — over back playground (Pituri Street side), then over Skate Park, pending funding.	10/08/2021 Has been marked to do. 14/06/2021 As per March comment. 04/03/2021 No new funding released as yet for shading projects. 7/11/2020 This is a project being looked at when funding is available.		
20/11/2020	CEO/DWO/CSM	Cllr Norton: Solar for Urandangi	06/04/2021 W4Q4 project allocation in the future.		

			04/03/2021 No new funding released for Councils to access at this time for solar energy. 20/11/2020 CEO, DWO and CSM already looking into this (grant possibilities)
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26/02/2021	CEO/DWO	Cllr Britton: Long Term Business Case/Study to be	17/03/2021 To be actioned after end of financial year due to competing
		undertaken regarding artesian bore to support future	priorities.
		community growth. E.g where will drilling have to be done?	
		Costs involved?	
26/02/2021	CEO/DWO	Cllr Beauchamp: Future planning regarding water treatment	17/03/2021 To be actioned after end of financial year due to competing
		– will the treatment plant be big enough down the track? Can	priorities.
		water be recycled for town watering use/road works use?	
		Considerations to be made in future Corporate Plan.	
23/04/2021	CSM/CEO/DWO	Cllr Edgar and Cllr Neilson: Look at purchasing buggies for	11/05/2021 To be reviewed at budget meeting.
		visitors to hire to get around town.	

TITLE:	Native Title Claim – Wangkamahdla People	DOC REF:
IIILE.	Native Title Claim – Wangkamandia People	9.2.3

REPORT Ray Geraghty DATE: BY: Acting CEO 20/08/2021
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Key Priority 1: Social License

- 1.2: Respecting our culture and heritage
- 1.2.1: To capture, preserve and promote the heritage and diverse cultures of our region

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The risk associated with the recommendations of the report have been assessed as Minor (Consequence) and Rare (Likelihood) giving an overall assessment as Low L-2.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To seek Council resolution to withdraw from the Part B of the Native Title Claim in accordance with the advice received from Holding Redlich.

#### CONTENT:

Part A of the claim was determined on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and Council was represented at the determination by its legal advisors Holding Redlich. The Part B claim remains outstanding and involves six parcels of land within Diamantina Shire Council's Local Government Area.

Holding Redlich have recommended that Boulia Shire Council withdraw from the Part B claim, as it has no interest that needs to be resolved within that balance area.

#### CONSULTATION:

Discussed with Councillors prior to the July 2021 Council Meeting.

#### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Savings on unnecessary legal costs.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That in accordance with the advice received from its legal representatives, Council instruct Holding Redlich to withdraw Boulia Shire Council as a respondent party to the Part B claim of the Wangkamahdla People, as Council has no interest that needs to be resolved within that area.

#### **TABLED DOCUMENTS:**

- 1. Jenny Humphries email [9.2.3.1 1 page]
- 2. Federal Court Native Title Consent Determination 14.07.21 [9.2.3.2 59 pages]

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	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Ray Geraghty

TITLE:	LGAQ Conference October 25th-27th 2021	DOC REF:
11166.	LGAQ Contenence October 25th-27th 2021	9.2.4

: 2021

Key Priority 3: Economic Development

- 3.2: Advocate for the region through regional networks
- 3.2.2: Actively support networks and partnerships between local businesses, industry groups, relevant organisations and State and Federal government

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Information Report only - not applicable.

#### **PURPOSE:**

Provided information to Council on the topics covered through the LGAQ Annual conference to be held Oct 25-27<sup>th</sup> on behalf of all Queensland Local Government Councils. As a motion is required to be submitted by a Council and not a ROC – Blackall-Tambo is the submitting Council.

#### **CONTENT:**

**Motion: QWRAP Funding Round 6** 

That the LGAQ lobby the State Government to commit to permanent funding of \$2M per annum for the Queensland Water Regional Alliances Program (QWRAP) beyond its current round of funding that ceases in June 2022 (refer attachment).

# POLICY EXECUTIVE ENDORSED MOTIONS FOR THE 2021 LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE

#### **Federal Government**

- 1. The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to restore Federal Assistance Grants to at least 1% of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue to address the serious financial sustainability issues experienced by all Councils.
- 2. The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to restore the voice of local communities by giving local government full membership of the National Cabinet and a guaranteed seat in other National Ministerial forums.
- 3. The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to provide \$200 million per year for four years for targeted disaster mitigation and to future-proof community infrastructure.
- 4. The LGAQ calls on the Federal Government to allocate \$100 million per year for five years to increase housing supply in remote and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

#### **State Government**

- 5. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to amend the *Civil Liabilities Act 2003 to* strengthen indemnity provisions and address concerns that the Goondiwindi v Tait case has created for Councils with RMPCs.
- 6. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to urgently amend the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *City of Brisbane Act 2010* to address the unintended consequences of current Conflict of Interest requirements that continue to negatively impact the ability of Councillors to effectively represent their communities.

- 7. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to maintain Works for Queensland funding at \$100 million a year for the next four years.
- 8. The LGAQ calls on the State Government to maintain SEQ Stimulus Funding at \$50 million per year for the next four years.

ILF Motions (ILF-Indigenous Literacy Foundation)

- 1. The LGAQ lobby the state government and the National Indigenous Australians Agency to establish and periodically release to Councils the relevant data sets for each local government area against each of the Closing the Gap targets.
- 2. That the LGAQ lobby the Federal Government to work with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations to establish a mechanism for regularly informing and educating Prescribed Bodies Corporate across Australia on any legislation, regulatory changes, governance and performance arrangements, and to ensure that a similar mechanism is in place at state level to inform Deed of Grant in Trust trustees.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

RAPAD Group, RAPADWSA.

#### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

No direct impact on budget.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the LGAQ Conference October 25th-27th 2021 report be received for information.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2021 Annual Conference motions QWRAP funding [9.2.4.1 - 2 pages]

Chief Executive Officer Ms Lynn Moore

Submitting Council (required)	Blackall-Tambo Regional Council		
Supporting ROC (if applicable)	South West Queensland ROC? RAPAD?		
Category (required)	Infrastructure, Economics and Regional Development		
Council resolution # (required)			
Date of council resolution (required)	Please select the date of resolution here		
Title of motion (required)	QWRAP Funding Round 6		
Motion (required)	That the LGAQ lobby the State Government to commit to permanent funding of \$2M per annum for the Queensland Water Regional Alliances Program (QWRAP) beyond its current round of funding that ceases in June 2022.		
Background (required) 350 word limit	QWRAP is an industry-led initiative to investigate regional collaboration on water and sewerage services in regional Queensland. The program is a collaboration among the LGAQ, Qldwater, the Queensland Government (through the Department of Regional Development Manufacturing and Water) with 57 councils engaged across nine regions. It has been funded by the Department since 2011 with significant leverage of cash and in-kind contributions from other partners.		
	QWRAP works to strengthen urban water and sewerage services in Queensland's regional communities through collaboration. The aim is to ensure safe, secure and sustainable services for more than 300 water schemes in regional Queensland, which include 25 councils that own and manage some of the smallest water schemes in Australia.		
	QWRAP funding averaged \$300,000 p.a. between 2011 and 2016 establishing three pilot regions including the RAPAD region. Funding doubled in 2016-2018 adding two regions and initiating 'emerging regions' with initial technical collaboration. In 2018, funding increased to \$800,000 p.a. promoting mature projects and expansion to more regions. South-West Queensland has become the sixth QWRAP region and North Queensland has been invited to become the seventh. This expands coverage of QWRAP to all of Queensland outside of the Cape York first nations councils and South East Queensland.		
	All QWRAP projects to date have yielded financial benefits. Immediate benefits arise from economies of scale and savings from		

joint procurement, strategic planning and contract oversight that comes with a regional approach.

Some projects have also driven strategic sustainability outcomes and led to enhanced future collaboration within a region or across multiple regions. These projects have increased in the current funding round with the increasing maturity of some regions, strong regional champions, and the additional focus that has been placed on strategic planning and benefits capture. Key examples include:

- extending successful, tested initiatives across multiple regions,
- developing systems and approaches that are adopted by other Queensland councils,
- driving momentum and interest in improvement and collaboration,
- bringing together experts from different fields including academia to deliver practical and technology-focused solutions to complex problems, and
- prioritising innovation to address complex challenges common to regional Queensland.

# What is the desired outcome sought? (required) 350 word limit

Some of the existing QWRAP projects may have occurred without the Program but would be unlikely to extend beyond individual councils. Many projects would not have been possible without collaboration; either because of the additional scope warranted or the greater focus on water and sewerage services generated by the Program.

QWRAP has also been pivotal in progressing the collaboration maturity within and across participating regions. Increased maturity in collaboration results in larger projects, shared resources and investment and development of expertise. Skills development builds capacity and is common to many regions along with projects building operational efficiencies and standardisation. High-maturity regions explore joint infrastructure planning to support regional growth for years to come. These benefits would not be possible in most regions without QWRAP.

However, the current round of QWRAP funding will cease in 2021/2022. With seven established regions and a number of emerging regions seeking to continue participation in QWRAP, permanent funding of \$2M per annum is needed beyond the current round of funding, to support more regional collaboration in the water and sewerage sector for councils.

Council seeks recognition from the State Government for the highly successful QWRAP Program, and a commitment of ongoing funding to support the existing water and sewerage alliances/groups and emerging regions.

# 9.3 Corporate Services

TITLE:	Director Corporate Services July 2021 Update	<b>DOC REF:</b> 9.3.1
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REPORT Kaylene Sloman BY: Director of Corporate Services	<b>DATE</b> : 20/08/2021
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#### **CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:**

Key Priority 5: Governance

5.2: It is clearly evident in how Council does business

5.2.4: Transparency and accountability through management reporting

Key Priority 5: Governance

5.3: Sustainability - our focus on value for money outcomes across the organisation

5.3.2: Optimise performance of Council business units using available technology

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Information Report only - not applicable.

#### PURPOSE:

To advise Council of the activities of the Director of Corporate Services.

#### CONTENT:

#### **Financial Statements**

Work has started on compiling the financial statements for 2020-2021.

This has included working on a business paper for Landfill Rehabilitation for Boulia Shire, have been working with Tony Goldsworth, EHO, Stuart Bourne, GBA, Liam Murphy and David Lloyd, External Auditors as well as consulting directly with QAO.

Have capitalised into our Asset Register most of our capital projects that have all successfully been completed.

# **Support of Acting CEO**

Have assisted Ray Geraghty whilst he was acting CEO with finding information on both current and historic matters as he required.

#### **Altus Payroll Module**

Have been working closing with Consultant from IT Vision in the implementation process for our online payroll and leave applications, all staff will be loaded into the system on a roster for their work area. Supervisors will be able to review all their Staff's leave at the time of approving the leave application. Staff will be able to electronically complete their timesheets for supervisors to approve. Training for the payroll team will start on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021, going live in October 2021.

# Reflect Training for RMPC Staff

With consultation with Ron Callope and Lynn Moore I organised and coordinated updated training to be delivered on the Reflect System for all the RMPC staff and RLPO. Included refresher training for Ron and Joseph. Training was delivered electronically due to Covid however this did not stop the instructor Doug Beal from Civica in running through the entire process. Staff had to go out in the field and practice, then the next day they reviewed what was done.

Followed on from this we had a workshop on the RMPC processes, from start to finish.

#### **Accessibility to Internet / Phone System**

Research has been underway for options to be reviewed on getting each of our departments to have good internet / phone access. This was raised in an Internal Audit

report. We have investigated the fibre option through several different suppliers and ways, this is a very costly option especially with the fact that the Administration building maybe getting replaced shortly.

In the interim we have also looked at upgrading our current Line of Sight internet, discussions are underway to discuss installation.

This should give Council at least 3 to 5 years before we need to revisit our connection ability with the web.

# RECOMMENDATION:

That the Director of Corporate Services July 2021 report be accepted for information only.

Reviewed and Approved by Chief Executive Offi	cer Ms Lynn Moore

TITLE:	Finance Manager July 2021 Report	DOC REF:
	3 , .	9.3.2

REPORT Rahul Bhargava BY: Finance Manager	<b>DATE:</b> 20/08/2021
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Key Priority 5: Governance

- 5.2: It is clearly evident in how Council does business
- 5.2.1: Council's financial activities are monitored and managed well

Key Priority 5: Governance

- 5.3: Sustainability our focus on value for money outcomes across the organisation
- 5.3.3: Ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Council through prudent financial management and budgeting

# **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Information Report only - not applicable.

#### PURPOSE:

Financial Summary as at 31st July 2021

Financial Summary as at 31st July 2021				
CONTENT: Cash Position: The Cash Position determines the expected money.	ey the Council shoul	d have after	every period.	
	31st July 20	021	30 June 2021	
Cash at Hand Net Cash Equivalent (Debtors-Creditors)	17,396,56 1,308,47	77	18,080,122 388,560	
Total	\$18,705,04	10	\$18,468,682	
Liquidity  CBA Floats			\$ 540,430 \$ 1,300	
Investments     CBA At Call	\$ 1,197,311 \$ 15,657,522		\$16,854,83 <u>3</u>	
		Total	\$17,396,563	
Additional Information on Cash Position				
Cash Balance as at 31st July 202	1	1	7,396,563	
The following items need to be be	acked by cash:			
Reserves 30 <sup>th</sup> June			2,328,551	
Funded Depreciation			4,519,584	
Funded Employee Entitlements - NC			182,464	
Grant Funding (paid in advance) Working Capital Cash		513,334 1,500,000		
Capital Grants			2,268,925	
Operating Results for 2021/2022			1,775,314	
Less Capital Expenditure 2021/2022			(439,360)	
		1	2,648,812	
Uncommitted Cash 31st July 202	1		4,747,751	

# Aged Debtors 31st July 2021

DEBTOR	90+	60	30	CURRENT	PRE-PAID	BALANCE
	5,562.68	369.80	719.37	1,051,559.69	(780.00)	1,057,431.54

# 90+ Days Outstanding

For this month, amounts greater than 90+ days total \$5,562.68 \$4,469.06 have been referred to Council's external Collection Agency. \$1093.62 are under a payment arrangement.

# Rates 31st July 2021

Total Outstanding \$286,161.84

RATES	3 Years +	2 Years 1 Year (20-21)		Current Year (21-22)	In Credit (pre- paid OR Water & Gravel Compensation)	Total Outstanding	
Urban	\$62,925.62	\$26,589.08	\$59,870.38	\$1,243.95	-\$ 29,874.67	\$120,754.36	
Rural	-	\$ 13.77	\$189,468.62	\$1,572.80	-\$ 42,132.23	\$148,922.96	
Mining	-	\$ 5,230.50	\$11,119.89	\$134.13	\$ -	\$16,484.52	
	\$62,925.62	\$31,833.35	\$260,458.89	\$2,950.88	-\$ 72,006.90	\$286,161.84	

<u>CREDITORS 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021</u> \$31,747.86

Income Revenue	Income Statement For the period ended 31 July 2021	
	For the period ended 31 July 2021	
		2021/2022 Actua
Revenue		
<b>Recurrent Reve</b>	nue	
	Net rate and utility charges	_
	Fees and charges	52,108
	Rental income	18,455
	Interest received	7,612
	Sales - contract and recoverable works	21,043
	Other Income	12,775
	Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	200
<b>Total Recurrent</b>	Revenue	112,193
Capital Revenue	<u> </u>	
	Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	
<b>Total Capital Re</b>	venue	2,268,925
Total Revenue		2,381,116
Total Income		2,381,116
Expenses		
Recurrent Expe		
	Employee benefits	(270,325
	Materials & Services	(335,477
	Finance Costs	-
	Depreciation	<del>-</del>
Total Recurrent	Expenses	(605,802
Total Expenses		(605,802)
Net Result Attri	butable to Council	1,775,314

	BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL	
	Balance Sheet	
	For the period ended 31 July 2021	2024 /2022 4 :
		2021/2022 Actua
Current Ass		<b>7</b> 47 225 752
	Cash and cash equivalents	17,396,563
	Trade and other receivables	1,375,269
	Inventories	331,726
Total Currer	nt Assets	19,103,558
Non-current	t Assets	-
	Property, plant and equipment	194,093,148
Total Non-c	urrent Assets	194,093,148
TOTAL ASSE	TS	213,196,706
Current Liab	pilities	
	Trade and other payables	(66,792)
	Borrowings	(2,223)
	Provisions	(1,222,190)
	Contract Liabilities	(4,618,501)
Total Currer	nt Liabilities	(5,909,706)
Non-curren	t Liabilities	
	Borrowings	(1,009,222)
	Provisions	(182,464)
Total Non-c	urrent Liabilities	(1,191,686)
TOTAL LIABI	LITIES	(7,101,392)
NET COMM	UNITY ASSETS	206,095,314
Community	Equity	
	Asset revaluation reserve	110,690,860
	Retained surplus	95,404,454
TOTAL COM	MUNITY EQUITY	206,095,314

# BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL Statement of Cash Flows For the period ended 31 July 2021

For the period ended 31 July 2021	
	2021/2022 Actuals
Cash Flows from Operating activities:	
Receipts from customers	(447,517)
Payments to suppliers and employees	(2,075,724)
	(2,523,241)
Interest received	7,612
Rental income	18,455
Non-capital grants and contributions	200
Borrowing costs	0
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Operating Activities	(2,496,974)
Cash Flows from Investing activities:	
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(439,360)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	0
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	2,268,925
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Investing activities	1,829,565
Cash Flows from Financing activities	
Repayment of borrowings	0
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Financing activities	0
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents held	(667,409)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at beginning of Reporting period	18,063,972

# **CONSULTATION:**

Nil

# **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Finance Report for July 2021 be received for information.

Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of Reporting period

# ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Reviewed by Director of Corporate Services	Mrs Kaylene Sloman
Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Ms Lynn Moore

\$17,396,563

# 9.4 Community Services

TITLE: July 2021 Community Services Report	<b>DOC REF:</b> 9.4.1
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	<b>DATE:</b> 6/8/2021
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#### CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 1: Social License

- 1.1: Enhance sporting, recreational & cultural facilities and activities
- 1.1.1: Build a strong sense of community by supporting local groups and organisations

Key Priority 1: Social License

- 1.2: Respecting our culture and heritage
- 1.2.1: To capture, preserve and promote the heritage and diverse cultures of our region
- 1.2.2: To promote the heritage, arts and cultures of our communities

Key Priority 1: Social License

- 1.3: Boulia Shire to have active inclusive communities
- 1.3.1: Advocate for a range of services, programs and facilities to address disadvantage and foster inclusion
- 1.3.2: Encourage volunteering and recognise volunteers who support events throughout the vear
- 1.3.3: Build social capital through provision of accessible community infrastructure and programs

Key Priority 3: Economic Development

- 3.1: Facilitate housing and investment to support employment opportunities
- 3.1.2: Council housing is sustainable and is suitable to meet demands

Key Priority 3: Economic Development

- 3.4: Promote tourism as an economic driver for the shire
- 3.4.1: All opportunities used to increase the shires exposure to the tourism market

Key Priority 6: Lifestyle and Community

- 6.1: Facilitate opportunities for community development
- 6.1.2: Assist local community groups and support local events
- 6.1.3: Maintain a high quality of life by providing facilities and resources that encourage a secure, interactive and progressive community lifestyle

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Information Report only - not applicable.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To provide Council with an update of the activities associated with Council's Community Development activities.

#### CONTENT:

Current housing available:

ACTIVITY	Number
Total houses available for occupation currently	0
Total units available (includes 2 pensioner units which need refurb)	2
Total Council units are always kept vacant for use by visiting professionals	0
Total Council furnished units being used by contractors	1

Houses/units being renovated/painted	1
Formal applications for rental for July	0
Enquiries re housing availability for July	2

As the caretaker's house at the Racecourse is to be removed, the tenant has relocated to a vacant Council house located beside the Post Office until a new house is put back on site.

The pensioners units are to be renovated with new kitchens and bathrooms starting soon.

#### **Grants:**

Arts Qld has allocated to us \$10,000 for the RADF program for 2021-2022 year, this plus the balance already being held by us will enable Council to spend on some larger ticket items.

We have registered for the Bluey and Bingo show to come to Boulia for the children and are waiting to hear back regarding dates of availability.

- A Looking after Country grant has been submitted for \$61,000
- A Gambling Fund Grant is being assessed for oval lighting renewal.

#### Tourism:

We have enjoyed a bumper season this year with large visitor numbers coming through our tourism attractions. The most income ever has been received for the month of July at the Min Min Encounter.

#### Community:

Flipside Circus was unfortunately not able to come to Boulia due to Covid testing whilst they were in Julia Creek and did not receive their clearances in time to get here. This has now been deferred to a later date.

Coming up in August, we will be showcasing a musical extravaganza in the hall, this was enabled by funding from Community Drought Support 19-20.

### Upcoming events organised by Council staff: -

- August Rebel Highwire Entertainment in the hall and dinner
- September Dead Puppet Society workshop in the hall
- September Man with a Pram on Father's Day
- September- resumption of movie nights at hall
- October Qld Ballet workshop for adults and children
- November Remembrance Day

Assisting with TRAIC workshops with Community Support Office is ongoing.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Nil

#### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the July 2021 Community Services Report be received for information.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Grant Funding Register Approved items [9.4.1.1 1 page]
- 2. Grant Funding Register Pending items [9.4.1.2 1 page]

Reviewed and Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Ms Lynn Moore
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# Grant Funding Register - Approved items

Project Name	IGrant / Funding Rody	Amount of Funding applied for	Council Cash or in kind Contribution	Other funding source \$'s	Total Project Cost	NOTES	Amount of Funding approved	Expected Project Completion Date	Works Completed
Upgrade Urandangi Health Clinic - auspiced	Western Qld Primary Health Network	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	Funding auspiced by Council for Urandangi Health Clinic. Trust A/c	\$ 50,000	on exhaustion of funds	
Airport Industrial Estate	Building our Regions	\$ 994,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 994,800	Stage 1, industrial airport land Extension of time approved	\$ 994,800.00	3/05/2021	
Drought Communities Program Extension - Various projects	Drought Communities Program (DCP), Department Infrastructure, Transport, Cities & Regional Development	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,000,000.00		
2 VMS trailers	FNQ and NQ Monsoon Trough (Dept of Community, Disabilities)	\$ 47,586	\$ 7,680		\$ 55,266	VMS trailers	\$ 47,586		Yes
Community Drought suppport program	Dept of Communities, Disabilities, Health Services	\$ 47,000	\$ -	\$ -		circus and 1 year of movies in hall	\$ 47,000		
Get Ready Program 2020/21	Queensland Reconstruction Authority	\$ 4,880.00			\$ -		\$ 4,880		
W4Q COVID -19	Department of Local Government Racing and Cultural Affairs	\$ 1,020,000	\$ -	\$ -	7 1,020,000	Shovel ready projects - must be completed by 30/6/2021	\$ 1,020,000		Yes
Tennis court lights	Gambling Community Benefit Fund	\$ 30,000	\$ 12,000		\$ 42,000	new tennis court lights	\$ 35,000		Yes
Flood Warning Infrastructure Network	Queensland Reconstruction Authority	\$ 495,000					\$ 495,000	30/06/2022	
Qld Health - on hold	TRAIC	\$ 61,000	\$ -	\$ -		community projects as per TRAIC workshop	\$ 61,000	31/08/2021	
First State Grant - Admin Trainee	Department of employment, Small Business and training	\$ 15,000					\$ 15,000		
	State Library of Queensland	\$ 1,000					\$ 1,000		
Mental Health and Wellbeing	Dept Of Qld Health	\$ 75,000			·	outreach programs and rodeo event	\$ 75,000		
Learning the smart way	First 5 Forever Innovation Micro Grant 2020-21 - Round 2	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0	\$ 5,000	audio/visual items for the Library	\$ 5,000		Yes
Drought Support Program	Dept Communities	\$ 200,000	\$ -		200,000	financial hardship/events	\$ 155,200		
Drone caution signs	CASA	\$ 1,500	\$ -			signage	\$ 1,500		

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING APPROVED:

4,007,966

# Grant Funding Register - Pending items

Project Name	Grant / Funding Body	Amount of Funding applied for	Council Cash or in kind Contribution	Other funding source \$'s		Application closing date	Council Officer Responsible	NOTES
Min Min Encounter renovation	Building Acceleration Fund (State Gov)	\$ 476,735	\$ 52,970		\$ 529,705	4/09/2020	CEO	
RADF funding	Arts Queensland	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,000			2/04/2021	CSM	arts and cultural activities
Boulia Residential Estate	National Housing Infrastructure Facility	\$ 1,267,557		\$ 316,890	\$ 1,584,447	no closing date	CEO	An application has been made to National Housing Infrastructure Facility for 80% grant and 20% loan
Looking After Country Grant	LACGP	\$ 61,000	\$ -	\$ -		9/08/2021	CSM	river trail path/ Indigenous signage/tree planting
	Total Amount of Funding applied for	\$ 1,815,292						

TITLE:	Donart on proposed Buggios for hiro	DOC REF:
IIILE.	Report on proposed Buggies for hire	9.4.2

REPORT	Mrs Julie Woodhouse	DATE:
BY:	Community Services Manager	19/08/2021

Key Priority 1: A strong supportive community environment

- 1.1: Promotion of community events, services and facilities
- 1.1.3: Maintain a high quality of life by providing facilities and resources that encourage a secure, interactive and progressive community lifestyle

Key Priority 3: Economic Development - A sustainable local economy

- 3.4: Promote Boulia Shire and the RAPAD region as a region for tourism and development opportunities
- 3.4.4: Promote Boulia Shire and the RAPAD Region as a region for tourism and development opportunities

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Information Report only - not applicable.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To provide Council with the report on the proposal to introduce Buggies for Hire.

#### CONTENT:

In April 2021 it was proposed in Council that staff look at purchasing buggies for hire to the public whilst they are in Boulia.

According to the Queensland transport laws governing the use of golf buggies / carts, as they are not considered road worthy vehicles they can only be driven on private properties / caravan parks or predominately golf courses and not on public roads.

What makes them unroadworthy and not suitable for driving on our roads here is the fact that the carts do not have:

- Indicators
- Brake lights
- Rear vision mirrors
- Seatbelts

Drivers must have a C class license to operate them in those aforementioned areas, there are allowable cases for on road usage but this would be if crossing from one private property to another only and then they would need to be registered.

On consultation with the Workplace Health and Safety Officer for Council, he advised that: -

"Golf carts can be conditionally registered for limited access."

This means they can only be used within 2 kilometres of a golf course; **and** can only be used for their "primary purpose" i.e. to go to and from the golf course to play golf.

Even then it is an arduous process to get all of the access permits from police, main roads etc.

So no; at this point in time they can't be used on a public road for tourists to drive around."

In the past bicycles were available for the public to hire from the Sports Centre or Min Min Encounter, this was not a successful venture and the bicycles went into the Council auction.

At present there does not seem to be a need from the public for an alternative mode of transport, visitors even seem to be happy walking to town from the Racecourse during the Camel Races.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

CEO and Workplace Health and Safety Advisor.

#### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Carts can cost an average price of \$8,000 to \$9,000 dollars or less, or up to \$20,000 depending on the type required.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Report on proposed Buggies for Hire be received for information.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil		
Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Ms Lynn Moore	

TITLE: Min Min Encounter July 2021 Report	DOC REF:
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REPORT	Roni Harris	DATE:	
BY:	Tourism Officer	20/08/2021	

Key Priority 1: Social License

- 1.2: Respecting our culture and heritage
- 1.2.1: To capture, preserve and promote the heritage and diverse cultures of our region
- 1.2.2: To promote the heritage, arts and cultures of our communities

#### Key Priority 3: Economic Development

- 3.4: Promote tourism as an economic driver for the shire
- 3.4.1: All opportunities used to increase the shires exposure to the tourism market

#### Key Priority 6: Lifestyle and Community

- 6.1: Facilitate opportunities for community development
- 6.1.3: Maintain a high quality of life by providing facilities and resources that encourage a secure, interactive and progressive community lifestyle

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Information Report only - not applicable.

#### PURPOSE:

To report on the day-to-day operations of the Min Min Encounter and to promote tourism in the Shire and surrounding region.

#### CONTENT:

Daily Sales for July 2021	\$ 67,167.50
MME Visitor Stats for July 2021	4008
MME Show Stats for July 2021	1705
BHC Stats for July 2021	1063

#### Social Media Statistics for July 2021:

Page	Page Likes	Reached	Shares
Boulia Shire Council	Not available	3,607	29
Min Min Encounter	1257	8132	541

<sup>\*</sup> Statistics based on last 28 days as at 16/8/21.

#### **REPORT ON ACTIVITIES HELD FOR JULY 2021**

As our figures show, July was a big month for both the Min Min Encounter and the Boulia Heritage Complex with a very encouraging number of visitors and excellent sales figures. We consulted available data back to 2008 and were unable to find better figures although 2019 showed sales of \$56,252.

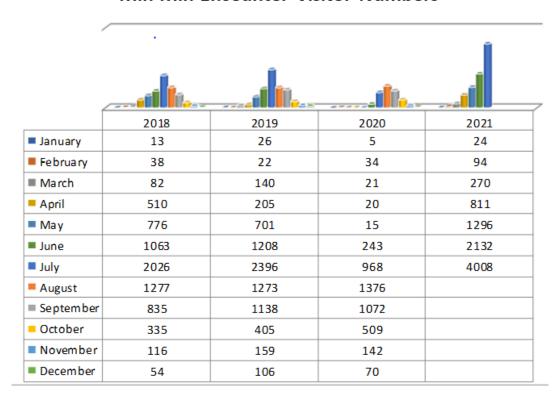
Due to the Covid situation we had two bus tour groups cancel for the month and were only able to welcome two others. We continue to observe our standard Covid protocols.

The weeks prior and after events in the area such as the Big Red Bash, Bedourie Camel Races and Boulia Camel Races saw an influx of visitors enroute to and from these events. We noticed a number of return visitors excited to re-visit the Min Min Encounter. We have

also taken note of an increase in the number of visitors presenting Seniors Cards as against allowable Concession Cards (Centrelink Pension, Veterans).

We continue to receive many enquiries in regards to roads such as to the Diamantina Lakes, The Donohue & Plenty and Dajarra to Cloncurry.

#### Min Min Encounter Visitor Numbers



# Min Min Encounter & BHC Tickets & Merchandise Sales



CONSULTATION:	
Nil	

# **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

# RECOMMENDATION:

That the Min Min Encounter July 2021 Report be received for information.

# ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Reviewed by Community Services Manager	Mrs Julie Woodhouse
Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Ms Lynn Moore

TITI C.	July 2021 Library Report	DOC REF:
IIILE.	July 2021 Library Report	9.4.4

REPORT	Taraha Chaw	DATE:
BY:	Tarsha Shaw	20/08/2021

Key Priority 1: Social License

- 1.1: Enhance sporting, recreational & cultural facilities and activities
- 1.1.1: Build a strong sense of community by supporting local groups and organisations

Key Priority 1: Social License

- 1.2: Respecting our culture and heritage
- 1.2.1: To capture, preserve and promote the heritage and diverse cultures of our region
- 1.2.2: To promote the heritage, arts and cultures of our communities

Key Priority 6: Lifestyle and Community

- 6.1: Facilitate opportunities for community development
- 6.1.2: Assist local community groups and support local events
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#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Information Report only - not applicable.

#### PURPOSE:

To update Council on the visitations and activities in the Library

#### CONTENT:

Boulia Shire Council provides a well-appointed Library facility which is open 5 days per week from 09:45am – 1:00pm

ACTIVITY	CUSTOMER VOLUME - per month
Library Visitors	75
Wi Fi	5
Number of new members - local	1
Tourist Member	0

#### **LIBRARY ACTIVITIES**

This month we have been holding our First 5 Forever program twice a week. We have a regular attending group now forming. The CCC was completed and distributed to the public.

We received our new portable speaker and the kids absolutely loved being able to dance around to the music and watching the flashing lights.

Re; Covid-19, appropriate arrangements remain in place keeping with Queensland Health Regulations.

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2020	240	124	125	0	32	55	108	108	111	195	147	67
2021	42	78	48	73	109	102	75					

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Nil

#### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receives the July 2021 Library Report for information.

#### ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Reviewed by Community Services Manager	Mrs Julie Woodhouse
Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Ms Lynn Moore

TITLE:	Sports & Aquatia Contro July Bonart	DOC REF:
IIILE.	Sports & Aquatic Centre July Report	9.4.5

REPORT	Sports	DATE:
BY:	Sports Centre Attendant/Library Officer	20/08/2021

Key Priority 1: Social License

- 1.1: Enhance sporting, recreational & cultural facilities and activities
- 1.1.1: Build a strong sense of community by supporting local groups and organisations

Key Priority 1: Social License

- 1.3: Boulia Shire to have active inclusive communities
- 1.3.3: Build social capital through provision of accessible community infrastructure and programs

Key Priority 6: Lifestyle and Community

- 6.1: Facilitate opportunities for community development
- 6.1.2: Assist local community groups and support local events
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#### RISK MANAGEMENT:

Information Report only - not applicable.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the centre.

#### **CONTENT:**

The Sports and Aquatic Centre provides an important sports venue for the local residents of Boulia. It has an extensive gymnasium with up-to-date equipment and several large activity areas including the swimming pool. Charges are levied for membership with casual entry fees for ad-hoc visitation.

ACTIVITY	CUSTOMER VOL I	PER MONTH
Gymnasium	During Hours: 9	After Hours: 34
• Pool	During Hours: 8	After Hours: 0
Squash	0	
<ul> <li>Casual entry usage</li> </ul>	31	
<ul> <li>Kid's usage</li> </ul>	51	
<ul> <li>Membership usage</li> </ul>	39	
<ul> <li>Merchandise sales</li> </ul>	\$10.00	
Admission	\$78.00	<u> </u>
<ul> <li>Refreshment sales</li> </ul>	\$0.00	·

#### Activities held this month:

- o With the weather being cooler we have had very few people using the pool.
- o We are in the process of getting the Magic Floor connected. Then we will have more for the kids to do during the cooler months

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2020	484	579	380	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	304	487
2021	500	494	299	211	176	127	121					

#### CONSULTATION:

Nil

#### **GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive the Boulia Sports and Aquatic Centre July 2021 Report for information.

ATTA	CHMENT	S: Nil
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Reviewed by Community Services Manager	Mrs Julie Woodhouse
Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Ms Lynn Moore

# **10 Late Reports**

# 11 Closed Session

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (254J (3)), Closed Sessions of Council are not open to the public and may be closed for the following reasons:

- (a) the appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer;
- (b) industrial matters affecting employees;
- (c) the local government's budget;
- (d) rating concessions;
- (e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government;
- (f) matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals;
- (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;
- (h) negotiations relating to the taking of land by the local government under the Acquisition of Land Act 1967;
- (i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.

# **12 General Business**

This item on the agenda allows Councillors to raises any other general business matters for discussion or future consideration.