

Boulia Shire Council



General Meeting

Monday 16th September 2019



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9th September 2019

NOTICE FOR AN ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

NOTICE is hereby given that an **ORDINARY MEETING** of the Boulia Shire Council will be held on **Monday 16th September 2019** at the **Boulia Airport Terminal** commencing at **10 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).

1. Meeting opening with the acknowledgment of Country and Traditional Owners.
2. Present
3. Apologies / Leave of Absence
4. Declaration of Material Personal Interest / Conflict of Interest
5. Register of Interests – new / or changes recorded
6. Confirmation of Minutes from previous meeting Pg.1
7. Reports from advisory committees (nil)
8. Mayoral Minutes
9. Notice of Motion
10. Request to address Council in a public forum
11. Petition – if tabled
12. Pitta Pitta representation (when requested)
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14. General Business
15. Correspondence for Action
16. Questions for next meeting
17. Late Reports
18. **CLOSED SESSION**

Item DWO4 Purchase of One New Smooth Drum Vibratory Compactor Tender No.
T2019/20-4

Ms Lynn Moore
Chief Executive Officer

CLOSED SESSIONS OF COUNCIL ARE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND MAY BE CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

Local Government Regulation - 275 Closed meetings

- (1) A local government or committee may resolve that a meeting be closed to the public if its councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss -
 - (a) the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees; or
 - (b) industrial matters affecting employees; or
 - (c) the local government's budget; or
 - (d) rating concessions; or
 - (e) contracts proposed to be made by it; or
 - (f) starting or defending legal proceedings involving the local government; or
 - (g) any action to be taken by the local government under the Planning Act, including deciding applications made to it under that Act; or
 - (h) other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.
- (2) A resolution that a meeting be closed must state the nature of the matters to be considered while the meeting is closed.
- (3) A local government or committee must not make a resolution (other than a procedural resolution) in a closed meeting.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Conflict of Interest A Councillor has a conflict of interest if their decisions are, or may be seen to be, influenced by their personal interests.

Material Personal Interest A Councillor has a material personal interest in a matter if a decision or action taken by a Councillor, or any of its committees, on that matter may result in a direct or indirect benefit or loss to themselves or people they are connected with.

Councillors must declare if they have a Conflict of Interest or Material Personal Interest on a matter to be discussed prior to the meeting.

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
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



COUNCILLOR DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Declaration of a Conflict of Interest Form

Councillor: _____

Council meeting date: _____

Agenda Item Number: _____

I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the above matter (as defined by section 175D of the Local Government Act 2009) as follows: -

I will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by (please tick):

- a) leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on.
- b) Staying in the meeting - I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest. I will best perform my responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter. However, I acknowledge that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009: -
 - (a) Whether I have a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and
 - (b) If so, whether: -
 - i. I must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or
 - ii. I may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter.

I understand that the above information will be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting and placed in the Declaration of Interest Register.

Signed

Date

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COUNCILLOR DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Declaration of a Material Personal Interest Form

Councillor: _____

Council meeting date: _____

Agenda Item Number: _____

I declare that I have a material personal interest in this matter (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B as follows: -

I will be dealing with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on.

I understand that the above information will be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting and placed in the Declaration of Interest Register.

Signed

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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 19th AUGUST 2019
COMMENCING AT 10 AM**

Attendance:

Councillors: Councillor Eric (Rick) Britton
Councillor Rebecka (Beck) Britton
Councillor Sam Beauchamp
Councillor Brook McGlinchey
Councillor Jack Neilson

Officers: Ms Lynn Moore (Chief Executive Officer)
Mrs Nicole Tonkies (Executive Assistant)

Opening:

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9.46 am.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional carers of the land on which Council meets, the 'Pitta 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.

2019/8.1 MINUTES OF THE JULY 2019 ORDINARY MEETING

<u>Moved:</u> Councillor Beck Britton	<u>Seconded:</u> Councillor McGlinchey
That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 24 th July 2019 be accepted.	
<u>Carried</u>	

**2019/8.2 PROCESSING OF COUNCILLOR DECLARATION OF INTERESTS –
AUGUST 2019 ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

<u>Moved:</u> Councillor Beck Britton	<u>Seconded:</u> Councillor Neilson
It is acknowledged that there are no Councillor Declaration of Interests relevant to reports in the August 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council to be noted.	
<u>Carried</u>	

Mr Harin Karra entered the meeting at 9.52 am.

Mr David Kerrigan and Ms Alexandra Deane entered the meeting at 9.54 am.

Mr Jimmy Newman entered the meeting at 9.56 am.

2019/8.3 CEO BRIEFING FOR JULY 2019

PURPOSE:

To summarise activities from the CEO office and progress future options for the shire.

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp **Seconded:** Councillor Rick Britton

That the CEO Briefing for July 2019 is received for information

Carried

Mr Kerrigan and Ms Deane briefed Council on some Queensland Health and Royal Flying Doctor Service mental health programs currently available and discussed future initiatives for mental health in the area.

Mr Kerrigan and Ms Deane left the meeting at 10.29 am.

2019/8.4 FOREMAN ROADS MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION JULY 2019 REPORT

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor McGlinchey **Seconded:** Councillor Neilson

That Council receive the Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction July 2019 Report for information.

Carried

2019/8.5 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT – NEWSBRIEF FOR JULY 2019

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Neilson **Seconded:** Councillor Beck Britton

That the Engineering Services Report – Newsbrief for July 2019 be noted.

Carried

2019/8.6 GRANTS WORK STATUS SUMMARY

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: Councillor Rick Britton **Seconded:** Councillor McGlinchey

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

Carried

The Director of Works and Operations presented to Council the Boulia Works Program for information only.

2019/8.7 PERMISSION TO INSTALL MOTOR GRID

PURPOSE:

To formally advise Council of a request permitting the installation of a motor grid on Cravens Peak Road under The North Australian Pastoral Company Pty Ltd Glenormiston Station funds.

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton **Seconded:** Councillor Beauchamp

That Council approve the request for the installation of a motor grid on Cravens Peak Road at the cost of the North Australian Pastoral Company Pty Ltd and that the ongoing maintenance of the motor grid be the responsibility of the North Australian Pastoral Company Pty Ltd.

Carried

2019/8.8 INSTALLATION OF PLAQUE - THE LESLIE MILLER AIRSTRIP OF URANDANGIE

PURPOSE:

To formally advise Council for the approval to grant funding of The Leslie Miller Airstrip plaque to be funded by the Boulia Shire Council.

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton **Seconded:** Councillor Beck Britton

- That Boulia Shire Council approve to replace the plaque at the Urandangie airstrip in honour of Leslie Miller using the design and sizing noted in the Installation of Plaque - The Leslie Miller Airstrip of Urandangie report and;
- That an information plaque be installed alongside the Leslie Miller Airstrip of Urandangie plaque containing information about Mr Miller and his involvement in the Urandangie airstrip.

Carried

2019/8.9 NDRRA FLOOD DAMAGE WORKS DEPARTMENT JULY 2019 REPORT

PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Flood Damage Program.

Moved: Councillor Neilson **Seconded:** Councillor Rick Britton

That the NDRRA Flood Damage Works Department July 2019 report be received for information.

Carried

2019/8.10 FOREMAN, ROAD MAINTENANCE AND UTILITY SERVICES JULY 2019 REPORT

PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Town Department.

Moved: Councillor Beck Britton **Seconded:** Councillor Beauchamp

That Council receive the Foreman, Road Maintenance and Utility Services July 2019 report for information.

Carried

2019/8.11 RURAL LANDS PROTECTION OFFICER JULY 2019 REPORT

PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton Seconded: Councillor Beck Britton

That the Rural Lands Protection Officer July 2019 report be received for information.

Carried

2019/8.12 BOULIA WORK CAMP JULY 2019 REPORT

PURPOSE:

To advise of the activities of the Boulia Work Camp from 16th to 26th July.

Moved: Councillor Beck Britton Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey

That the Boulia Work Camp July 2019 report is received for information.

Carried

Mr Newman left the meeting at 11.30 am.

2019/8.13 CLOSED MEETING AT 11.31 AM

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton Seconded: Councillor Beck Britton

Closed Session

Local Government Regulation 275

(e) contracts proposed to be made by it;

(f) starting or defending legal proceedings involving the local government;

Carried

2019/8.14 OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AT 11.49 AM

Moved: Councillor Beauchamp Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey

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

Carried

The following recommendations were resolved from the closed session: 2019/8.15, 2019/8.16.

2019/8.15 QRA PLANT RATES

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to establish new plant hire rates for Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) work and a general plant hire rates review.

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton Seconded: Councillor Neilson

- That Council approve the plant hire rates for Queensland Reconstruction Authority work, as per the rates attached to the QRA Plant Rates report and that these rates also be implemented for all works external to QRA work that involve the hire of the noted Council plant.
- That the plant hire rates be forwarded to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority for benchmarking.

Carried

2019/8.16 WANGKAMAHDLA PEOPLE (QUD52/2016)

PURPOSE:

To advise Council on the progress of the Native Title determination for the Wangkamahdla People and the proposal to negotiate an ILUA.

Moved: Councillor McGlinchey Seconded: Councillor Beck Britton

1. The Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and reach agreement in principle on the terms of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the Wangkamahdla Nation Claim QUD52/2016.
2. That this agreement is then submitted to Council for approval and agreement.
3. CEO to advise Holding Redlich of the decision of Council.

Carried

Mr Karra left the meeting at 11.50 am.

2019/8.17 ACTION LIST

PURPOSE:

To inform Council on the actions taken on the Action List report.

Moved: Councillor Neilson Seconded: Councillor Rick Britton

That the updated Action List report be received for information.

Carried

2019/8.18 LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2019-2020

PURPOSE:

To advise Council of the reviewed Local Disaster Management Plan 2019-2020, Boulia Evacuation Sub Plan which have been reviewed and amended by the Local Disaster Management Group on 22nd May 2019.

Moved: Councillor Rick Britton Seconded: Councillor McGlinchey

That Council endorse the:

- Boulia Shire Council Local Disaster Management Plan 2019-2020
- Boulia Evacuation Sub Plan 2019-2020

And that the documents be uploaded onto the Council's website.

Carried

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 11.56 am.

Meeting resumed at 12.40 pm.

Mrs Kaylene Sloman entered the meeting at 12.40 pm.

2019/8.19 MANAGER CORPORATE & FINANCIAL SERVICES JULY 2019 REPORT

PURPOSE:

Financial Summary as at 31st July 2019.

Moved: Councillor Beck Britton Seconded: Councillor Rick Britton

That the Manager of Corporate & Financial Services July 2019 Report be received for information.

Carried

Meeting Closure

The Mayor closed the meeting at 2.12 pm.

Confirmed:

Minutes confirmed _____

Resolution No. _____

The full agenda with all reports can be found on the Boulia Shire Council's website under the heading 'Council' with a dropdown box selection of 'Council Meetings'.

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Report for Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2019

TITLE:	Engineering Services Report – Newsbrief for August 2019	DOC REF: Item E1
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REPORT BY:	STUART BOURNE GBA - SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER	DATE: 06/09/2019
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CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 2: Building and maintaining quality infrastructure

2.1: Well connected

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 roadwork on non-Council roads within quality assurance guidelines

2.2: Well serviced

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 sustainable community assets to meet the needs of our community

PURPOSE:

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

CONTENT:

1. Visits to the Shire

No Visits to Shire

2. Road Maintenance Performance Contracts

RMPC pavement, signage and structures (Culverts/Grids) defects pickup completed on DTMR roads. 100% of defects have been collected on Barcaldine/Cloncurry sections. Approximate defect backlog value of \$26 million.

- Boulia - Bedourie Rd (93D) Approx. \$423k
- Boulia - Dajarra Rd (93E) Approx. \$18.4m
- Dajarra - Mt Isa Rd (93F) Approx. \$513k
- Winton - Boulia Rd (99D) Approx. \$5.2m

See attachment A – RMPC Defects Charts for a summary.

3. Flood Damage Works

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

The September 2016 event is complete and acquittal documentation has been sent to QRA.

The March 2018 flood event (North and North West Queensland Low and Associated Rainfall and Flooding 24th February – 8th March 2018) Emergency Work (BoSC 21.18) has been approved and acquitted (\$433k). March REPA submission (BoSC 23.18) has been approved by QRA, value of \$3.99 million. Works to be completed by June 2020. Works have commenced on this program.

The February 2019 Flood Event (North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough 25th Jan – 10th Feb 2019) Emergency Work has been completed(\$237K). Acquittal documentation has been sent to QRA, pending approval.

The March 2019 Flood Event (Severe Tropical Cyclone Trevor and Associated Low Pressure System 19-27 March 2019) Emergency Works is completed (\$1.132m). Acquittal documentation has been sent to QRA, pending approval. The restoration submission is being compiled.

Central Hire - Variation 3, Emergency Works on the Georgina Culvert on the Urandangie Border Rd has been issued to Central Hire for remediation works to the damaged section of the culvert, under DRFA Emergency Works. Works are completed.

4. NDRP

NDRP Springvale Road concrete floodway replacement. Central Hire was the successful tenderer. Variation 1 for a second floodway on the Springvale Rd (Drought Communities Project) has been approved. Works on both floodways has been completed.

5. Other

RAPAD Water and Sewer Alliance

Disinfection commissioning complete. Access pending to the data logger which is waiting for a software update.

Donohue Highway: Outback Way Funding Package 2

Contract	Location	Length	Project Funding	AG Contribution	SG/LG Contribution	Year	Comment
1	111.1-116.5 (Georgina Approaches)	5.16	\$2.18m	\$1.744m	\$0.436m	19/20	Design Complete, works commenced
2	206.5 – 213.5 (Kellys Ck end)	7	\$2.965m	\$2.372m	\$0.593m	19/20 & 20/21	Design Complete
3	213.5-220.59 (Emergency Airstrip end)	7.09	\$2.97m	\$2.376m	\$0.594m	20/21	Design Complete
4	233-238,6 (Ridges)	5.6	\$2.36m	\$1.888m	\$0.472m	20/21	Design Complete
		24.85	\$10.475m	\$8.38m	\$2.095m		

There will be 73.4km left to seal after the above is complete which is about 30% (locations left are Lake Wanditti and Pituri to Kellys Ck).

Work has commenced on Stage 6 (Package 2) Chainage 111.1-116.5. Completion late October 2019.

Two Tanks and Stage 7 Survey has commenced.

Request for Tender for Concrete Works (Concrete Culverts and Grids), All Services Bitumen (Vendor Panel) and Cover Aggregate were released Tuesday 3rd September. All Tenders close on 27th September. Tenders to be awarded in October.

6. Drought Communities Projects

Central Hire have completed Concrete footpath works and a culvert replacement on Pituri Street in Boulia Township. Outstanding works are renewal of some Kerb and Channel Sections.

Daly Bros have completed Bore Drilling works (T2018-19-9). Bores have been successfully drilled in the following locations:

- Toolebuc – Middleton Rd CH 19.203
- Toolebuc Rd CH 15.731 (Variation 1)
- Urandangie North Rd CH 35.848
- Urandangie South Rd CH 78.991
- Linda Downs Rd Ch 73.0

CONSULTATION: Nil – information update only

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:

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

CONCLUSION: Information update only

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Engineering Services Report – Newsbrief for August 2019 be noted.

ATTACHMENTS:

Flood Damage Events - Detailed Summary, Attachment A (RMPC Defect Charts)

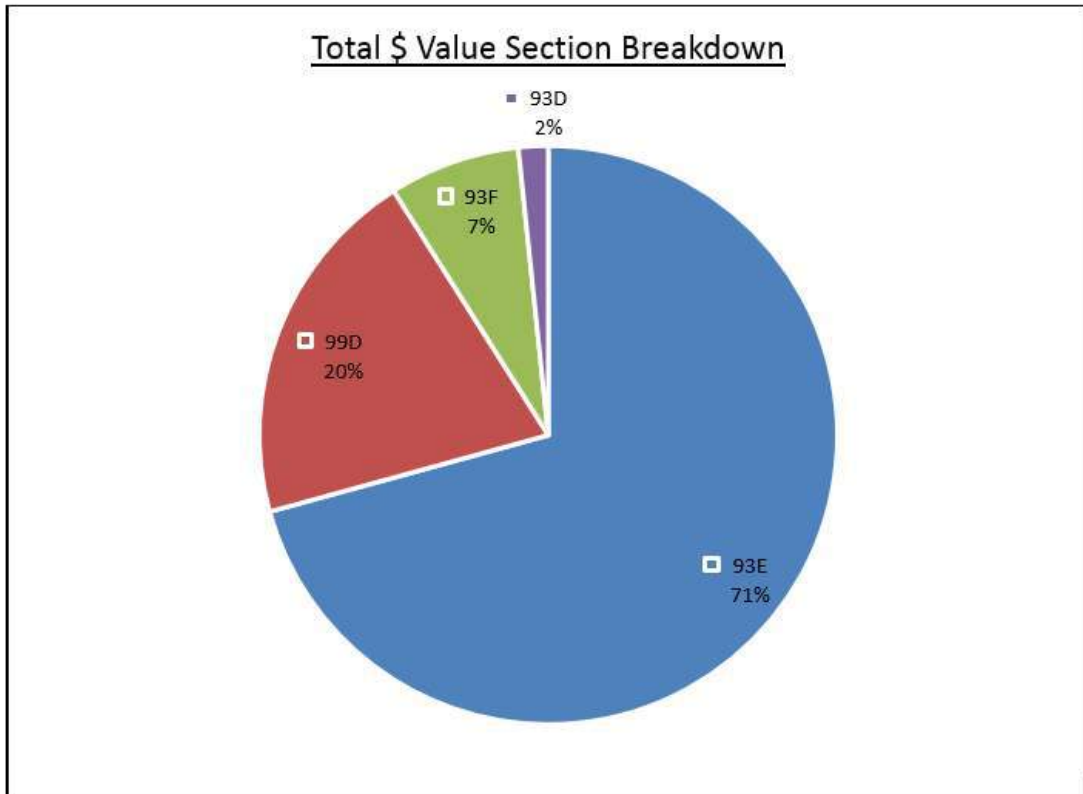
Reviewed by Director of Works and Operations

Mr Harin Karra

Approved by Chief Executive Officer

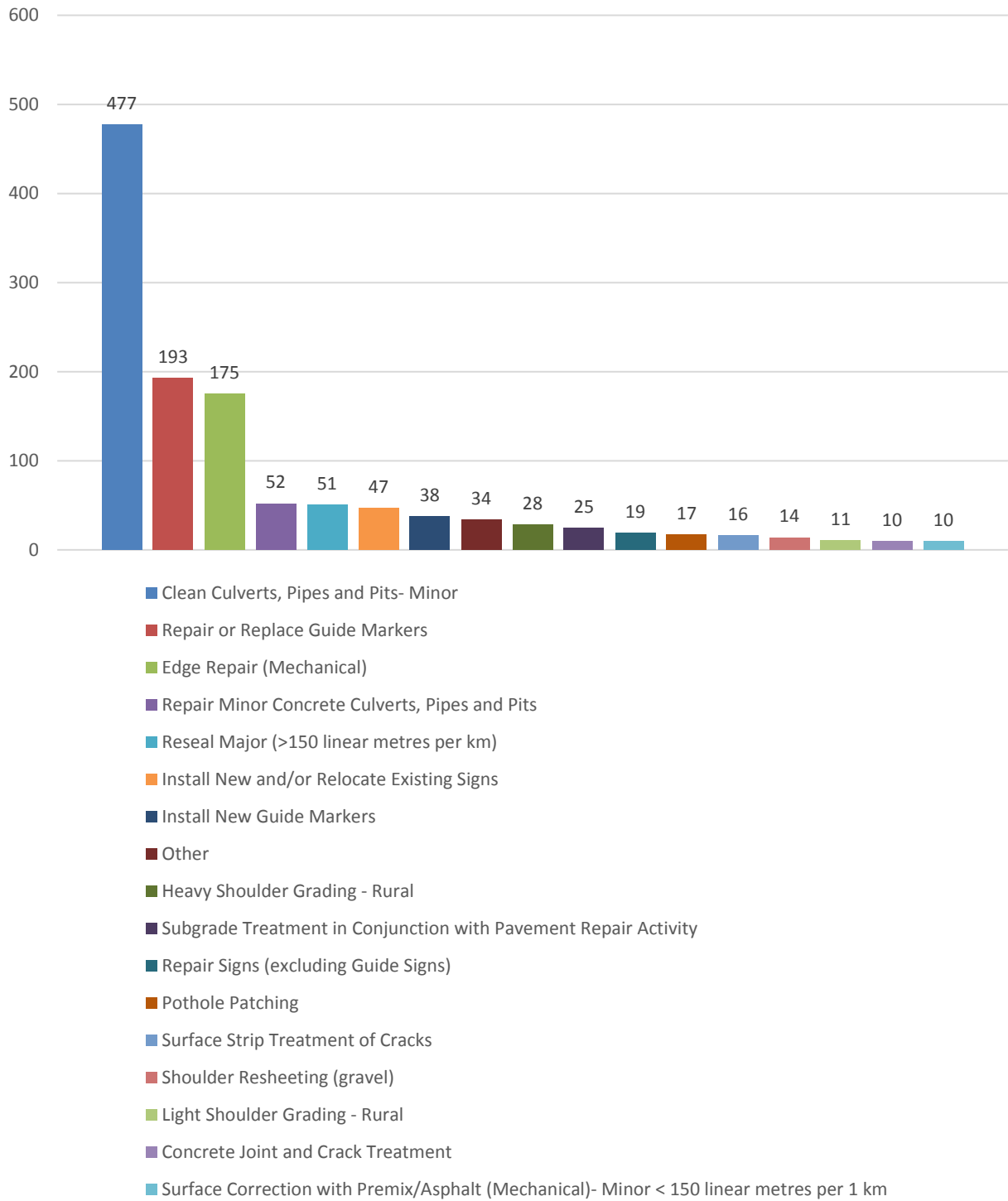
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ATTACHMENT A - RMPC DEFECT BACKLOG CHARTS



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RMPC Activity Count Summary



Bouliā Shire Council

Flood Damage Events - Detailed Summary (06/09/2019)

QRA Event Code	Activation	Type	Submitted Value(Inc PM,Esc and Cont)	Approved Submission Value (Inc PM,Esc and Cont)	Total Expenditure to Date	Status	Comments
BoSC.19.16	Sept. 2016	REPA	\$ 1,626,724.35	\$ 1,625,911.76	\$ 1,899,909.61	Approved	Acquittal Docs submitted to QRA
BoSC.23.18	March. 2018	REPA	\$ 7,200,421.00	\$ 3,994,189.65	\$ -	Approved	Works Commenced
	Jan/Feb .2019	Emergency Works	\$ 237,341.09		\$ 237,341.09	Pending Approval	Acquittal Docs submitted to QRA
	Mar. 2019	Emergency Works	\$ 1,131,952.82		\$ 1,131,952.82	Pending Approval	Acquittal Docs submitted to QRA
	Mar. 2019	REPA				Preparing Submission	REPA Damage assessment in progress

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Report for Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2019

TITLE:	GRANTS WORK STATUS SUMMARY	DOC REF: Item DWO1
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REPORT BY:	Mr Harin Karra Director of Works and Operations	DATE: 03/09/2019
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CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

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 2: Building and maintaining quality infrastructure
2.2: Well serviced
2.2.2 Provide and maintain well planned sustainable community assets to meet the needs of our community

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 Three

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

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

NDRP - 2017-18 Natural Disaster Resilience Program (State of Queensland acting through the Queensland Reconstruction Authority)

GGPS - Get Playing Places & Spaces – Project not yet commenced.

CONSULTATION:

- George Bourne and Associates (GBA) – various tenders.

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:

- All programs have been included in the budget for 2018-19 and 2019-20.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

ATTACHMENTS: Grant Project Summary

Reviewed and Approved by Chief Executive Officer

Ms Lynn Moore

Boulia Shire Council Projects / Grants Update Register

Grant Summary Status Update
As at September 3, 2019

No. of Projects	GRANTS	PROJECTS Description	Grant Source	Approved Grant	Council Contribution	Total Allocation for the Project \$	Grant end date	Current Status of the Project
1	RSL refurbishment	Refurbishing inside, accessible ramp, awning and outside painting	W4Q2 Variation	80,000	\$0	80,000	31/08/2019	Scope of works completed.
2	Urandangie clinic \$50k	Project plan to be revised by Dr Don – Lynn completes the 1/4ly reporting.	RFDS		\$ -	\$50,000	30/06/2019	Working progress project.
3	Well Being Centre	House - 3 Dialysis Rooms	DCP-Drought \$572,900		\$7,200	\$580,100	30/12/2019	Final lot of buildings arrived on 3/9/19, applied for a variation for skirting to be installed on entrance side.
4	Depot Cement Shed	Demolish existing shed and replace	Council Project		\$250,000	\$250,000 -		Work will commence March 2020.
5	Floodway Upgrade - Springvale Road	Upgrade Floodway	NDRP	\$ 147,210	\$147,210	\$294,420	30-Jun-20	Concrete works completed. Minor roads works to be completed.
6	Tennis Courts - 2 Synthetic grass courts to support Tennis & Basketball	Refurbish Tennis courts	Get Playing Places & Spaces	\$ 89,800	\$ 23,000	\$ 112,800	30-Jun-20	Project commenced. It will be completed by 6/9/19.
7	Boulia Industrial Estate	Construct Industrial blocks	Building our Regions Round 4	\$ 994,800		\$ 994,800	13-Jul-20	Earth works will commence in September 2019.
8	Urandangie Water Tanks Relining & Hydrosmart Installation	Urandangie Water Tanks Relining and Hydrosmart Installation	LGGSP	\$ 202,400	\$ 50,600	\$ 253,000.00	30-Jun-21	Tender documents preparation in-progress.
9	Security Cameras & Installation	Upgrade the security systems at Library, Sports Centre, Administration Office. New system installation at Heritage Complex and Dump.	LGGSP	\$ 77,467	\$ -	\$ 77,467.00	30-Jun-21	Yet to commence.
	Boulia Town Infrastructure Upgrade	W4QR301 2019-21	W4Q R3	\$ 520,000	-	\$ 520,000.00	30-Jun-21	
10	Spelling Yards	Bring it to safety standards and obtain certification to spell organic cattle.		\$ 100,000				Yet to commence.
11	Cement Shed and fencing @ Industrial Precent	Install new cement shed and fencing at the new industrial yard.		\$ 100,000				Yet to commence.
12	Shade Shelter & Seating @ Water Park	Install new shade shelter and wheel chair accessible seating.		\$ 20,000				Yet to commence.
13	Amenities Refurbishment (Sports Centre)	Male and Female Toilets Refurbishment		\$ 170,000				Yet to commence.

Boulia Shire Council Projects / Grants Update Register

No. of Projects	GRANTS	PROJECTS Description	Grant Source	Approved Grant	Council Contribution	Total Allocation for the Project \$	Grant end date	Current Status of the Project
14		Depot upgrade		\$ 60,000				Design commenced.
15		Double Garages		\$ 60,000				Quotations obtained.
16		Hamilton - Herbert Street Cnr block development		\$ 10,000				Yet to commence.
Boulia Town Water Infrastructure Upgrade		W4QR302 2019-21	W4Q R3	\$ 180,000	-	\$ 180,000.00	30-Jun-21	
17		Hydrosmart @ SES Bore		\$ 30,000				Quoted received from Hydrosmart.
18		Water Meter		\$ 30,000				Working through RAPADWSA.
19		Wash-down Bay Upgrade		\$ 120,000				Yet to commence.
Urandangie Town Infrastructure Upgrade		W4QR303 2019-21	W4Q R3	\$ 130,000	-	\$ 130,000.00	30-Jun-21	
20		Urandangie Park Upgrade		\$ 50,000				Yet to commence.
21		Fuel setup for Urandangie		\$ 80,000				Yet to commence.
Boulia Shire Road Network Upgrade Signage & Weed Control		W4QR304 2019-21	W4Q R3	\$ 200,000	-	\$ 200,000.00	30-Jun-21	
22		Shire Road Signage		\$ 100,000				Signage audit commenced.
23		Weed Spraying		\$ 100,000				Yet to commence.

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Report for Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2019

TITLE:	Building our Regions Round 5 Expression of Interest submission	DOC REF: Item DWO3
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REPORT BY:	Mr Harin Karra Director of Works and Operations	DATE: 03/09/2019
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CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 2: Building and maintaining quality infrastructure

2.1: Well connected

2.1.1: Develop, manage and maintain Council controlled roads and airport infrastructure to sustain and improve connectivity and safety

PURPOSE:

To seek Council endorsement of a *Building our Regions* Expression of Interest Round 5 submission for works at the Boulia Airport.

CONTENT:

The Boulia Airport is an important piece of infrastructure for our shire allowing the passage of Regular Public Transport (e.g. Regional Express) and aeromedical (e.g. RFDS) services in and out of the community.

At present the Boulia Aerodrome is in an operable condition however a water ponding defect on the airstrip areas has been noted by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and if left unattended, Council faces the risk of the airstrip becoming unserviceable in wet weather. With the RFDS and other airlines using the airport often it is vital for the repairs to be carried out at the earliest possible opportunity for the safety of passengers and for the aircraft.

Current security measures available at the Boulia terminal are also very limited and we have therefore recognised a need to upgrade security measures. At present there is no separation between checked in passengers and the general public leaving a window of opportunity for prohibited items to be taken onto the airstrip and into the aircraft. As the Airport Operator of the Boulia Terminal, Council is responsible in ensuring the requirements of the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* and the *Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005* are met and therefore has a responsibility, for the safety of the entire community, to ensure the security measures at the Boulia terminal are adequate.

Whilst the need for airstrip and security upgrades have been identified, Council's biggest constraint in doing so is a lack of funds available. An opportunity has presented itself for Council to potentially access funding to progress these upgrade projects through the State Government's *Building our Regions* Round 5 funding program and subsequently, an Expression of Interest (EOI) for Boulia Airport Resurfacing and Security Fencing Upgrade has been lodged. Should Council's lodged EOI be shortlisted, we will then be asked to supply a business case for further assessment.

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the EOI application.

CONSULTATION:

George Bourne and Associates (GBA); Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning and Chief Executive Officer

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: If the application for funding is successful, the program will need to be included in the budget for 2020/2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorses the Building our Regions Round 5 Expression of Interest submission for Boulia Airport Resurfacing and Security Fencing Upgrade. Further, approve to submit business case if the project shortlisted.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Reviewed and Approved by Chief Executive Officer

Ms Lynn Moore

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Report for Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2019

TITLE:	Black Spot Program funding submission – Springvale Road realignment	DOC REF: Item DWO5
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REPORT BY:	Mr Harin Karra Director of Works and Operations	DATE: 05/09/2019
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CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 2: Building and maintaining quality infrastructure

2.1: Well connected

2.1.1: Develop, manage and maintain Council controlled roads and airport infrastructure to sustain and improve connectivity and safety

PURPOSE:

To seek Council endorsement of a submission made to the Department of Transport and Main Roads for Black Spot funding to complete works on Springvale Road.

CONTENT:

Council continually strives to provide the community with a well connected road network that is safe to use and well maintained. Given our vast distances, road travel is an essential part of everyday life in the Boulia Shire and any possible improvements that could be made to our road system are always at the forefront of considerations.

At present, there is no accessible means to turn left from the Kennedy Development Road onto Springvale Road. Our road network receives substantial use by heavy vehicles and no left turn access at this location presents the risk of heavy vehicle turn overs. To help minimise this risk, a new alignment of the T-section of the road in order to be accessible if turning left from Kennedy Development Road to Springvale Road is proposed.

Unfortunately, Council is restricted by a lack of funds available therefore any such works at this location is currently not possible. An opportunity has presented itself however for Council to potentially access funding to progress these works through the Department of Transport and Main Roads Black Spot Program and a funding submission has subsequently been lodged.

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the funding submission.

CONSULTATION:

George Bourne and Associates (GBA); Department of Transport, Main Roads; Chief Executive Officer and adjacent property owners (Westward Ho Station and Macsland).

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:

If the application for funding is successful, the program will need to be included in the budget for 2019/2020.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the Department of Transport and Main Roads Black Spot Program funding submission for the Springvale Road realignment.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Reviewed and Approved by Chief Executive Officer

Ms Lynn Moore

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Report for Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 16th September 2019

TITLE:	NDRRA Flood Damage Works Department August 2019 Report	DOC REF: Item A
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REPORT BY:	Gordon Stumbris Consultant Works Overseer	DATE: 05/09/2019
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CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 2: Building and maintaining quality infrastructure

2.1: Well connected

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 roadwork on non-Council roads within quality assurance guidelines

PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Flood Damage Program.

CONTENT:

Current Projects:

- **Toolebuc Rd** Road Contract crew of Toby Harris continue to make outstanding progress on this Major restoration project, currently hauling and wet mixing over 6000m³ of gravel in accordance with our scope of works. Excellent Result under budget and within allocated timeframe, 75% completed.
- **Toolebuc/Middleton** Mixed Contract Team. This team is currently undertaking major restoration works on this road corridor, presently wet mixing 4500m³ of gravel over all relevant damaged sections as outlined in the scope of works. Within budget and timeframe, 80% completed.

Please note both contract crews will complete all works associated with the above by 30th September 2019.

CONSULTATION: GBA as project officers on NDRRA flood damage work.

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:

All work completed within NDRRA guidelines and budget allocations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the NDRRA Flood Damage Works Department August 2019 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

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Report for Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2019

TITLE:	Foreman, Road Maintenance and Utility Services August 2019 Report	DOC REF: Item B
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REPORT BY:	Mr Ron Callope Foreman, Road Maintenance and Utility Services	DATE: 05/09/2019
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<p>CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE: 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</p>

<p>PURPOSE: To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Town Department.</p>

<p>CONTENT:</p> <p>Race Course:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Arena and grounds</td> <td>The next events to be held at the Race Course will be the Bike Sports on the 5th October followed by the Rodeo & Campdraft on the 12th and 13th October. The groundkeeper is in process of having the grounds all ready for these events.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Town water testing and Depot maintenance:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Chlorine level testing</td> <td>Issues have arisen with the system so in the meantime we are manually dosing the town water supply.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Parks and Gardens:</p> <p>The Parks and Gardens crew completed the preparations needed for the recent Father's Day walk event and are currently completing preparations for the Boulia Spring Fair making sure the Shire Hall area is all ready.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 35%;">Council, Min Min, ANZAC and Airport gardens</td> <td>All garden areas are being worked on (watering, weeding etc) to ensure they are kept in good order.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Signage</td> <td>RMPC signage is still an ongoing project. Installed new fire warning signage on the Boulia – Mount Isa Road.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mowing/Whipper Snipping</td> <td>Our crew was kept busy with mowing and whipper snipping being completed in the following areas on these days throughout August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th August – Main Street • 6th August – Melrose Place and Robinson Park • 13th August – Powerhouse Park • 14th August – Clinic and Diamantina Street • 15th August – Airport, Depot and School Safety Park • 22nd August – Herbert Street, Medium Strips and Post Office • 23rd August – Wills Street • 26th August – Walkways to Burke River </td> </tr> </table>		Arena and grounds	The next events to be held at the Race Course will be the Bike Sports on the 5 th October followed by the Rodeo & Campdraft on the 12 th and 13 th October. The groundkeeper is in process of having the grounds all ready for these events.	Chlorine level testing	Issues have arisen with the system so in the meantime we are manually dosing the town water supply.	Council, Min Min, ANZAC and Airport gardens	All garden areas are being worked on (watering, weeding etc) to ensure they are kept in good order.	Signage	RMPC signage is still an ongoing project. Installed new fire warning signage on the Boulia – Mount Isa Road.	Mowing/Whipper Snipping	Our crew was kept busy with mowing and whipper snipping being completed in the following areas on these days throughout August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th August – Main Street • 6th August – Melrose Place and Robinson Park • 13th August – Powerhouse Park • 14th August – Clinic and Diamantina Street • 15th August – Airport, Depot and School Safety Park • 22nd August – Herbert Street, Medium Strips and Post Office • 23rd August – Wills Street • 26th August – Walkways to Burke River
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Town entrances:

Boulia–Bedourie–Winton roads intersection	The moon rocks project has commenced; we have installed the Camel and Kangaroo created from moonrocks which has had great feedback from the community. The next stage for the project yet to be completed will be to spread black stone and paint the moonrocks white to give that extra effect from a distance.
Three Mile Campground	The area has been maintained with general whipper snipping and slashing – ongoing.

RMPC/Works crew:

RMPC budget	<p>In total we still currently have 632 defects noted on all our RMPC listed roads. Winton Road ch-292.06 to ch-315.212km is completed with a total 500 tonne of premix - this was completed on 12th August 2019.</p> <p>Currently working towards completing outstanding defects on the Boulia – Dajarra road.</p> <p>Completed all the re-seal prep work for the Donohue Highway from the Cyclone Trevor event on the 23rd August 2019.</p>
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Urandangie:

Urandangie	Regular Council services continued over the month of August (mowing, whipper snipping, rubbish collection etc.). The new wheelchair access has been installed at the public toilets along with new concrete footpath from the carpark to the access ramp. Another project completed is the installation of the wash down bay.
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Water and Sewerage:

Boulia Township

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

Boulia Airport activity:

Number of call outs: RFDS	Nil (that required Council assistance).
Fuel re-supply	10 in total, 5 of which were call-outs.

Boulia Feral Animal Bounty Claims:

Feral Pigs	8
Feral Dogs	51

Boulia Road Count Data:

Statistics Data to be tabled at the Council meeting.

Concrete Works:

Completed quantities of concrete for RoadTek:

- 14th August – 23m cubed (with help from Diamantina Cement Truck)
- 15th August – 23m cubed (with help from Diamantina Cement Truck)
- 16th August – 18m cubed
- 20th August – 11m cubed

Completed quantities for the Health Clinic:

- 27th August – 12m cubed
- 28th August - 5m cubed

CONSULTATION: DWO as required.

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: All work completed within budget allocations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the Foreman, Road Maintenance and Utility Services August 2019 report for information.

TABLED DOCUMENTS: Boulia Road Count Data

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

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Report for Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2019

TITLE:	Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction August 2019 Report	DOC REF: Item C
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REPORT BY:	Mr Jimmy Newman Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction	DATE: 27/08/2019
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CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE: Key Priority 2: Building and maintaining quality infrastructure 2.1: Well connected 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 roadwork on non-Council roads within quality assurance guidelines
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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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The crew will go onto continue pave and seal on the Donohue Highway – Stage 6 Chainage 111.1km to 114km and 114.7km to 116.5km – Side-track is 70% completed. Lot 1, Lot 2 and Lot 3 subgrade is completed. Continuing cut and fill from Lots 5 to Lot 8 in subgrade.• Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 subgrade will be soil tested first week of September.• The crew has settled in well to living in the new Council Camp.• Applications for Multi-skilled MC Truck Driver is ongoing, no suitable applicants as of yet.• Fatigue Management and Load Restraint training will be on the 25th and 26th September. As the training is scheduled for a pay week we will only be on the job site for 2 working days and in training for the other 2.• Detailed project plan attached.

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

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: All work completed within guidelines and budget allocations.
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RECOMMENDATION: That Council receive the Foreman Roads Maintenance and Construction August 2019 Report for information.

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

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Report for Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2019

TITLE:	Rural Lands Protection Officer August 2019 Report	DOC REF: Item D
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REPORT BY:	GRAHAM SMERDON Rural Lands Protection Officer	DATE: 02/09/2019
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CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 4: Caring for the environment

4.3: Sustainable

4.3.1 Ensure the region's sustainability through integrated weed and pest management practices

PURPOSE:

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

CONTENT:

RLPO:

This month was spent doing the common muster, Test & Tag and water agreements.

TOWN COMMON:

The muster was carried out and there were 28 head of cattle and 9 horses that did not belong on the common. The number of cattle now on the common is 109 head and the number of horses now on the common is 11 head.

Of the 9 head that were impounded, 5 were claimed by their owner with 4 of them being put on the common. The Stallion was put in to a different paddock after it was gelded. For the remaining 4 horses, an Expression of Interest was put out and three of them were purchased by the same person. This leaves one horse to be disposed of.

DOMESTIC ANIMAL CONTROL:

There were six cats handed in and humanely put down. One dog was caught and the owners have asked for it to be put down.

CWRPM (TECH GROUP)

I attended a meeting in Longreach where it was talked about doing a combined job of spraying an emerging weed that is starting to take over pasture lands in four of the seven RAPAD Shires. It was first seen in the Blackall/Tambo Shires but has now spread in to the Barcardine, Longreach and Winton Shires. It is Sticky Florestina which at first look can be mistaken for Parthenium. It has spread as it sticks to anything and everything that it comes in contact with. Although this is not a Declared Plant, if it is not controlled it could end up becoming a Weed of National Significance if nothing is done. See attached fact sheets.

WEED SPRAYING SHIRE ROADS:

I have some more weed spraying to do along some of the shire roads this month.

RMPC:

I have some more weed spraying to do along the Boulia to Bedourie Rd this month.

GRAVEL/BURROW PITS:

I will still be putting the Graslan pellets out in borrow pits.

STOCK ROUTE:

The drover that is coming down from Carrandotta heading to South Galway is now looking at trucking the heifers from Herbert Downs up the Toolebuc Rd and unloading them at Toolebuc Station and driving them to Dalgonally Station via Julia Creek.

While in Longreach on the 26th of August I, along with the Mayor Mr Rick Britton, attended a half day workshop to audit stock routes. This was to do with a consensus about the mapping and categorisation of stock routes and disagreements about boundaries of local governments.

On the 27th of August we again attended a full day meeting to do with the stock route strategy and fee options workshop. This was to do with looking at changing the fees for using the stock routes and to review the Queensland Stock Route Network Management Strategy that is up for renewal. Some good ideas were brought up and as there are two more of these workshops taking place in other centres, let's hope something good comes out of the meetings.

1080 BAITING:

I have been out and treated 625kg of meat with Pig Strength 1080 and sold 400 of the De-K9 baits to another property.

CONSULTATION: Nil

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Nil

RECOMENDATION:

That the Rural Lands Protection Officer August 2019 report be received for information.

ATTACHMENTS: Sticky florestina fact sheet

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

Sticky florestina

Florestina tripteris



Sticky florestina is a short-lived annual plant accidentally introduced to Australia in contaminated pasture grass seed in mid 1960s. Sticky florestina can invade native rangelands and pastures.

All parts of the plant are toxic and unpalatable to grazing animals. It is abundant and considered 'weedy' within its native range, where it prefers sandy soils.

Sticky florestina can be confused with parthenium which also has small white flowers. It is important land managers are able to distinguish between them.

Legal requirements

Sticky florestina is not a prohibited or restricted invasive plant under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*. However, by law, everyone has a general biosecurity obligation (GBO) to take reasonable and practical steps to minimise the risks associated with invasive plants and animals under their control.

Local governments must have a biosecurity plan that covers invasive plants and animals in their area. This plan may include actions to be taken on certain species. Some of these actions may be required under local laws. Contact your local government for more information.



Description

Sticky florestina is a member of the Asteraceae family and grows up to 1 m high. Lower leaves are simple and opposite, whereas upper leaves are trifoliate (rarely with five leaflets) and alternate. Leaves are pubescent, mostly 2–5 cm long and 1–2 cm wide. Sticky florestina has numerous flower heads with small white, sometimes pink to purplish coloured flowers. The entire plant is covered in very short sticky white hairs.

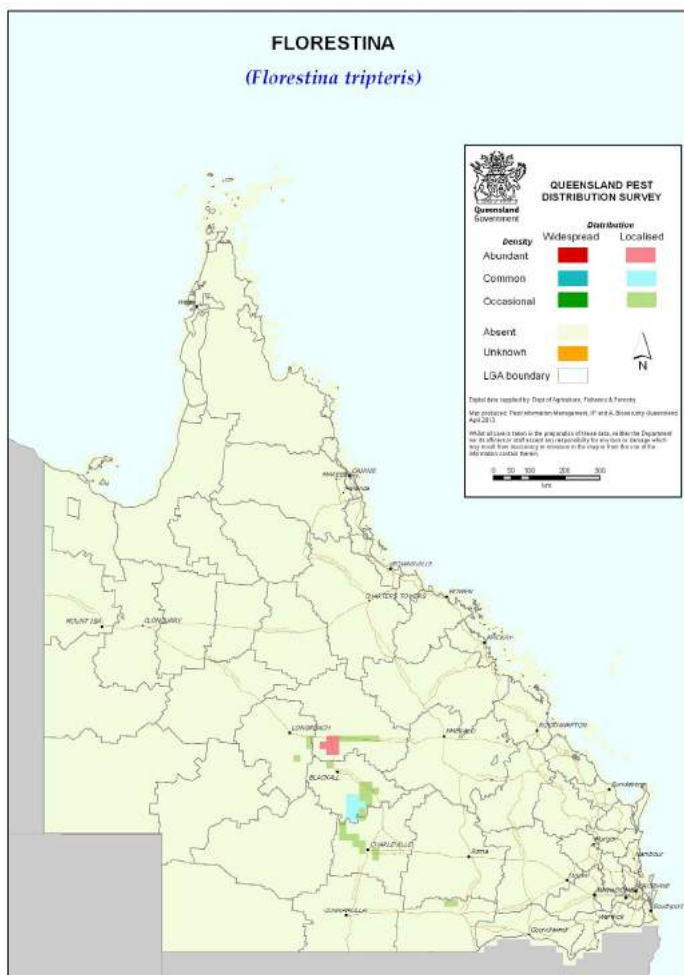
Habitat and distribution

Sticky florestina prefers semi arid climate. It is found mostly along roadsides, water-courses, stock routes and disturbed or overgrazed areas, occurring on various soils from near sea level to about 900 m. It is quick to colonise open, disturbed sites and can become abundant along recently graded roads and fence lines.

Sticky florestina is native to northern America (southern Texas and Mexico).

Currently exists over more than 60 000 ha in Tambo and Barcaldine Shires in western Queensland.

Map 1. Distribution of sticky florestina in Queensland



Life cycle

Sticky florestina is well-adapted to survive prolonged dry conditions experienced in semi-arid climates. Its seeds only germinate after rain and the plant can complete its life-cycle in 3–4 weeks while sufficient soil-moisture is available. Within its native range it flowers mainly in summer and autumn, but can flower throughout the year.

Longevity of sticky florestina seed is expected to be approximately two years.

Spread

Sticky florestina produces hundreds of sticky seeds which are easily spread by stock, native animals, vehicles, machinery and people. Its seeds are also believed to be dispersed down waterways.

Prevention

Identify and treat any new infestations promptly before seed can be set. Prevent seed spread by minimising contact with seeding plants. Ensure to brush down clothing, empty boots, clean down vehicles, machinery and equipment before leaving infested areas.

Control

Herbicide control

There are a number of herbicides registered for use on sticky florestina in Queensland.

Before using any herbicide, always read the label carefully. All herbicides must be applied strictly in accordance with the directions on the label. Table 1 details the herbicides registered for sticky florestina control.

Further information

Further information is available from your local government office, or by contacting Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 or visit www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au.

Table 1. Herbicides for the control of sticky florestina

Method	Herbicide	Rate	Registration details	Comments
Pastures, stock routes, roadsides and non-crop situations	Metsulfuron-methyl 600 g/kg e.g. DuPont Brush-off Brush Controller	Spot spray: 5 g product/100 L water Apply at spray volume of 600 L/ha High volume (boom) Spray: 30 g product/ha	PERMIT 11920 Expires 31/03/2020 www.apvma.gov.au	Foliar spray application Thoroughly wet all foliage to the point of run-off Always apply with suitable wetting agent
	2,4-D Amine 300 g/L plus Picloram 75 g/L e.g. Tordon 75-D Herbicide	Spot spray: 500 mL product/100 L water Apply at spray volume of 600 L/ha High volume (boom) Spray: 3 L product/ha		
	For seedlings only 2,4-D Amine 500 g/L e.g. 4Farmers 2,4-D Amine 500 herbicide	Spot spray: 400 mL product/100 L water Apply at spray volume of 600 L/ha High volume (boom) Spray: 2.4 L product/ha		

- Apply by ground based application equipment only.
- If repeat application is required, rotate between herbicides options.
- DO NOT re-apply a spray treatment for at least 40 days after initial application.
- DO NOT make more than two herbicide applications per wet season.
- Timing of spray application depends on rainfall; spray actively growing plants following initial significant rain event or before any new plants reach reproductive maturity.
- Avoid spraying legumes and non-target plant species in pastures.
- Avoid drift – DO NOT spray in windy or high temperature conditions.

Read the label carefully before use. Always use the herbicide in accordance with the directions on the label.

Comparisons between sticky florestina and parthenium



Sticky florestina flowers



Parthenium flowers



Sticky florestina infestation



Parthenium infestation



Sticky florestina seedling



Parthenium seedling

This fact sheet is developed with funding support from the Land Protection Fund.

Fact sheets are available from Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) service centres and our Customer Service Centre (telephone 13 25 23). Check our website at www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au to ensure you have the latest version of this fact sheet. The control methods referred to in this fact sheet should be used in accordance with the restrictions (federal and state legislation, and local government laws) directly or indirectly related to each control method. These restrictions may prevent the use of one or more of the methods referred to, depending on individual circumstances. While every care is taken to ensure the accuracy of this information, DAF does not invite reliance upon it, nor accept responsibility for any loss or damage caused by actions based on it.



BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Report for Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2019

TITLE:	Boulia Work Camp August 2019 Report	DOC REF: Item E
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REPORT BY:	Greg Anglim Field Supervisor Townsville Correctional Centre	DATE: 22/08/2019
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CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 1: A strong supportive community environment
1.1 Promotion of community events, services and facilities
1.1.1 Build a strong sense of community, capacity and pride by supporting partnerships

PURPOSE:

To advise of the activities of the Boulia Work Camp from 12th to 22nd August 2019.

CONTENT:

During this period the below community work was conducted:

- Stonehouse Museum – Painting theatre chairs, reorganising furniture/ display boards. Also general weeding conducted.
- Golf Club grounds keeping – slashing, whipper snipping and mowing of fairways.
- Mow/whipper snip town yards as per approved list.
- Assist Council in whipper snipping main street.
- Whipper snip race track.
- Continue painting Golf Club house.
- Creation of 'Moon rock' display at entrance sign to Boulia.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

The current Boulia Work Camp phone is not functioning. From the next rotation onwards (Sunday the 8th September 2019), there will be a new contact number for Boulia. This is a shared mobile phone with the Julia Creek Work Camp, but given both camps are not manned simultaneously, this should cause no concern and is expected to simplify things on our end.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Boulia Work Camp August 2019 report is received for information.

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

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Report for Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2019

TITLE:	CEO Briefing for August 2019	DOC REF: Item CEO1
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REPORT BY:	Lynn Moore Chief Executive Officer	DATE: 30/08/2019
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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 summarise activities from the CEO office and progress future options for the shire.

CONTENT:

Regional Community Hub

Draft plans provided by Griffith University have been displayed at both the Library and the Min Min Encounter display board for review by the residents. The next phase is to provide a scope of works and launch an EOI for an architect to complete the design plans ready for use in future funding rounds. This has been completed and ready for advertising.

Enterprise Bargaining

Final discussion was held **Tuesday 26th August** with the Unions and they will contact their members to 'go to vote' and the result will determine if the agreement will proceed to the commission.

Councillor Remuneration

The issue of our Councillors request to be paid only for activities (meetings) has posed a unique problem in that no other Council has requested this before. The Commission is in the process of appointing new members and we have been assured our request is at the top of the pile to be attended to when they convene. In the interim period our Councillors will be remunerated in accordance with the guidelines set by the previous tribunal.

Marmanya rates – decision by Public Trustee and Office of Fair Trading

Previously interested parties have been identified by the Public Trustee and they are obliged to try to contact them. This has delayed the transition of this title to the Council which is the preferred option in consultation with the Office of Fair Trading and the Public Trustee as the Marmanya Aboriginal Association is no longer registered.

CEO MEETINGS

DATE	CONTACT	PURPOSE
2 Aug	RAPAD	Teleconference
2 Aug	Gay George	Rainbow Gateway - participants
2 Aug	External Auditors	Exit meeting
5Aug	Anglo American	Directors meeting
5 Aug	Boulia Prim Health	Progress on Well-being Centre
6 Aug	ManEx	Weekly catch up
7 Aug	Wangkamahdla Nation	ILUA proposal
12 Aug	Boulia Prim Health	Progress on Well-being Centre
13 Aug	ManEx	Weekly catch up
13 Aug	Bruce Evernden QFS	Fire and SES service in Boulia
14 Aug	Town Planning - Industrial Estate	Surveying details
14 Aug	GM - Correctional Services	Work Camp

15 Aug	Roger Sak	Road safety supplies
15 Aug	ManEx	Weekly catch up
16 Aug	Outback Highway Dev Corp	Teleconference
19 Aug	Council meeting	Monthly meeting
20 Aug	ManEx	Weekly catch up
21 Aug	Vikki Punch	Event – May 2020
26 Aug	Certified agreement	Union meeting – teleconference

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the CEO Briefing for August 2019 is received for information

Chief Executive Officer

Ms Lynn Moore

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DATE	RESOLUTION	SUGGESTION	RESPONSIBILITY	COMMENTS
Monday 8th July 2013				
8/07/2013		EBA with unions - Modern Award	CEO and Mayor	<p>6/9/2019 – All Unions except QSU have agreed the EBA document can go for a vote. It is expected by the end of the month this will be finalised.</p> <p>9/8/2019 – Next planned meeting to discuss the final draft of the EBA prior to going to the staff will be on 15th August.</p> <p>31/5/2019 First Union meeting held with AWU. Second held in Longreach with AWU on 27th May. 11th June meeting to be held in Brisbane with QSU.</p>
WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST 2017				
23/08/2017		Rodeo Grounds – Honour Board in Bar Area and compilation of historical records. See what funding is available in the future	CSM	9/8/2019 – This project is not able to be completed as requested – further possible suggestion to be submitted for the history of the reserve.
WEDNESDAY, 21ST MARCH 2018				
21/03/2018		Advertising profile of Boulia Heritage Complex’s marine fossil exhibit	CSM/CEO	<p>6/9/2019 Discussion to occur after 16th September.</p> <p>9/8/2019 Discussion on advertising to occur August 12th.</p> <p>31/5/2019 Waiting for feedback from Media agency – ads drafts sent to Councillors.</p> <p>23/4/2019 Have talked to an ad agency re these ads.</p>
WEDNESDAY, 18TH APRIL 2018				
22/8/2018		Cllr Beauchamp: Consider heritage signage at the Boulia clinic.	CSM	9/8/2019 Signs to be installed at the finalisation of project. 31/5/2019 As stated this is stage two with other signs and depends on budget.
Friday 26th October 2018				
26/10/2018	2018/10.27	- That the Boulia Sports and Aquatic Centre 24hour Member access be controlled by Policy 147 Boulia Sports and Aquatic Centre Members Policy.	WHS/DWO	<p>3/9/2019 – Quotation received from Ruswin - \$11k; obtaining second quote from Shaine Hunter.</p> <p>15/7/2019 Await installation.</p> <p>10/6/2019 One more Salto key to be installed to the pool gate.</p>

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13/05/2014	2014/5.2	That Council investigate options for the development of the Council Offices and that Council develop a project plan in readiness for future funding opportunities – Project: Regional Development Hub	CEO	06/09/2019 Organisation of EOI advertising in progress. 9/8/2019 Contact made with Qld Police to gauge interest in complex. Design concept put out for public review. EOI for the preparation of specifications, construction and cost documentation. 24/07/2019 Final designs from Griffith University tabled at the July Ordinary Meeting of Council.
Monday 18th February 2019				
18/02/2019		Investigate potential for a Helipad to be marked out near the fuelling point at the Boulia airport and possible future Helicopter landing spots	DWO	06/09/2019 Hardcopy of Helipad location map to be distributed at September Council meeting. 12/8/2019 Helipad location map will be tabled for the August Council meeting. 10/6/2018 Identified new location at the Rodeo Grounds at May Council meeting. 01/05/2019 Map will be tabled for the Council meeting. 13/3/2019 Investigation in progress
18/02/2019	2019/2.13	- That Council authorise the CEO to commence liaising with the Office of Fair Trading and the Public Trustee to resolve the ongoing issue of the outstanding rates on the account of Marmanya Development Association Inc	CEO	6/9/2019 Still waiting for Public Trustee 9/8/2019 Letter to be received from the Public Trustee on suggested process to finalise this. 09/07/2019 No Expressions of Interest received. Teleconference to be held on 24 th July with Public Trustee and Office of Fair Trading to discuss Council's options moving forward.
Wednesday 20th March 2019				
20/03/2019		Cllr Beck Britton: Look at putting previously filmed interviews on the Min Min Lights/Boulia up on the Council Facebook page/website.	EA/CSM	9/8/2019 Deferred until after tourist season. 31/5/2019 Staff looking into trying to edit these interviews. 23/4/2019 In progress. 28/3/2019 Tourism Officer managing social media will put up links as the interviews are long.
20/03/2019		Cllr Neilson: Look at the possibility of turning the lights that can be seen at night when driving into town a feature (e.g. LED lights, 'follow the lights' sign	DWO	3/9/2019 Foundation pads earthworks commenced. It will be completed by end of Sept 2019. 8/8/2019 New light will be install by end of August. 09/07/2019 New solar light has been ordered, awaiting on the delivery. 08/04/2019 In progress
20/03/2019		Cllr Neilson: Look at possibility of creating 'weir's' at the road points at Mucklandama and Beneacca	DWO	12/08/2019 These works would involve concept planning, options assessment, hydrology/hydraulic analysis, environmental, native title and cultural heritage assessments, detailed designs, estimates and preparation of the relevant permit applications. The works are estimated to cost \$300,000

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				each weir. No money has been allocated current financial year to proceed these projects. The costs can vary wildly because we don't know what the approval conditions will be (ie fish ladders/environmental releases etc.)
20/03/2019		Cllr Beauchamp: Look at the possibility of key/hose nozzle collection for the wash down bay	DWO	08/04/2019 Will be reviewed later in the year when the wash down bay upgrade is undertaken through W4Q R3.
Wednesday 17th April 2019				
17/04/2019		Consider creating a map pin pointing road crew work locations for regular distribution in the Channel Chatter and Council website.	DWO	12/8/2019 Next three months schedule of works will be published on August 'CCC'. 1/5/2019 Project plan will be published in the CCC each month.
17/04/2019		Cllr Beauchamp: Check if the data loggers have still been gathering data on chlorine readings while the disinfection system has been paused and manual dosing has been occurring.	DWO/GBA	3/9/2019 Still not working. Sent an email to supplier to rectify immediately. 12/8/2019 Chlorine Gas RTU monitoring system RTU Point Orange Technician based in the U.K. and our electrical engineer has been working over the past few weeks trying to establish what could be the problem with the RTU on site. 13/05/2019 In progress.
17/04/2019		Cllr Neilson: Consider making a short clip promoting Boulia to distribute on Social Media when recruiting for staff.	CSM	9/8/2019 This is now being reviewed by the RAPAD group of Councils. 15/07/2019 In progress 31/5/2019 Staff have some ideas to do this promotion in house in June. 13/05/2019 Staff will be actioning this.
17/04/2019	2019/4.15	That Council proceed with the Sports Centre outer wall mural project and the quote from mural artist Joel Fergie be approved.	CSM	9/8/2019 Joel will start work on this in September. Also to look at the Robinson Park toilets - aging 23/4/2019 Email sent to Joel accepting quote, potential completion in October after finalisation of content.
Wednesday 22nd May				
22/05/2019		Investigate with Winton Shire the possibility of doing works on the Toolebuc Link Road	DWO	03/09/2019 – Spoken to Mr Phil Krisanski – Director of Works from Winton Shire, advised that no services required. 12/8/2019 – McKinley Shire advised gravel not required, they found the source gravel. 10/06/2019 – In progress. We may be able to provide gravel to McKinlay Shire, however all details are yet to be confirmed.
22/05/2019		Boundary fence on Cooridgee and Wirriylerna – check if repairs finished	RLPO/DWO	15/07/2019 In progress 24/05/2019 RLPO has been out to the Cooridgee Reserve and inspected the boundary fence between Wirriylerna and

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				Cooridgee and the fence and floodgates/fences are all up and in good order. He was not able to go and check the fence on the other side of the Burke River as the crossing was washed out, the road down to the crossing on Cooridgee side will need some work soon as there is a very long and deep scour running down one side of it. The floodgate/fence on Goodwood/Clearview boundary is still down due to there being water in the river. RLPO has taken photos.
Thursday 20th June 2019				
20/6/2019		Australian of the Year Award – Council noted a nomination was to be made in the National 2020 Australian of the Year Awards.	EA	29/07/2019 All nomination details submitted. 10/07/2019 In progress – awaiting letters of support to submit with nominations.
20/6/2019	2019/6.22	1. That Council proceed with the proposed negotiation of the ILUA with Wangkamahdla People in conjunction with Diamantina Shire Council supported by Holding Redlich. 2. That the CEO approach Holding Redlich for the anthropological and genealogical reports.	CEO	6/9/2019 Reports requested from Holding Redlich. 9/8/2019 Teleconference held with Holding Redlich, basic ILUA discussed no reference to cultural heritage rates at this stage. 15/07/2019 In progress
Wednesday 24th July 2019				
24/07/2019		Cllr Rick Britton: Meeting to be set up with TMR Cloncurry and Cloncurry Council regarding Ardmore mine	CEO	12/08/2019 In progress – requested via Eric Denham..
24/07/2019		Cllr McGlinchey: No through road sign needed on the Georgina heading to Carlo	DWO	8/8/2019 In progress.
24/07/2019	2019/7.20	That Council approve for the Work Camp Project – Inmate Work Experience with Council Road Crew to go ahead subject to clearances by the Queensland Corrective Services and Queensland Workers Union.	DWO	25/07/2019 Project approval letter (subject to clearances) sent to Work Camp Supervisor.
Monday 19th August 2019				
19/08/2019		Kitchen container at the Rodeo Grounds – sign to be put up advising it is for freezer use only	DWO/RUS	06/09/2019 Completed
19/08/2019	2019/8.7	That Council approve the request for the installation of a motor grid on Cravens Peak Road at the cost of the North Australian Pastoral Company Pty Ltd and that the	DWO	04/09/2019 Letter advising of Council resolution sent to NAPCO.

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		ongoing maintenance of the motor grid be the responsibility of the North Australian Pastoral Company Pty Ltd.		
19/08/2019	2019/8.8	- That Boulia Shire Council approve to replace the plaque at the Urandangie airstrip in honour of Leslie Miller using the design and sizing noted in the Installation of Plaque - The Leslie Miller Airstrip of Urandangie report and; - That an information plaque be installed alongside the Leslie Miller Airstrip of Urandangie plaque containing information about Mr Miller and his involvement in the Urandangie airstrip.	DWO	04/09/2019 Letter advising of Council resolution sent to Ellen Miller.
19/08/2019	2019/8.15	- That Council approve the plant hire rates for Queensland Reconstruction Authority work, as per the rates attached to the QRA Plant Rates report and that these rates also be implemented for all works external to QRA work that involve the hire of the noted Council plant. - That the plant hire rates be forwarded to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority for benchmarking.	DWO	04/09/2019 Letter advising of Council resolution sent to QRA.
19/08/2019	2019/8.16	1. The Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and reach agreement in principle on the terms of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the Wangkamahdla Nation Claim QUD52/2016. 2. That this agreement is then submitted to Council for approval and agreement. 3. CEO to advise Holding Redlich of the decision of Council.	CEO	30/08/2019 Letter advising of Council resolution sent to Holding Redlich.
19/08/2019	2019/8.18	That Council endorse the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boulia Shire Council Local Disaster Management Plan 2019-2020 • Boulia Evacuation Sub Plan 2019-2020 And that the documents be uploaded onto the Council's website.	EA	21/08/2019 Completed – uploaded to website.

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19/08/2019	2019/8.20	2. That subject to further revisions to the Portable Steam Engine, Double-Geared Pump Head D.G. and Welldrilling Plant signs, the proposed Machinery Signs for the Boulia Heritage Complex attached to the Community Services July 2019 Report are approved.	CSM	06/09/2019 Order raised for approved signs.
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COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS BETWEEN MEETINGS			
Date	Item	Project – or Issue:	Response:

RECOMMENDATION	That the Action List item update be received for information
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BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Report for Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2019

TITLE:	Manager Corporate & Financial Services August 2019 Report	DOC REF: Item FM1
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REPORT BY:	Kaylene Sloman	DATE: 06/09/2019
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CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE: Key Priority 5: Robust Governance 5.2: Accountability 5.2.1 Ensure Council’s financial activities are monitored and well managed 5.4: Sustainability 5.4.3 Ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Council through prudent financial management and budgeting
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PURPOSE: Financial Summary as at 31 st August 2019.

Cash Position:

The Cash Position determines the expected money the Council should have after every period.

	31 st August 2019	31 st July 2019
Cash at Hand	16,146,576	15,462,719
Net Cash Equivalent (Debtors-Creditors)	701,684	1,243,305
Total	\$16,848,260	\$16,706,024

Income

- Total revenues 31st August 2019 are \$3,186,283. This equates to approx. 15% of this year’s budget.

Expenditure

- Operating expenses to 31st August 2019 are \$2,511,047. This equates to approx. 12% of this year’s budget.

Liquidity

• CBA		\$159,953
• Floats		\$ 2,300
• Investments		
CBA At Call	\$6,386,884	
QTC	\$9,597,439	
		\$15,984,323
Total		\$16,146,576

Additional Information on Cash Position

Cash Balance as at 31 st August 2019		16,146,576
The following items need to be backed by cash:		
Reserves 30 th June		2,328,551
Funded Depreciation		3,431,932
Funded Employee Entitlements - NC		199,875
Flood Damage Restoration paid in advance		
March 2018 Restoration	1,198,257	
		1,198,257
Working Capital Cash		1,500,000
Capital Grants		1,095,586
Operating Results for 2019/2020		-420,350
Less Capital Expenditure 2019/2020		-400,625
		8,933,226
Uncommitted Cash 31 st August 2019		\$ 7,213,350

AGED DEBTORS 31st August 2019

DEBTOR	90+	60	30	CURRENT	PRE-PAID	BALANCE
	3,341.87	5,904.75	2,082.5	874,721.05	(3,360.00)	882,690.17

RATES 31st August 2019

Total Outstanding \$ 145,338.68

CREDITORS 31st August 2019 **\$ 0.00**

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL
Income Statement
For the period ended 31st August 2019

2019 Actual

Income		
Revenue		
Recurrent Revenue		
	Net rate and utility charges	0
	Fees and charges	51,182
	Rental income	37,437
	Interest received	9,730
	Sales - contract and recoverable works	1,578,419
	Other Income	18,141
	Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	395,788
Total Recurrent Revenue		<u>2,090,697</u>
Capital Revenue		
	Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	1,095,586
Total Capital Revenue		<u>1,095,586</u>
Total Revenue		<u>3,186,283</u>
Total Income		<u>3,186,283</u>
Expenses		
Recurrent Expenses		
	Employee benefits	(592,318)
	Materials & Services	(1,918,729)
	Finance Costs	0
	Depreciation	0
Total Recurrent Expenses		<u>(2,511,047)</u>
Total Expenses		<u>(2,511,047)</u>
Net Result Attributable to Council		<u>675,236</u>

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Balance Sheet
For the period ended 31st August 2019

2019 Actual

Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents		16,146,576
Trade and other receivables		857,632
Inventories		273,361
Total Current Assets		17,277,569
Non-current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment		157,294,785
Total Non-current Assets		157,294,785
TOTAL ASSETS		174,572,355
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables		155,948
Borrowings		(33,098)
Provisions		595,414
Total Current Liabilities		718,263
Non-current Liabilities		
Borrowings		1,147,358
Provisions		199,875
Total Non-current Liabilities		1,347,233
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,065,496
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS		172,506,858
Community Equity		
Asset revaluation reserve		85,512,318
Retained surplus		86,994,540
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		172,506,858

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the period ended 31st August 2019

2019 Actual

Cash Flows from Operating activities:

Receipts from customers	▾	1,150,170
Payments to suppliers and employees	▾	(2,549,002)
		(1,398,831)

Interest received		9,730
Rental income		36,313
Non-capital grants and contributions		395,788
Borrowing costs		0
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Operating Activities		(957,000)

Cash Flows from Investing activities:

Payments for property, plant and equipment		(400,625)
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations		1,095,586
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Investing activities		694,961

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		(262,038)
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Cash and Cash Equivalents at beginning of Reporting period		16,408,614
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Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of Reporting period		\$ 16,146,576
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CONSULTATION: Nil

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Manager of Corporate & Financial Services August 2019 Report be received for information.

DOCUMENTS TO BE TABLED:

Capital Major Projects, Capital Road Works, Flood Damage Works, Revenue & Expenditure Report

Reviewed & Approved by Chief Executive Officer
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Ms Lynn Moore

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Report for Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2019

TITLE:	Community Services August 2019 Report	DOC REF: Item CSM1
REPORT BY:	Mrs Julie Woodhouse Community Services Manager	DATE: 05/09/2019

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

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

1.2: Respecting our culture and heritage, past, present and future

1.2.1 To preserve and promote the heritage and diverse cultures of our community

1.2.2 To maintain, preserve, develop and provide access to our region's history

1.2.3 To promote the heritage, arts and cultures of our communities

Key Priority 3: Economic Development – A sustainable local economy

3.1: Facilitate employment and investment opportunities

3.1.2 Council owned housing is managed, is affordable, and which is suitable to meet demands

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

PURPOSE:

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

CONTENT:

Current housing available:

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>Number</u>
Total houses available for occupation	0
Total units available (includes 1 pensioner unit)	3
Total Council units are always kept vacant for use by visiting professionals	0
Total Council furnished units being used by contractors	3
Houses/units being renovated/painted	0
Applications for rental for July	0

Housing:

- The mural painters in October will be boarding at a Council house as we have no other accommodation available and then this house will be leased by Anglo American for an indefinite period.
- Pest control has happened the first week of September.

Tourism:

With advice from Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) and an update of the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse on which Boulia has listings, we hopefully will be able to gather higher social media benchmarks for the TEQ Best of Queensland Experience Program.

We are also constructing a Facebook page solely for the Heritage Complex so as to gather more public engagement for that particular attraction.

Also on advice from TEQ, Tourism staff have devised a small business card size feedback form for visitors as a reminder to please write a review on our Facebook pages for each attraction they attend either good or bad and/or Trip Advisor, as this will help our ratings with TEQ.



Grants:

- An application this month to the Qld Govt. for Qld Day 2020 for the amount of **\$3860.00** to host an event in Robinson Park for the whole family, has been submitted.

Community:

- The Man with a Pram event which occurred on Fathers Day was well attended and enjoyed by all who participated. It is to be hoped this can become a regular event which helps shine a light on men’s health issues. Council sponsored the shirts for the men who walked and the community breakfast.



- The renewal of the tennis courts have been under construction for a week and are looking marvellous.

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION:
That the Community Services August 2019 Report be received for information.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Grant Funding Register – Approved items
- Grant Funding Register – Pending items

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

Project Name	Grant / Funding Body	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 Urandangie Health Clinic - auspiced	Western Qld Primary Health Network	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	Funding auspiced by Council for Urandangie Health Clinic. Trust A/c	\$ 50,000	30th June 2018	
Boulia Wellbeing Centre	Drought Communities	\$ 572,900	\$ -	\$ 572,900	\$ 572,900		\$ 572,900	31/03/2019	
Floodway upgrade – Springvale Road (Springvale Road Structure Repairs)	2017-18 National Disaster Resilience Program	\$ 147,210	\$ 147,210	\$ -	\$ 294,420		\$ 147,210	30/06/2020	
Upgrade Facility and Purchase Equipment - auspiced grant for Boulia Golf Club	Gambling Community Benefit Fund - Department of Justice and Attorney-General	\$ 26,955	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,955	Possible variation to be applied for so that unspent funds can be used	\$ 26,955	21/08/2019	
Regional Community Hub (Study)	MIPP_Maturing Infrastructure Pipeline	\$ 66,220	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66,220	monthly finance rep needed	\$75,311 (ex GST)	21/8/2020	
Arts Qld	RADF funding	\$ 15,000	\$ 2,250	\$ -	\$ 15,000	Community	\$12,000 received	16/09/2019	
2018-19 Get Ready Queensland Grant Program	Queensland Reconstruction Authority	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,880		\$4880 (ex GST)	30/06/2019	Yes
Chill'n'Grill – BBQing for Boulia	Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal - Tackling Tough Times Together	\$ 26,000	\$ 594	\$ -	\$ 26,944		\$ 26,000	1/4/2020	Yes
Get Playing Places and Spaces	Dept Sport and Rec	\$ 88,800	\$ 23,000	\$ -	\$ 112,800	tennis courts resurfacing	\$ 89,900		
SES - Shed for All Terrain Vehicle	Community Gambling Benefit Fund	\$ 30,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 36,000	Grant Funds and acquittal to be handled by QFES	\$ 24,363.63	23/09/2019	
First 5 Forever Program	Queensland State Library				\$ 1,000				
Airport Industrial Estate	Building our Regions	\$ 994,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 994,800	Stage 1, industrial airport land	\$ 994,800.00	13/12/2019	
First Start Program	Department of Employment, Small Business and Training	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	Was originally for 2 x Traineeships: Admin and Horticulture, only Admin traineeship able to progress	\$ 30,000.00		
Combatting Pest and Weeds	Department of Ag and Water Resources	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 99,498	\$ 199,498	Stage 2 Hamilton Channels	\$ 100,000	1/12/2019	
Get Ready Qld	Qld State Government	\$ 4,880	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,880		\$ 4,880.00	1/12/2019	

Grant Funding Register - Approved items

LDMG EMERGENCY GENERATOR	2018-2019 Queensland Disaster Resilience Fund (QDRF) and the Prepared Communities Fund (PCF) via Queensland Reconstruction Authority	\$ 42,541	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,541		\$ 42,541	30/6/2020	
Boulia Town Infrastructure Upgrade - W4Q3	Work's For Queensland Round 3 - Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning	\$ 520,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 520,000		\$ 520,000	30/6/2021	
Boulia Town Water Infrastructure Upgrade W4Q3	Work's For Queensland Round 3 - Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning	\$ 180,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180,000		\$ 180,000	30/6/2021	
Urandangie Town Infrastructure Upgrade - W4Q3	Work's For Queensland Round 3 - Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning	\$ 130,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130,000		\$ 130,000	30/6/2021	
Boulia Shire Council Road Network Upgrade Signage and Weed Control - W4Q3	Work's For Queensland Round 3 - Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000		\$ 200,000	30/6/2021	

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING APPROVED: \$ 3,493,838

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	Total Project Cost	Application closing date	Council Officer Responsible	NOTES
"Music and Culture with Isaiah"	Year of Outback Tourism Events Program	\$ 17,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 19,000	15/7/19	CSM	
"Weather through the Aeons"	FNQ and NQ monsoon recovery program	\$ 8,250	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	5/8/19	CSM	
Qld Day 2020	Qld State Government	\$ 3,860	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 4,000	9/9/19	CSM	
		\$ 29,110						

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Report for Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2019

TITLE:	Min Min Encounter August 2019 Report	DOC REF: Item F
REPORT BY:	Anna Karra	DATE: 04/09/2019

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

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

1.2: Respecting our culture and heritage, past, present and future

1.2.1 To preserve and promote the heritage and diverse cultures of our community

1.2.2 To maintain, preserve, develop and provide access to our region's history

1.2.3 To promote the heritage, arts and cultures of our communities

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

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:

Monthly Activity Statistics:

Daily Sales for August 2019	\$29,131.05
MME Visitor Stats for August 2019	1,273
MME Show Stats for August 2019	697
BHC Stats for August 2019	462

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Boulia Shire Council	15	3,764	58
Min Min Encounter	27	17,640	191

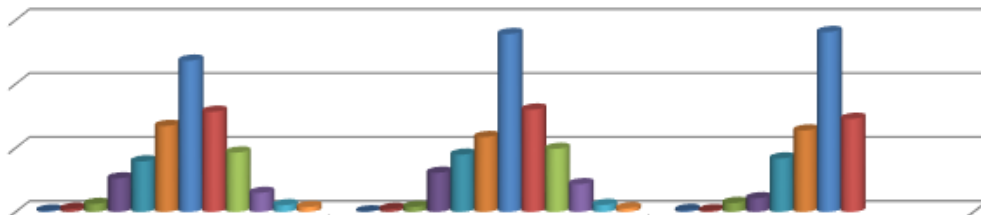
REPORT ON ACTIVITIES HELD FOR AUGUST 2019

The month of August has been busy with travellers to Birdsville Races. We have seen one bus group and two 4WD groups for the Min Min Encounter show and Heritage Complex tour this month. After our record sales in July, we have ordered and received more merchandise and the shelves are all well stocked up for the remainder of the busy season.

This month students and teachers from Boulia State School visited the Min Min Encounter for the show. This month we have also updated information on the Australian Tourism Development Warehouse website to make it all current and up to date. We also got everything ready for the SPRING SALE in September. This sale is hoped to attract more people to come along and spend on our merchandise.

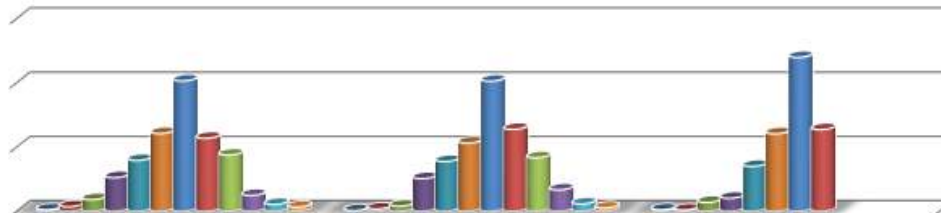
We received one review on Trip Advisor this month which is a good review - *The show of the min min light is well done and very interesting, it definitely gets the mind wondering about the light. And how it came about.*

Min Min Encounter & BHC Tickets & Merchandise Sales



	2017	2018	2019
■ January	\$468.00	\$199.50	\$635.90
■ February	\$986.80	\$941.90	\$534.95
■ March	\$2,527.60	\$1,570.40	\$2,810.65
■ April	\$10,507.97	\$12,261.15	\$4,295.05
■ May	\$15,819.82	\$17,912.50	\$16,721.75
■ June	\$26,898.35	\$23,428.55	\$25,490.35
■ July	\$47,314.75	\$55,628.45	56,252.85
■ August	\$31,345.60	\$32,009.00	\$29,131.05
■ September	\$18,576.75	\$19,744.51	
■ October	\$5,981.65	\$8,699.05	
■ November	\$2,105.20	\$2,198.20	
■ December	1,520.75	1,127.96	

Min Min Encounter Visitor Numbers



	2017	2018	2019
■ January	25	13	26
■ February	72	38	22
■ March	183	82	140
■ April	526	510	205
■ May	793	776	701
■ June	1212	1063	1208
■ July	2031	2026	2396
■ August	1138	1277	1273
■ September	877	835	
■ October	249	335	
■ November	109	116	
■ December	65	54	

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Min Min Encounter August 2019 Report be received for information.

Reviewed by Community Services Manager

Mrs Julie Woodhouse

Approved by Chief Executive Officer

Ms Lynn Moore

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Report for Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2019

TITLE:	Boulia Heritage Complex August 2019 Report	DOC REF: Item G
REPORT BY:	Lindsay Leonard	DATE: 01/09/2019

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

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
 1.2: Respecting our culture and heritage, past, present and future
 1.2.1 To preserve and promote the heritage and diverse cultures of our community
 1.2.2 To maintain, preserve, develop and provide access to our region's history
 1.2.3 To promote the heritage, arts and cultures of our communities
 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

PURPOSE:

To update Council on the visitations and activities at the Boulia Heritage Complex.

CONTENT:

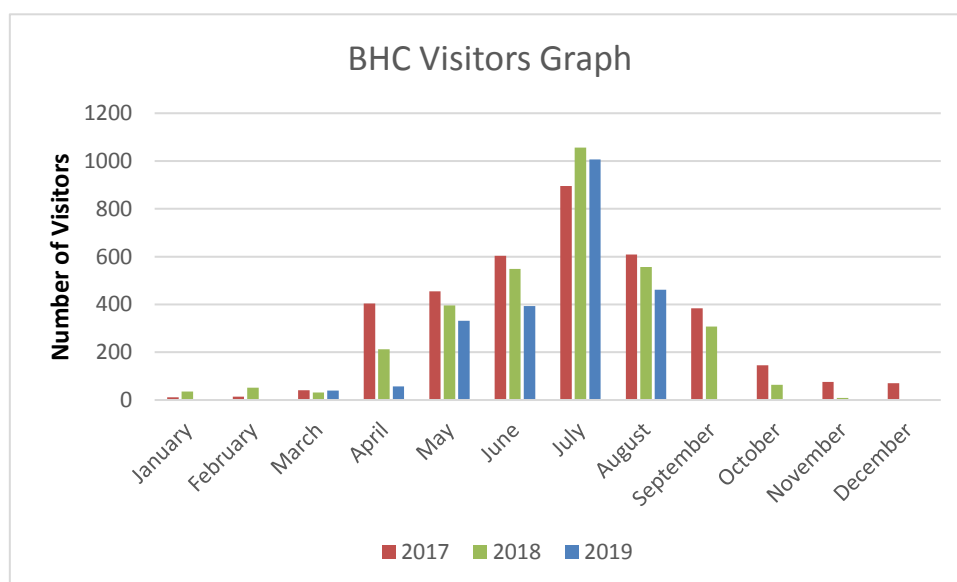
Boulia Shire Council provides a well-appointed Heritage Complex which is open 7 days per week from 10am to 3pm and 10am to 2pm on weekends.

ACTIVITY	CUSTOMER VOLUME - per month
Complex Visitors	462

We have had 462 visitors for the month of August. The number of visitors have decreased considerably since last month however our visitor numbers remain in a respectable range.

This month we have started putting the QCWA display together. The Police display has been moved out of the Indigenous room and put into the historical room which has been given a little revamp.

Visitor Statistics Comparison



RECOMMENDATION:

That the Boulia Heritage Complex August 2019 Report is received for information.

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

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Report for Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2019

TITLE:	Boulia Sports and Aquatic Centre August 2019 Report	DOC REF: Item H
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REPORT BY:	Natarsha Shaw Sports Centre Attendant	DATE: 03/09/19
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CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 1: A strong supportive community environment

1.1: Promotion of community events, services and facilities

1.1.1 Build a strong sense of community, capacity and pride by supporting partnerships

1.1.3 Maintain a high quality of life by providing facilities and resources that encourage a secure, interactive and progressive community lifestyle

1.3: Boulia Shire to have active inclusive communities

1.3.3 Facilitate opportunities for learning, social activities, community events, grants and funding programs

PURPOSE:

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

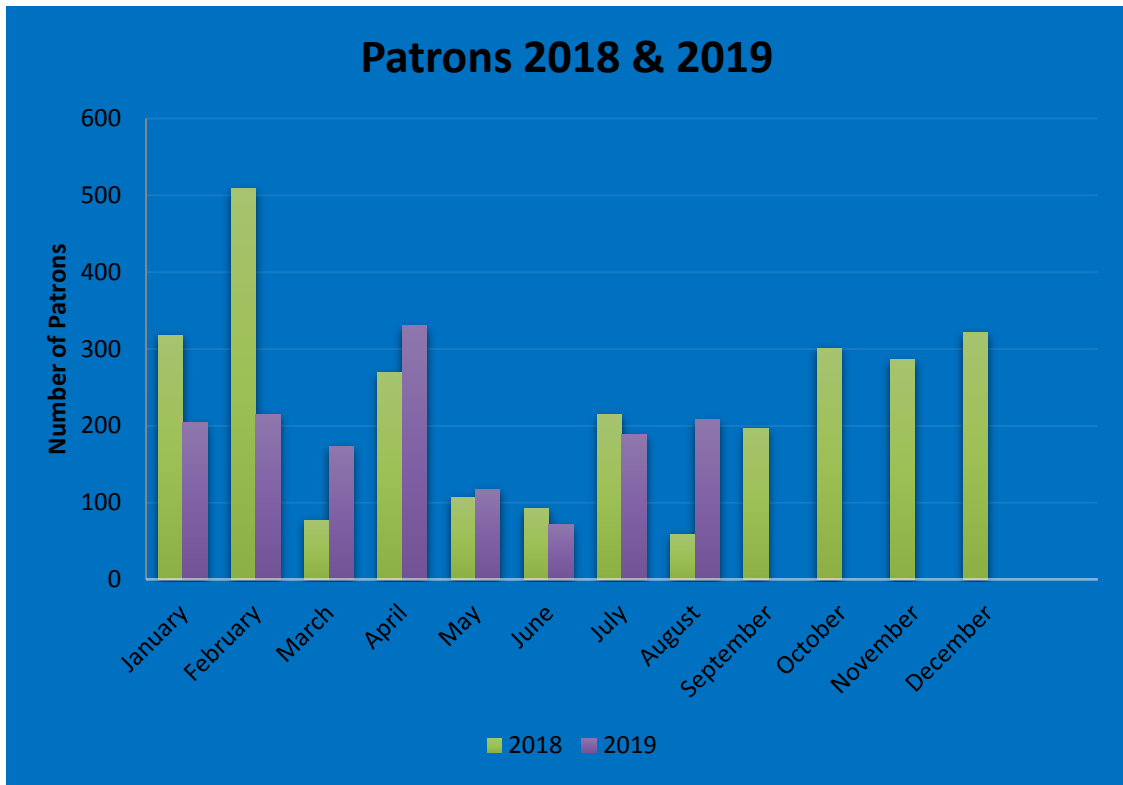
CONTENT:

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 PER MONTH
• Gymnasium	During Hours: 29 After Hours: 14
• Squash	-
• Casual entry usage	40
• Kids usage	126
• Membership usage	42
• Merchandise sales	\$0.00
• Admission	\$0.00
• Refreshment sales	\$0.00

Activities held this month:

- ✚ This month myself along with Jan – Community Support and Michael – Boulia Police have started an afterschool sports every Thursday. This has proved to be a great success with sometimes over 20 kids attending each week.



RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the Boulia Sports and Aquatic Centre August 2019 Report for information.

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

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Report for Ordinary Meeting held on 16th September 2019

TITLE:	Library August 2019 Report	DOC REF: Item I
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REPORT BY:	Sandra Capewell	DATE: 05/09/2019
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CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

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

1.2: Respecting our culture and heritage, past, present and future

1.2.1 To preserve and promote the heritage and diverse cultures of our community

1.2.2 To maintain, preserve, develop and provide access to our region's history

1.2.3 To promote the heritage, arts and cultures of our communities

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 1pm to 5pm.

ACTIVITY	CUSTOMER VOLUME - per month
Library visitors	204
Wi Fi	53
Number of new members - local	2
Tourist Member	2

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Our Library's book exchange (167 books) arrived mid-August and have been entered into the system and have been shelved. We returned 200 books to the State Library of Queensland.

We welcome two new local and two tourist members to the Library this month. Visitor numbers are slightly up on last month.

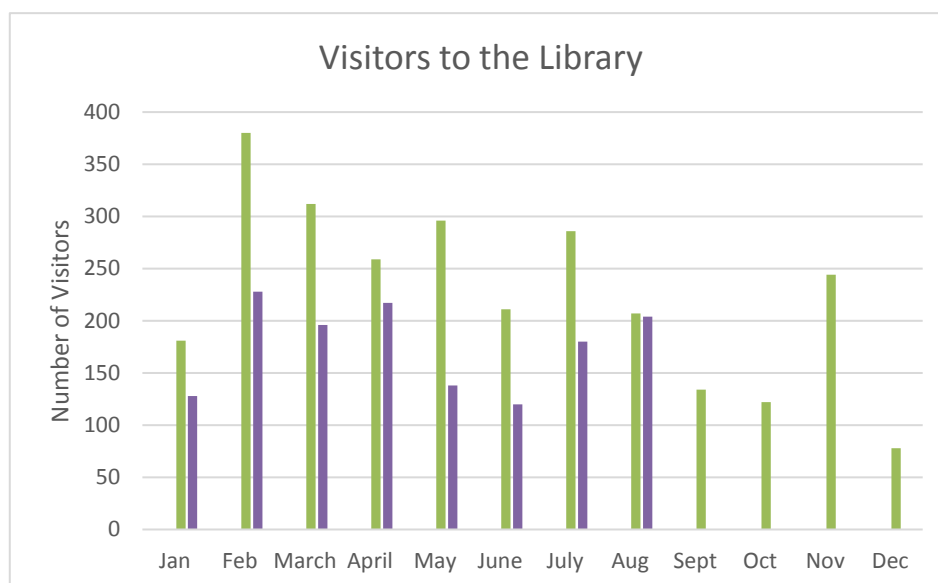
The Library continues to attract the children for after school visits.

Printing is being carried out for both the Min Min Encounter and the Boulia Heritage Complex as handouts are being required for both venues with the influx of visitors to our town.

The window display for this month advertises the Spring Fair.

VISITOR STATISTICS COMPARISON

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018	181	380	312	259	296	211	286	207	134	122	244	78
2019	128	228	196	217	138	120	180	204				



RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the Library August 2019 report for information.

Reviewed by Community Services Manager

Mrs Julie Woodhouse

Approved by Chief Executive Officer

Ms Lynn Moore

Ordinary Meeting of Council

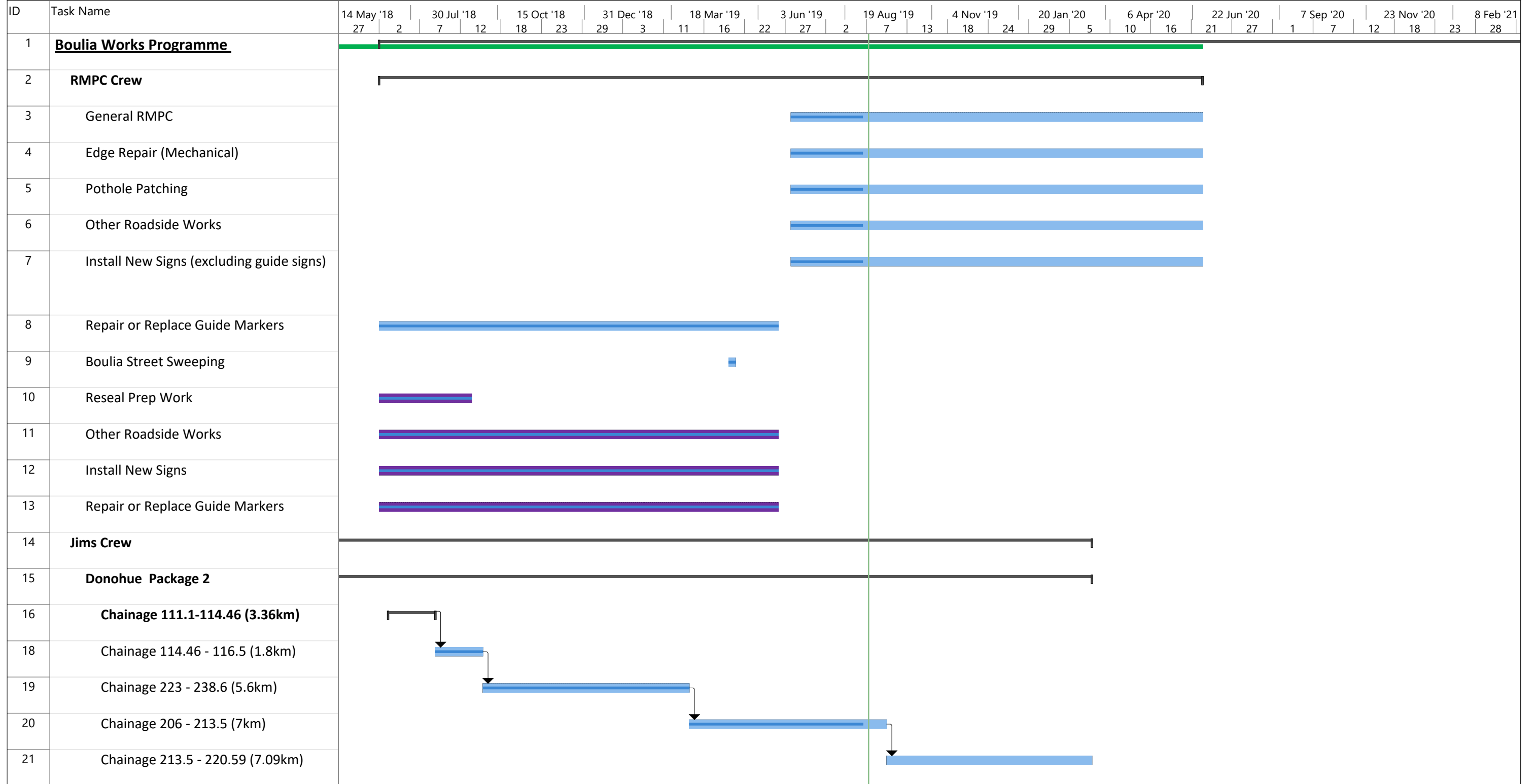
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Bouliia Works Program 2018/21



Date: Mon 9/09/19

RMPC Crew		Summary		Manual Task		Finish-only		Manual Progress
Concrete Crew		Project Summary		Duration-only		External Tasks		
Task		Inactive Task		Manual Summary Rollup		External Milestone		
Split		Inactive Milestone		Manual Summary		Deadline		
Milestone		Inactive Summary		Start-only		Progress		



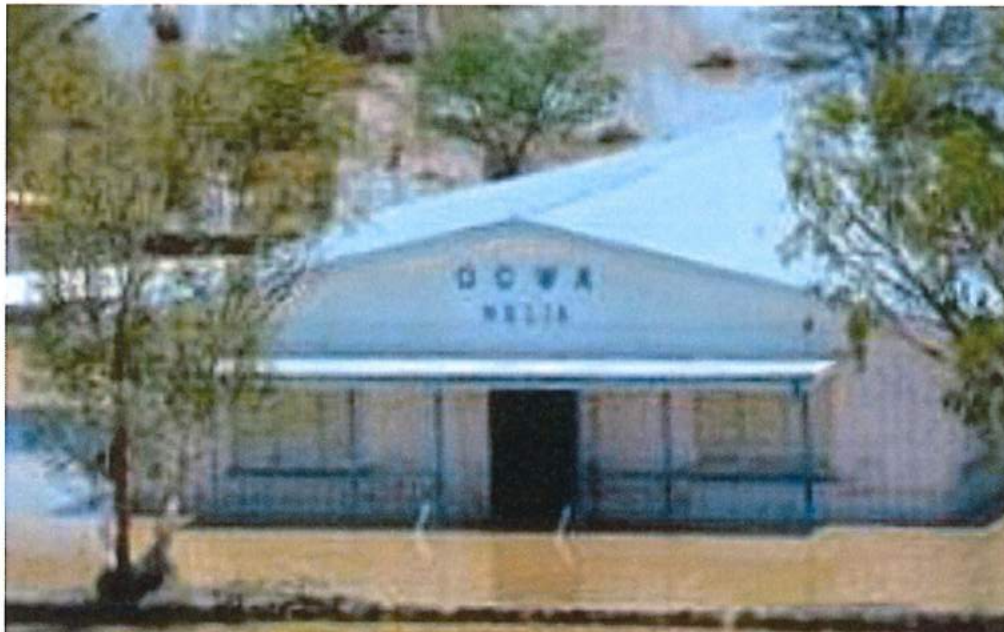
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(AADT with no total indicate incomplete data)

<i>Month</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>AADT</i>	<i>Total All Vehicles</i>	<i>Total HV</i>	<i>AADT % HV</i>
July 2019	Burke St (Pool)	Boulia	307	9507	200	2.1
	Coorabulka Rd	Ch 1.20km	20	614	65	10.6
	Donohue Rd	Ch 2.50km	53	1643	223	13.6
	Donohue Rd	Ch 201.00km (Kelley's Ck)	55	1690	209	12.4
	Headingly Rd	Ch 24.64km (Toby Ck)	22	685	100	14.6
	Selwyn Rd	Ch 2.50km	29	908	40	4.4
	Toolebuc Rd	Ch 0.10km	10	307	36	11.7
	Urandangie North Rd	Ch 0.04km	21	641	43	6.7
	Urandangie Border Rd	Ch 9.22km (Moonah Ck)		No Data		

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Aug 2019	Burke St (Pool)	Boulia	117	3500	74	2.1
	Coorabulka Rd	Ch 1.20km	15	458	37	8.1
	Donohue Rd	Ch 2.50km	51	1525	188	12.3
	Donohue Rd	Ch 201.00km (Kelley's Ck)	31	936	111	11.9
	Headingly Rd	Ch 24.64km (Toby Ck)	20	591	62	10.5
	Selwyn Rd	Ch 2.50km	22	665	26	3.9
	Toolebuc Rd	Ch 0.10km	13	375	44	11.7
	Urandangie North Rd	Ch 0.04km	22	673	34	5.1
	Urandangie Border Rd	Ch 9.22km (Moonah Ck)		No Data		

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NORTH WESTERN DIVISION
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OUR MOTTO

Honour to God

Loyalty to the Throne

Service to the Country

Through country women

For country women

By country women

MY CREED

I would be true, for there are those that trust me

I would be pure for there are those who care

I would be strong, for there is much to suffer

I would be brave, for there is much to dare

I would be friend to all – the foe - the friendless

I would be giving and forget the gift

I would be humble, for I know my weakness

I would look up – and laugh – and lift.

Harold Arnold Walters

QCWA GRACE

O Lord thank you for this food

Provided for our use and sustenance

Make us mindful of the needs of others

That we may serve them in true friendship

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Message from the State President

On behalf of the State Executive Board I congratulate all our members on their contributions and the roles they accepted over this past term, giving of their time and enthusiasm to QCWA through their branches and divisions.

Most of the State has experienced very difficult and trying times, drought continues across 65% of the State and the devastating floods in the North Western Division. As members you have found great strength to support each other and your communities working together and holding social days to lift the spirits and promote our Association.

We are privileged to receive such wonderful donations of funds for the Public Rural Crisis Fund from Corporates, Small business, Clubs, Retirees and Individuals to be able to distribute as at 30th June \$M10,983,680 on 5020 applications. I thank most sincerely all the branches who have also donated funds, even those in drought have sent funds to the northern branches who experienced flooding. We have been successful in sourcing administration funds to cover our distribution, so you can be assured we do not take monies from donated funds.

I thank outgoing office bearers for their contribution and passion over their term of office and wish all incoming office bearers every success in their roles in the Branches and Divisions for the year ahead. Every member is a part of the team and my thanks go to all.

Christine King

State President

Message from the State Vice President - Northern Region

As my role of State Vice President draws to a close, I sincerely thank you, the Members for your support and friendship over my four years that I have been in this role.

Congratulations to all those taking on Office Bearers positions for the ensuing year. I am sure you will find your role challenging at times but also rewarding. Thank you to the retiring Officers for all your dedication to the Association.

As we move forward, I know we can all work together across the State to grow our Membership and continue to promote the work of the Association within our local Communities. Always be PROUD of QCWA and what we have achieved.

Marie Baulch

SVP Northern Region

Message from the State Vice President – Central Region

I Thank You Ladies for your genuine support and friendship throughout the past seven months. I have covered quite a few kilometres in these months and have met so many of you and put 'Faces to Names' that I would not have done if I hadn't made the effort. I have managed life with QCWA, no mean feat when you are me, and find all of you doing the same in the roles you are stepping up to and down from. I am constantly rewarded with the pleasure of your company and your communication and I would like to acknowledge your worth here and say a huge THANK YOU for the way you conduct your roles, new and returning, and the wonderful way you promote and play in this amazing Association we call QCWA. I hope we can all enjoy each other's company more often and as we do encourage new Members to our Branches and grow... Happy Branches do grow.... Happiness is contagious...

Marina Taylor

Message from the State Vice-President - Southern Region

Thank you to all members who have welcomed me to my new role with QCWA.

With everyone's support I am sure I will enjoy the next 18 months full of challenging and rewarding experiences.

Congratulations to those members who are completing their term of office and best wishes for those members continuing or stepping up to a new role within the Association. Please encourage and assist members embarking on these roles. Together we can accomplish anything!

Looking towards the coming year we are striving for new members and reinvigorating our renewing members. Through fun and friendship, we can make our communities a better place in which to live.

Enjoy the year ahead.

Margaret Grayson

Message from the State International Officer

Dear Members,

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in my first year as State International Officer-the members, the Branch and Division International Officers and especially, the past State International Officers. Your knowledge and guidance have been invaluable. This new role has certainly opened my eyes, as to how Branches and Divisions across the State participate and promote the International aspects of QCWA. This takes place in a variety of ways in Branches and Divisions-from International Days focusing on the different aspects of the Country of Study, participating in the International Competitions as well as inviting the local schools to be involved, to supporting QCWA, the South Pacific Area and other ACWW projects.

Secondly, I would like to thank you and wish you well as you either step down from your role or step up to take on a new role in your Branches and Divisions. If you are stepping down, please be generous and supportive with your advice and assistance to the new Branch or Division Officers, and if you are stepping up, don't be afraid to ask for advice and assistance, but to also be adventurous and to try new ways. Whichever role you undertake in the coming year, I do hope you enjoy the year ahead.

Lastly, remember that International Study is a wonderful part of QCWA, and it certainly widens our horizons!

Maria Keys

QCWA North Western Division Presidents Report

August 2019

North Western Division has 10 branches and is forging ahead and looking to the future. Our branches have lifted to meet challenges that the past year has presented and are going forward with most positions filled, including Vice President positions, into the 2019-2020 year. The Division has had a Media and Publicity Officer and a Property Convener and now welcomes a new Officer to the Division Executive – an Agricultural and Environment Convener.

International officers in the Branches have been low key due to local needs overtaking community schedules and have focused more on the country of study than the other fundraising and international project areas. This past year our Division lost a valuable member Karla Vallely (nee Eyre) due to her move from Richmond to Mackay. Karla is involved directly in International projects of her own developing curriculum for children in Pacific Nations who are without suitable educational resources. Her example will be missed. Thank you to Karla for the great work you did while a member of the Division and the State award you received and first place in International Project Book competition for the NW Division.

At least 10 new members have joined the Division since the last Conference with some being prepared to take on officer positions such as Courtney Lawlor, Julia Creek Branch who moved straight into the position as acting treasurer and now has taken on the position of Secretary for her branch for 2019-2020. 8 new members joined Cloncurry as a result of the branch's disaster outreach efforts and Richmond has a new member who is an experienced grant writer and town Counsellor. Despite the terrible destruction of the Nelia Hall from the Monsoonal deluge in February the members have regrouped and 2 new members who live in the district have joined. We welcome all members from all social and cultural backgrounds to our Division and hope that the new year will bring even more women into friendship and community service with the QCWA

QCWA Country kitchens have successfully integrated the 'zoom' meeting and learning technology into the QCWA mentality and we are looking to the future with hope that this technology can be employed to meet other meeting, training and

conference needs in order to overcome the mental and physical barriers that block members interest in events farther afield than our inland outback and Queensland Gulf country.

Only 5 branches had voting delegates at Conference last year with four other branches allocating proxies to these delegates yet there are strong move within the Division to take on issues impacting our communities and to see these issues be represented at the top level by the State President and the State Executive Board.

Office Bearers for the Division this year have included Georgina Westlund , President, Annie Backhaus Vice President, Kayleen Sloman Vice President, Judy Fysh Secretary, Nyssa Currin Treasurer and Ann Britton Publicity and Marketing Officer, Annie Clark, International Officer Lyn Clout as our Property Convener and most recently Kalinda Cluff Agricultural and Environment Convener, who is also representing the Division on the QCWA State Agricultural and Environment Committee.

Our community information and public affairs work is improving with news items\ including Branch work being featured in local and State newspapers and TV, notably the tea rooms in Julia Creek, the Markets in Normanton and Copper City's Community Garden in Mount Isa. The State President has organized media strategies to support the issues such as the importance of education and vaccination for Q Fever. This is an action arising from the Associated Country Women of the World with whom QCWA are affiliated. Facebook is also used to improve our reach and public profile and aside from our popular QCWA NW Division page with 288 followers across the State, there are currently 4 Branch face book pages including Cloncurry, Copper City, Julia Creek and Boulia, with Normanton in the process of registering their page.

Country Kitchens proves to be a driving force in some Branches with special mention to Cloncurry facilitator Judith March for her innovative program and partnership with the local dietician. Judy Fysh, Facilitator for the Northern Region is thanked for her consistent and dedicated support of all of our local facilitators and this year we welcome Anna Roxby (nee Lynch) as part of the State CK team in for Northern Region. It is with great pleasure that we have asked Fiona Mc Kenzie Manager of the State QCWA Country Kitchens Program, funded by the Queensland Health Department to be the very knowledgeable and motivating guest speak at our AGM.

The devastating flood caused by the Monsoonal depression in February 2019 tested our metal and I have to say I am very proud of the work that was done within the Division at the height of the disaster with particular reference to Sarah Harvey and the team and community spirit shown by Cloncurry members and, Lyn Clout, President Julia Creek who was awarded a medal from the Governor General of Australia for her volunteer work providing a meeting place, showers and washing facilities for first response staff and community alike.

It is with pride that I thank all members for their contribution to our communities and the Association over the past year, particularly with the amount of overload and stress that is ongoing due the fact that many members belong to other community organizations and have multiple obligations; the flood event across the Division and, continued drought in 2 of our Shires.

Thank you to Gregory Branch for keeping medical services in your area and running wellness and community engagement events such as your recent 'Gardening Day'. Hughenden and Richmond are to be thanked for their valuable contribution to community by making their accommodation available to the community and their accommodation and property management skills.

Thank you to Christine King, our State President, and her hard-working assistant who responded amazingly to our communities needs over the Monsoonal weather event that impacted all corners of our Division in one way or another by providing immediate access to the Public Rural Crisis Fund when our community members found themselves without an income, vehicles, food or money to pay for their children's school uniforms or camp for example. A huge thankyou is extended to Marie Baulch for working directly with all Branch Presidents during the time of the floods when I was absent from my QCWA role and for her advice and support to me and our Executive throughout the year.

To all who were generous to our Branches, members and community over the year, we are eternally grateful. Money was forwarded to the Division and Branch Treasurers from individuals, children, commercial entities and State Government, notably Glencore \$25,000 for mental health and the Premier of Queensland, \$50,000, other QCWA branches and a wide variety of community groups and NFP across Australia. Funds were sent directly, though not requested, for us to apply to good works in our communities and the financial contributions have and will continue to make families lives better across the Division.

Finally, I would like to thank the QCWA for providing me with a reason to feel valued and motivated each day and for being an organization that respects the needs of all women and their families. If we can be inclusive of others and their needs while undergoing our own journey, we truly embody the values of the QCWA.

Be helpful, be positive and be seen.

Georgi Westlund
North Western Division President

QCWA North Western Division Treasurers Report.

The Financial Report does not give an accurate account as there are invoices still outstanding from some branches, but owing to the disaster that effected a substantial number of members in our area, I have not put further pressure on them. We will work together and support each other and resolved this in the future. We look forward to better times ahead.

Nyssa Currin

Division Treasurer

QCWA North Western Division Secretary Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for sending in your reports in preparation for our teleconference meeting, it is much appreciated and helps greatly with the smooth running of the Division. I encourage each member to attend these meeting to get a better understanding of each level and learn more about their association. Reading your reports have been interesting and each Branch is unique as they meet the needs of their members and their communities. I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Judy Fysh

Division Secretary

QCWA North Western Division International Report

I am disappointed that my personal life and family medical and travel have meant that my mail had some difficulties in keeping up with me. I apologise that the information sent to me was always where I wasn't, and wasn't distributed to Branches. Not like Lithuania which always had to be prepared for the political assaults which happened on a regular basis over many centuries. Its geographical position is not unlike our beloved Division, surrounded by lots of other places.

However, I do attend to numerous matters wherever I am, and am heavily involved in representing health matters and service delivery to our north west region, hoping to have partnership arrangements with Country Kitchens and other service delivery organisations to continue to improve healthy lifestyle choices to prevent and assist chronic diseases.

I would like to mention that I would strongly suggest that, whilst we have many challenges at home, through the ACWW organisation and membership we can extend the good works that CWA does nationally. I recently visited several Pacific countries and came home secure in the knowledge that we are a lucky country because there are pathways to solutions here. Thank God for the QCWA and the activities we as an organisation, embrace and act up. I acknowledge and appreciate the profile that is being publicly developed and marketed by President Christine King and the executive, and which is being noticed everywhere. It is genuinely effective.

I wondered about the value of the information of diseases we are given. However, I was able to pass along information about Lyme's disease. At a visit to an eye surgeon I discovered that he had developed a solution with honey as part of the mixture (natural antibiotic) for good eye health. These activities in QCWA certainly raise awareness to things around us and keep us in touch with the wider communities.

QCWA is a most worthwhile organisation in which to be involved for the friendship, support and activities it brings to our lives and which we can share on. I congratulate our Division on the success it has achieved and each Branch in their own way doing what is needed locally.

Annie Clarke.

Division International Officer.

QCWA North Western Division Marketing and Publicity Report

My first event as Media Officer was when Boulia QCWA Branch received \$10,000 from Telstra, when they visited Boulia. This money was to go towards the PRCF. The branch held a sausage sizzle with salads from the Country Kitchens on the 15th of October last year, at the Boulia Shire Council Hall to promote this event.

I shared the Q Fever Media Release throughout our division in May 2019.

Also in May, the North Western Division Facebook page became active. Since then the sharing on and from the page has been active and strong basically every day. We have 280 followers, so far, and a reach of over 2000 per week on average. Georgi Westlund and myself are the admins of the page. The post on “Scone Day” had 13 shares and a reach of over 1600 by itself.

Thanks
Ann Britton
NWD MO

QCWA Country Kitchens Report.

It is pleasing to see 6 of our Branches in the Division promoting the Country Kitchen programme in varying ways within their branches and out in their communities.

Boulia Branch has held showcases at their Spring Fair and Mother’s Day Morning tea to name a few and have commenced a community garden with the planting of fruit trees. Copper City Mount Isa Branch have commenced a Community Gardens and their produce has been used by community groups and community members. Cloncurry Branch has commenced cooking classes on a shoestring with young school leavers partnering with North West Remote Health dietician to deliver these classes. Hughenden Branch members handed out promotional information at their local show. Julia Creek and Nelia Branches Country Kitchen Committee have cooked a meal for the Lions ladies and a Bush dinner as well as showcases at library to mums and bubs group and First Five Forever event highlighting the Country Kitchens 5 key

messages , Get more Fruit and Vegetables into your meals , Cook at Home, Beware of sugar in your Drinks, Sit less Move More and check your portion size.

Look forward to seeing what we can all achieve together in the next year.

Judy Fysh

CK Facilitator.

QCWA Branch Presidents Reports

QCWA Boulia Branch

QCWA Boulia Branch has faced many new challenges during the 2018-2019 year; but has overcome; and is again, looking to brightly shine in service for the Boulia District in 2019-2020.

The outcomes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting held on 04 August 2018 were perplexing, but not insurmountable. The Branch failed to form an Executive Committee; but after receiving guidance from North-Western Division, it was decided that the current Executive would continue to the 2019 Annual General Meeting with the President, Mrs Kaylene Sloman and the Secretary, Mrs Linda Welldon extending their terms; and undertaking dual roles of Vice-Presidents and Acting President and Acting Secretary respectively.

This strategy encountered a challenge when the Acting President, Mrs Kaylene Sloman vacated her roles in February 2019. However, the Branch moved forward without a President-elect. Consequently, the decision was taken that, until the 2019 Annual General Meeting, the Branch's existing Executive Committee's Vice-Presidents (Mrs Linda Welldon and Ms June Lithgow), would manage the Branch with the support of the other Executive Committee Office Bearers.

For myself personally, it has been a challenge but a rewarding experience as these learning opportunities have enhanced my abilities to manage and understand the more intricate responsibilities of these roles. I had had no prior experience as a Vice-President with a President's responsibilities alongside my A/Secretary duties. The North-Western Division President, Ms Georgie Westlund has been my mentor in this

respect. Locally, the Branch's retired President, Mrs Kaylene Sloman has also offered her wealth of knowledge to assist me with the ongoing management of the Branch. I thank both Georgie and Kaylene for their ongoing guidance and support despite encountering their own QCWA and personal challenges this past year.

The Branch has a membership of 11. The members actively encourage the community to become involved with the QCWA. Unfortunately, attendance at meetings has been impacted because of the individual member's various commitments such as managing their properties during times of drought and the associated trials; and others with their busy lives. To facilitate more regular attendance by members, the decision was taken to only hold six (6) formal meetings per year.

The Branch was recognised in the 2019 Australia Day Awards for its service to the Boulia Community by a Community Organisation; and was awarded "Organisation of the Year".

All members of the Branch are working members so it is difficult for members to participate, however we must not lose sight of the words of our organisation's Founding President, Mrs Ruth Fairfax, *"The thing for us to realise is that we all belong to the human family; sooner or later we must realise this, and what we do in the spirit of love counts more than we know. We should keep this before us and work together"*

All the Boulia Community activities that the Branch has become involved with over the past year have been successful. For example: -

QCWA Boulia Spring Fair

Christmas Hampers for the needy and/or elderly

Mother's Day Market and Australia's Biggest Morning Tea (Cancer Council Queensland)

Community Christmas Market

On 24 November 2018, the Branch Members gathered for lunch at the Maxie's Café for the Annual Christmas Celebrations.

Members, in service to the Boulia district have been helping other Boulia Community organisations facilitate functions, and have given freely of their time and talents: -

Boulia Family Fun Day for Domestic Violence; and

RFDS Car Rally (30 Anniversary).

The Country Kitchens Program was showcased at the Boulia Spring Fair on Saturday 25 August 2018 including a visit to Boulia by the inaugural Country Kitchens Northern Region, Health Promotion Team Leader, Ms Gina Champion and the newly appointed, Northern Region Country Kitchens Regional Facilitator, Mrs Judy Fysh.

On the evening of 15 October, 2018 Mrs Kaylene Sloman, A/President, accepted a \$10,000 cheque from Telstra's Drought Funding Initiative (\$100,000 being distributed throughout the State) at a community BBQ event where healthy salads were well-received by the community; and the "In My Country Kitchen" cookbook was again on display and copies were sold.

The 2019 Mother's Day Market and Biggest Morning Tea (Saturday, 11 May, 2019), gave the Country Kitchens Program some more exposure to the community with some healthy muffins (pear and date) and pineapple and carrot slice were available for testing by everyone.

The weather at the time of Mother's Day Market was more favourable for the distribution of the Happier Healthier Kitchen Garden packs. These packs were enthusiastically received by attendees with an interest in gardening. Some children happily took seeds for their gardens.

At all community events, the cookery books; "In My Country Kitchen" and the traditional "Bundaberg Cookbook" have been very saleable. No event that the Branch participates in, fails to sell QCWA cookery books.

The longevity of the Branch is being impacted by its remote location, and the ever-changing demographic. The message contained in the QCWA's Founding President, Mrs Ruth Fairfax's speech at the inaugural conference gives us a sound and relational message: "*.....for in each place that it exists some useful work is done for the district – the greatest, I think, being that it has brought women together irrespective of*

class, creed and politics and being together not only brings us happiness, but working in co-operation makes us able to do good work.”

Boulia Branch’s future direction should be strategically underpinned by the innate ethos of the QCWA’s Motto “.... Service to the Country; Through Country Women; For Country Women; By Country Women.”

It has been my honour to be an Acting President / Vice-President / Acting Secretary and Country Kitchens Facilitator over the past year, and most importantly, a QCWA Member in service for the Boulia District and the sustainability of the QCWA Boulia Branch.

Linda Welldon

A/President / Vice-President and A/Secretary

QCWA Cloncurry Branch

Friendship, Community, Connection – three words that to me, embody the spirit of the QCWA.

It has been my privilege to be the President of the Cloncurry QCWA and to take the time to prepare this report and reflect on the wonderful and wondrous ways in which this little Branch has been able to work within our community and bring Friendship, Community and Connection to those that they touch.

We have achieved so much this last year. I start by reflecting on the awful and devastating floods of February 2019 and the response and support received from near and far. The donations and offers of support initially overwhelmed us all. In quick fashion, we were organized and distributing care packs, clothing, food, homemade quilts, crafting packs and so much more. We provided clothes drying and washing assistance, cabin fever playgroups and our regular activities. We also worked with many local groups as part of community fundraisers and events. Our work will continue as we plan and host events and ways to support and nurture our community as we work our way towards recovery.

The last year also saw many achievements – our regular Uke Group, Sip n Sew and Creative Play continued with rising participation. Our Uke Group took out the winning

position in the Christmas Festival Talent Quest and our Creative Play team was well represented in our local Show. We commenced a community choir who sang at the Christmas Festival and have also established a board game library and a local group hosts regular games evenings which are well attended.

As our country of study was Germany and we hosted an Oktoberfest– with terrific costumes and food. The costumes were made by our sewing group and the food prepared by our members.

We continued to support our community and offered our home to local Health groups for workshops and many local groups continue to utilize our facility for their meetings other activities.

And so much more.

I am always humbled to be a part of this wonderful group of women who work in Friendship, Community, and Connection toward making our community a richer and more vibrant place and I look forward to the adventures and joys of the coming year.

Sarah Harvey

President

Cloncurry QCWA Branch

QCWA Copper City Branch Mount Isa

This will be a short report as I have been away off and on for the last six months.

Copper City has a wonderful project in the Community Garden. This has had its success over the past year. But as always it is a struggle to maintain such projects as this is a very transient town. The garden has been flourishing and bearing gorgeous looking vegetables and herbs. There are fruit trees and an Olive Tree amongst others. We have put so much work into this project and the community has been on board and donating goods and labour. Also, the Men's Shed has also been making potting benches and the shed door. The fence has been done by Little Creative Kids. They

have painted the fence, but it still not quite finished. The girls who were part of this project have left town and of course we are struggling to get more members. In saying that there are still people interested in joining this group.

The last 12 months we raised quite a few dollars through our catering. Government organisations, Women's Health and the Queensland Police Service were a few of our bookings.

I am sorry to say Country Kitchens has not been utilised here, as in Demonstrations. Once again, I am the only Facilitator and could not get anyone else on board. We did use a lot of the CK recipes for our catering and also when we did community morning tea.

We still hire the hall to the Mount Isa School of Dance six days a week.

Part of our community engagement we donate the use of our hall to the North West Mental Health Service, this is utilised once a month.

We also are involved with Headspace, through donating cakes and scones to their Coffee Corner on a Friday morning. Although not very often this year as we do not have many members. At the moment we are engaged with them regarding the Community Garden, they have a group of young people interested.

The committee has laid new floor covering to part of the back building. Also, various repairs have been done.

Many members have left town and also a few members have health issues, so this is a bit of a struggle.

I would also add that it is very hard to have any members take a role on the committee.

Judy Martyr

Branch President

Copper City Mount Isa Branch

QCWA Gregory Branch

Good morning Ladies, It is my pleasure to present my QCWA presidents report for the 2018 – 2019 year for Gregory Branch.

I would like to start my acknowledging the unique and amazing ladies in our branch, who may have to travel up to 2 hours in some cases to attend meetings. Their dedication and commitment never ceases to amaze me, and it is my privilege to be president of this branch.

Our annual fundraiser, the Gregory Downs horse sports was as successful as ever. Our local businesses are ever supportive of this event and the community got behind us as always to make it the fun day it always is. Time and again I have heard the young ones say it is the best day of the year and it didn't disappoint.

We marked Annie Backhaus' departure from the district, although the business is still in the area, and Annie remains part of our branch, we miss her smiling face at our meetings although she still remains an active member and we appreciate Annie's input.

•So many of our local children went off to boarding school this year and we marked their going with a cake and well wishes at the mini school. We support their families through this often-difficult time and wished the kids well as they take the next step in their education journey.

Our esteemed secretary Annie Clarke became the country kitchens facilitator for our branch, we didn't receive a visit from them this year, but hopefully will get to see the girls again this year.

We said goodbye to another branch member, our international officer Kimberley Arnold went off to pastures new. Kimberley has been very dedicated in her role and we had many wonderful times learning about other parts of the world, eating their cuisine and watching the many hours of hard work with videos and power point of the many customs and cultures of other countries.

We remain active in environmental issues through Megan Munchenberg our environmental officer. Megan wears many caps in this space and we are very lucky to have her expertise and guidance in this role.

As everyone is aware, some of our members were impacted by the horrific flooding event and subsequent disastrous results. We were able to fund care packs through another local group the lower gulf community group. Our members are all part of that group and we spent a most enjoyable day composing the care packs and organising the posting. I believe sometimes all it takes is a get together like that to realise the importance of unity and coming together in friendship.

I would also like to acknowledge our enthusiastic and committed division members. They are a pleasure to work with and have amazing patience with this president who is often late or cannot attend the meetings, I appreciate everything you do ladies.

Again, thank you for another wonderful year,

Yours in friendship

Tess Arnold

President

Gregory Branch

QCWA Hughenden Branch

Welcome to members and guests, especially Paul Franzmann who presides over our AGM as Returning Officers and discharges these duties annually. This year we welcome new arrivals to our community, the Flinders Shire Council CEO Darryl Birchingham, who has graciously accepted our invitation to be our Guest Speaker and share our hospitality. We also extend a warm welcome to his wife Amanda, whose nursing talents will be an asset to our local

During the year we have continued to support local organizations from our sound financial base. We thank our Treasurer, Cecilia McNamara for keeping finances under control. We are fortunate to have a regular income from our rental emergency accommodation hall hire and a trust fund set up by the late Mr. Claude Bowden. This year we were the recipients of fund directed to us by several donors and directed specifically to assist local people affected by drought, flood and allied problems. We distributed these funds to those we considered in genuine need.

Our first major sponsorship was to the Country Music Festival in July 18 a major event for the Shire. We also provided Bursaries to the local schools, as well as cash payments to St Vincent de Paul, The Salvation Army, Rosie's Friends on the Streets and the local Emergency Services Christmas Raffle.

Our Christmas Dinner was held at Judy's Coffee Lounge and we thank Judy and Warren Wall for their excellent catering and venue. The Rental Property continues to be occupied by Dr. Cathy Rotos' staff member. The Meeting Room and Emergency Accommodation has been utilized and has required replacement of items of bedding and ongoing maintenance. We managed to obtain funding to replace some items including curtains for the main windows.

We participated in Anzac Commemorations by attending the Main Parade and Wreath Laying. We were Gold Sponsors at the recent Annual Show.

We provided our meeting room for judging of Photography and donated cash prizes, tea towels and QCWA book books to encourage Junior Exhibitors. Several of our members manned the QCWA information display in the Trade Pavilion at the Show and conducted a raffle to benefit the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Photos were emailed to our Division President for mention in "Ruth" our QCWA magazine. One of our Vice Presidents donated the voucher of the meat Raffle Thank you Beth Kendall. The other Vice President, Beth McDonald continues to negotiate funding and arrange other details with the artist, the finer details of murals to be erected at Prairie, to encourage tourism and interest in our organization. WE received valued assistance from Flinders Council and is an ongoing project depending on grants.

During the year, several of our members have had to deal with severe medical and surgical issues and we admire their ability to maintain their participation in our Branch. We what we can--- when we can! We continue to endeavor to increase our membership but the Weather Gods had other ideas! We continue our meetings on second Wednesday of the month, with Morning Tea and a Shared lunch. We invite others to join us, with the reminder that men are welcome as "Friends of QCWA".

The QCWA has operated for over 97 years and we thank those who have assisted us in any way, and look forward to another successful year. Thank You.

I move that my Presidents Report be accepted.

Olive O'Connor

Branch President

Hughenden.

QCWA Julia Creek Branch

QCWA McKinlay Branch

McKinlay QCWA Branch members still have a passion and respect for our Branch and members. One too many droughts with loss of stock and huge feeding prices almost wiped us out! Everyone lost a lot of stock a lot of fences and damage to their buildings when the big rain came! It has taken time and energy to get back on our feet.

Our Hall is in good shape and will be the hub of activity again in years to come. It is in a good spot and has purpose in our town, holding lots of good memories for everyone.

I thank our treasurer. Mrs. Pat Young for her hard work in keeping us up to date with everything and in the black! WE will be holding our Christmas Party with gifts for the children, as usual and hope the district can come along for a fun night and barbeque in the Park.

Pauline Fegan

Branch President

McKinlay

QCWA Nelia Branch

This annual report finds us almost 7 months into a truly challenging year for all our members and our wider Nelia and Julia Creek communities. We are almost 5 months past an unprecedented, catastrophic flooding event which has left many difficulties to face for our properties, our businesses and our personal lives. More than ever we are heads down and busy working, but I have never felt a stronger sense of our community working together as we did through February. We are certainly a resilient community.

I found it hard to write this report as so much has happened that CWA related activities have very much taken a back seat to vastly more important issues. Events that happened last year seem long ago after the life changing events of earlier this year.

Looking back to our major events for the year, several members were able to help the Sedan Dip Campdraft and Rodeo committee as we worked the bar on the Friday night in return for a donation to our branch, and we will do so again next month when the Sedan Dip weekend comes around. I think it is important for community groups to help each other out and we all get to have a bit of fun doing it.

Our mosaic artwork was completed late last year and hung on our building. It has taken the shape of a 1920's lady's silhouette and the detail is incredible, gold threads through her hair, representations of our local industry and landscape are depicted on her clothes, and a Christmas tree on her belt signifying our traditional, annual celebration. Lady Edith, named after our founding president, Mrs. Edith Ranclaud, was featured in the Ruth magazine earlier this year. Our 2018 Christmas tree event was again the highlight of our branch calendar, with kids and adults enjoying a relaxed evening. Unfortunately, some planned works for our hall were not completed as hoped last year and have been further put back since the flood.

A rain event which began in late January and continued for 2 weeks, delivered well in excess of 650 mm of rainfall to the north west Queensland area. Our entire district became an inland sea and the QCWA Nelia hall was flooded, 3 louvres up inside the building. QCWA buildings in Townsville were also affected and multiple insurance claims are progressing throughout the northern region. Our hall is set to receive building works to restore the walls, floor, kitchen and bathrooms, this will hopefully

begin in August. Our branch can then go about replacing contents and celebrate another Nelia Christmas Tree at the end of the year.

Australia is a land of extremes and while our properties were flooded, many regions to the far south continued to battle drought and bush fires were raging. Our thoughts go out to all fellow Country Women's Association branches and their communities who have suffered and continue to suffer through difficulties. It seems the words of the creed "I would be strong for there is much to suffer" continue to be lived out for another year.

Since the flood our branch has been overwhelmed with support from far and wide including various QCWA branches, The Anglican Church of England School in Brisbane, Rotary Tully, and the Young Women's Christian Association from near Cairns. This support will go directly to families and individuals of the Nelia community affected by the flood. Each donation to our branch was accompanied with a note expressing how much people are thinking of us, they are hopeful they have helped in some way, and they urge us to keep going through these tough times. With so many strangers urging us to keep going surely, we can put one foot in front of the other and keep the wheels in motion. Our branch is blessed with a full executive, and membership totaling 12. Though our numbers seem to be on the small side and our enthusiasm wanes at times, we are all friends and we are all in this together. It was with great pleasure we welcomed two new babies to the district last year, Sigrid Bjurstrom and Florence Lord. Looking forward we have decided to only host 1 bush dinner this year, at a relatively busy time of the tourist season so our fundraising should stay strong. When our building works are complete, we will plan another Christmas Tree for the community. And hopefully we will be blessed with just our average rainfall this wet season.

I would like to thank all members who keep this branch going, it is a testament to the strength of our Nelia community.

Catherine Woodhouse

Branch President

QCWA Normanton Branch

2019 Has been another busy year for the Normanton QCWA Branch.

This year with the devastating floods in the North West of the State, as a branch we have pledged to donate as much as our fundraising funds as possible to Public Rural Crisis fund. Our refurbished room is now functional again and looks amazing, it has been long overdue and all members are so proud of how it came together.

The Township of Normanton was spared however the flood devastated surrounding properties and all roads were cut into town for approximately 3 weeks. During this time our branch assisted a couple of young gents who were stranded in town on the way to the NT for work.

Our monthly markets held at the Shire Hall have gone from strength to strength with a variety of stalls on offer from clothes, plants, pottery, mosaics, jewellery and second hand goods. We have a lot of tourist in the region who attend and books have been a popular choice of purchase. This year our members have also been baking for the Markets with our yummy biscuits, cakes and slices proving very popular.

The branch again catered for the morning tea held after the ANZAC service which again had a large attendance and appreciated by members of the Community.

Just before the Rodeo in June the branch received boxes of Jeans/Shoes & Shirts donated by Blaze-Aid after they had been to the Burke & Wills Camp draft, as a result we were able to sell them out of the CWA room with the profits pledged to the Public Rural Crisis Fund.

The Normanton Rodeo and Show was held 7-9 June 2019, our branch again looked after the Show shed and all the show entries, this would not be possible without the tireless preparation completed by our members Irene and Barbara to whom we are immensely grateful to. All available members also worked in helping the Judging and manning the show shed when it was open. Also, a special mention too our Members Barbara and Joyce who took part in the Rodeo parade, the theme this year was 'Paint the town Red' with them winning the Best Individual Costume award.

Although we are now attending our AGM, we have a few events still to go until Christmas Holidays.

It is an honour to be President of such a small but dedicated branch where all members that are available for events run by the branch attend and work tirelessly for the benefit our community.

A special mention to Irene and Barbara for their dedication to running the Arts & Craft shed which offers crafts such as card making, pottery, glass making, mosaics, jewellery making each weekend. Barbara also teaches classes during the week to different Community Groups when requested. Their own work is on display at the shed and at the markets and they are exquisite.

Our membership increases and decreases with people coming and leaving town, we always strive to attract new members by spruiking at our events and encouraging members to bring any potential new members to a meeting.

This year alone our members have volunteered approx. 1000 hours which equates to a monetary value of \$25000.

Jacki Carter

Branch President

Normanton

QCWA Richmond Branch

With numbers gradually declining we began the 2018/2019 year with a very small membership. I am very proud to say that we have all worked diligently to meet our hall rental commitments, carry out fund-raising activities and complete our office bearer duties as required.

This was never more evident during the flood crisis early in 2019.

During the flooding crisis, our branch was able to offer assistance in numerous ways. The Restrooms were utilized by the Army as well as stranded travelers who were in need of accommodation. Food vouchers were also issued to stranded travelers / truck drivers who were unable to access their personal funds at this time.

In times of disaster, I am always amazed by the generosity that is shown throughout the country. I now have first-hand experience of speaking with these wonderful people when the many offers of monetary donations were so generously given. I was very moved when I received phone calls from individual people, service organizations and businesses from all around Queensland as well as from inter-state, all promising donations to be used by the Branch as assist as needed, any shire residents who were affected during the flooding. On behalf of all Richmond Branch members, I would like to sincerely thank all of those people who donated so generously at this time.

We continue to support the Richmond State School with a book and voucher donation for the 'QCWA Quiet Achievers Award' for presentation during their Annual awards Presentation Night and we again joined with the Richmond Lions Club to host the Annual Combined Services Christmas Party in the park. Branch members also participated in the local ANZAC Day Parade and wreath laying ceremony. Our fund-raising events throughout the year included catering for the Thursday Night Caravan Park Dinners.

Our rest-rooms continue to be hired out on a regular basis, having some permanent monthly bookings throughout the year. Causal bookings are also happening when there are major events on during the year. We were notified that we were successful in our application for funding through The Gambling Community Benefit Fund. The money is being used to complete renovations to the Restrooms. This will include painting of the bedrooms and the hallway area, a bathroom upgrade and new furnishings. We were also successful in obtain funding from the Richmond Shire Council to put towards the renovations as well. Our most grateful thanks go to the Council for their continued support of our branch.

I would like to offer my thanks to all branch members for their continued support and work for the branch and please know that I am very proud of the efforts contributed by all members throughout the year. I would especially thank Mary and Bethea for their continued efforts. I truly do understand that what you do for the Branch is not an easy undertaking and I thank you both for the time and effort that you give to CWA.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all branches in the North West continued success throughout the coming year and I hope you enjoy your time in Richmond if attending the Divisional AGM in August.

Finally, it was with great sadness that I will now be resigning as President and leaving the Branch. I have many, many fond memories of my time as a member of this

wonderful branch and I am truly grateful for the opportunities I have had to work with a group of really wonderful women. Thank you.

Warm regards

Janice Rowlands

Branch President

Richmond

QCWA Julia Creek Branch

Julia Creek QCWA - Presidents 2019 Report

This last twelve months have been an extremely busy time for the members of the Julia Creek branch through their participation and fundraising efforts at a number of community events, such as catering for Bush Dinners, making Christmas cakes and rum/apricot balls for the community to purchase at the McKinlay Shire Christmas Tree. The branch also continued the tradition of providing the ANZAC Day luncheon for those returned service men/women and invited guests.

Due to the Monsoonal Trough dumping rain over the North West Region cutting the town of Julia Creek off with flood waters from the 1st February the branch opened its doors to cater for stranded truck drivers and travellers for nearly two weeks providing a safe place for people to have breakfast for a gold coin donation, shower and wash their cloths. We thank the kind generosity of numerous individuals and groups that sent cheques or deposited their donations directly to the Julia Creek QCWA disaster fund for the branch to distribute to those most affected by the flood waters and loss of stock.

The branch successfully operated the new Julia Creek Tea Room for ten weeks during the 2018 and from the start of the 2019 tourist season have catered for the numerous Grey Nomads and travellers visiting and travelling through Julia Creek. We also hosted a number of politicians such as the Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, Federal Minister Bob Katter, State Tourism Minister Kate Jones, Mr Mark

Furner Agricultural Minister, Fiona Simpson and Ann Lahey to name a few who visited.

I would like to sincerely thank the Julia Creek members for their hard work and for closely working as a team to make the Tea Room a successful fundraising venue and their support of all projects the branch has participated in during the past year and a special thank you goes to the Division Executive for their support and encouragement over the last year.

Lyn Clout

President