



BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

Agenda

Friday 22 August 2025



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Mr Shane Gray
Chief Executive Officer

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COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

ALGA	Australian Local Government Association
BSC	Boulia Shire Council
CWRPMG	Central West Regional Pest Management Group
DDMG	District Disaster Management Group (Mt Isa)
DRFA	Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements
DTMR/TMR	Department of Transport and Main Roads
IPWEA	Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (NAMS.Plus)
LDMG	Local Disaster Management Group
LGAQ	Local Government Association of Queensland
LGMA	Local Government Managers Association
ManEX	Managers and Executive
NAMS.Plus	Asset Management System from IPWEA
OHDC	Outback Highway Development Council
ORRG	Outback Regional Road Group
ORRTG	Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group
OQTA	Outback Queensland Tourism Association
PPR	Project Proposal Report
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

RISK MANAGEMENT

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

Risk Identification: Identify and prioritise reasonably foreseeable risks associated with activities, using the agreed risk methodology.

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

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

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

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

1 Meeting Opening with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

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

The Mayor will also acknowledge past and present service personnel.

2 Present

Councillors: Councillor Eric (Rick) Britton
Councillor Sam Beauchamp
Councillor Jack Neilson
Councillor Jan Norton
Councillor Julie Woodhouse

Officers: Mr Shane Gray (Chief Executive Officer)
Mrs Kaylene Sloman (Director of Corporate & Financial Services)
Mr Gordon Magann (Director of Works and Operations)
Miss Lily Williams (Executive Assistant)

3 Apologies / Leave of Absence

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

4 Declaration of Interests

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

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

5 Mayoral Minutes

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

6 Notice of Motion

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

7 Request to Address Council in a Public Forum

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 Petitions

This item of the agenda allows a Councillor or Council Officer to present a petition to a meeting of the local government.

Where a petition is presented, no debate in relation to it will be allowed, and the only motion which may be moved is:

- that the petition be received
- received and referred to a committee or officer for consideration and a report to the Council, or
- not be received because it is deemed invalid.

9 Deputations

A deputation wishing to attend and address a meeting of the Council shall apply in writing to the CEO not less than seven (7) business days before the meeting.

The CEO, on receiving an application for a deputation, shall notify the Chairperson who will determine whether the deputation may be heard. The CEO will inform the deputation of the determination in writing. Where it has been determined the deputation will be heard, a convenient time will be arranged for that purpose, and an appropriate time period allowed (e.g. 15 minutes).

For deputations comprising three or more persons, only three persons shall be at liberty to address the Council meeting unless the Councillors at the meeting determine otherwise by resolution. A deputation shall be given adequate opportunity to explain the purpose of the deputation.

If a member of the deputation other than the appointed speakers interjects or attempts to address the Council meeting, the Chairperson may terminate the deputation.

The Chairperson may terminate an address by a person in a deputation at any time where:

- the Chairperson is satisfied that the purpose of the deputation has been sufficiently explained to the Councillors at the meeting
- the time period allowed for a deputation has expired, or
- the person uses insulting or offensive language or is derogatory towards Councillors or others.

The CEO is responsible for the deputation including that the appointed speaker/s are notified in writing of developments or future actions as appropriate.

10 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

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



BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING of the Boulia Shire Council held on Wednesday 23 July 2025 commencing at 9:00 am

1 Meeting Opening with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

Please note:

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The Mayor opened the meeting at 10:11 am.

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 and declaration of contact with or engagement of lobbyists.

2 Present

Councillors: Councillor Eric (Rick) Britton
Councillor Sam Beauchamp
Councillor Jack Neilson
Councillor Jan Norton
Councillor Julie Woodhouse

Officers: Mr Shane Gray (Chief Executive Officer)
Mrs Kaylene Sloman (Director of Corporate & Financial Services)

3 Apologies / Leave of Absence

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

4 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest relevant to reports at this meeting.

5 Mayoral Minutes

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

6 Notice of Motion

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

7 Request to Address Council in a Public Forum

There were no requests to address the Council.

8 Petitions

There were no petitions presented to Council.

9 Deputations

There were no deputations to Council.

10 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Norton

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on June 18th 2025 and the Budget Meeting held on June 18th 2025 be accepted.

Resolution No.: 2025/07.1

Carried

11 Reports

11.1 Works and Operations

TITLE:	Works Manager - June 2025 Report	DOC REF: 11.1.1
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PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Works Department in line with the Council works program for June 2025.

Moved: Cr Woodhouse

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

That Council receive the Works Manager June 2025 Report for information.

Resolution No.: 2025/07.2

Carried

TITLE:	Foreman Town Services and Utilities Report June 2025	DOC REF: 11.1.2
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PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Town Department during the month of June 2025.

Moved: Cr Norton

Seconded: Cr Britton

That Council receive the Foreman Town Services and Utilities June 2025 Report for information.

Resolution No.: 2025/07.3

Carried

TITLE:	Foreman Roads, Construction and Maintenance Report for June 2025	DOC REF: 11.1.3
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PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Works Department in line with the Council works program for June 2025.

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

That Council receive the Foreman Roads, Construction and Maintenance June 2025 Report for information.

Resolution No.: 2025/07.4

Carried

TITLE:	Rural Lands Protection Officer JUNE 2025 Report	DOC REF: 11.1.4
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PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Britton

That the Rural Lands Protection Officer report for June 2025 be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2025/07.5

Carried

TITLE:	QRA Flood Damage Works Department June 2025	DOC REF: 11.1.5
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PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Flood Damage Program for June 2025.

Moved: Cr Norton

Seconded: Cr Britton

That the QRA Flood Damage Works Department June 2025 Report be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2025/07.6

Carried

11.2 Office of the Chief Executive

TITLE:	Chief Executive Officers Report June 2025	DOC REF: 11.2.1
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PURPOSE:

To advise Council of relevant activities undertaken through the office of the CEO.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Norton

That the CEO Report for June 2025 be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2025/07.7

Carried

TITLE:	Action List Update June 2025	DOC REF: 11.2.2
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PURPOSE:

To present to Council an updated Action List.

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Britton

That Council receive the Action List update for May 2025 for information.

Resolution No.: 2025/07.8

Carried

TITLE:	WHS Report June 2025	DOC REF: 11.2.3
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PURPOSE:

To inform Council of progressions and or issues of concerning regarding WH&S. Ongoing monitoring with projects to ensure correct and completed WHS paperwork is submitted and identify potential hazards and any documentation requirement shortfalls with evidentiary documents held in Magiq and Pulse. Adopt various alerts/updates into regular Toolbox talks and training.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Woodhouse

That the Workplace Health and Safety Report for June 2025 be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2025/07.9

Carried

The meeting was adjourned for Lunch at 12:11 pm.

The meeting resumed at 12:39 pm.

11.3 Corporate Services

TITLE:	Director of Corporate & Financial Services June 2025	DOC REF: 11.3.1
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PURPOSE:

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

Moved: Cr Woodhouse

Seconded: Cr Norton

That the Director of Corporate & Financial Services June 2025 report be received for information purposes.

Resolution No.: 2025/07.10

Carried

TITLE:	Councillor Remuneration Review Clarification	DOC REF: 11.3.2
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PURPOSE:

To update Council on changes to Councillor Remuneration

Moved: *Cr Beauchamp*

Seconded: *Cr Neilson*

That Council endorse:

1. Councillors (excluding the Mayor and Deputy Mayor) to be paid salaries as per the Commission with a two third/ one third split for the 2025/26 year.
2. Mayor and Deputy Mayor agree to be paid full remuneration level as a base salary only for the 2025/26 year.
3. Delegate to the CEO to inform the tribunal of these changes.

Resolution No.: 2025/07.11

Carried

TITLE:	Financial Report for June 2025	DOC REF: 11.3.3
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PURPOSE:

Financial Summary as at 30th June 2025.

Moved: *Cr Britton*

Seconded: *Cr Beauchamp*

That the Financial Report for June 2025 be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2025/07.12

Carried

11.4 Economic and Community Development

TITLE:	Economic & Community Development Report – June 2025	DOC REF: 11.4.1
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PURPOSE:

To provide Council with an update on the activities associated with the Economic and Community Development roles.

Moved: *Cr Neilson*

Seconded: *Cr Britton*

That the Economic and Community Development Report for June 2025 be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2025/07.13

Carried

TITLE:	Min Min Encounter & Boulia Heritage Complex Report June 2025	DOC REF: 11.4.2
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PURPOSE:

To report on the day-to-day operations of the Min Min Encounter (MME) and Boulia Heritage Complex (BHC) and to promote tourism in the Shire and surrounding region.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Norton

That the Min Min Encounter & Boulia Heritage Complex Report for June 2025 be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2025/07.14

Carried

12 Closed Session

There were no Closed Session Reports presented to Council.

13 Late Reports

There were no Late Reports presented to Council.

14 General Business

Pump Park - Councillor Woodhouse suggested a Pump park be put in place for kids along with smaller jumps in Robinson Park.

15 Meeting Closure

The Mayor closed the meeting at 2:36 pm.

16 Confirmed

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

UNCONFIRMED

11 Reports

11.1 Works and Operations

TITLE:	Director of Works and Operations July 2025 Report	DOC REF: 11.1.1
REPORT BY:	Gordon Magann A/ Director Works and Operations	DATE: 14/08/2025

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 6: Supporting local services and facilities

6.2 Supporting an active healthy community

6.2.1: Encourage and promote community wellbeing, including healthy and active lifestyles

6.2.2: Maintain a high level of life by providing facilities and resources that encourage a secure, interactive and progressive community lifestyle

6.2.3: Improve disability access to facilities in each community

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Information Report only - not applicable.

PURPOSE:

To advise Council of relevant activities undertaken through the Works and Operations Directorate.

CONTENT:

I am pleased to present my report for the August 2025 meeting. Firstly, I would like to thank the CEO, Mayor and Deputy Mayor and Council officers for their warm welcome to Boulia.

Over the past two weeks I have had the opportunity to meet with Council officers and travelled much of the road network to gain an understand of road conditions and the work being undertaken to rectify flood damage pavements and drainage swales.

In addition, the CEO has devoted his personal time and provided the necessary resources to enable the accumulation of Director workload to be dealt with in a timely manner, and this work will continue for the short term.

Operations:

1. The Boulia Industrial sub-division has been reviewed to identify the works required to bring the project to completion including the scheduling of ERGON representatives to inspect the works in September 2025 for compliance with the approved Operational Works permit
2. The progress of the residential subdivision project has been reviewed, and activities have commenced to create the planning documentation for the

subdivision including the proposed layout, infrastructure and other relevant information.

3. Shepherd Services have mobilised to undertake road condition survey work using the Road Asset Condition Assessment System (RACAS) that will accurately record road condition to inform planning and budget development.

Projects:

1. Council crew has been mobilise to complete 93F Diamantina Development Road (Dajarra to Mt Isa) works.
2. ERGON has safety completed electrical supply works at the racecourse installing new pole and wires and transformer.
3. Design documentation has been completed for the Outback Way Stage 7 project to enable the next phase of the project to be initiated.
4. W4Q projects (residential subdivision and Robinson Park) have been reviewed and planning initiated to complete these projects by the due date.
5. A preliminary review of the current position of Pits and Quarry management has been initiated, and a separate briefing is proposed to inform Council of the proposed next phase of this project.
6. The TMR cycleway project inception meeting has been completed covering important aspects for the successful and timely delivery of the project.

Town Services

1. Mowing and maintaining grass verges, footpaths and parks have continued to keep the open space team busy that is likely to continue.
2. Moving forward officers will be looking to continue to maintain and improve street appearance and road markings.

Town Water Supply

1. Bore No 9 testing has continued to be sampled and analysed with testing information provided to the Regulator. It is anticipated that Bore 9 will be approved for use by the end of September.
2. Bore No 10 testing for Gross Alpha radiation has been completed and the Regulator has approved the re-commissioning of the bore supply.

Meetings/Events/Conferences/Training attended:

- RAPAD meetings
- RAPADWSA Technical Committee
- DPI meeting
- Central West Region Partnership Group (CWRPG) meeting
- Regional Waste Management Working Group (RWMWG) meeting

Future Events/Conferences/Training

Date	Activity	Attendees	Location/completed
August	Reflect Training	Depot Crews	Depot

CONSULTATION: CEO and Council staff

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the A/Director Works and Operations Report for July 2025 be received for information.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

A/Director Works and Operations	Mr Gordon Magann
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TITLE:	Works Manager - July 2025 Report	DOC REF: 11.1.2
REPORT BY:	Andrew Spyrakis Works Manager	DATE: 13/08/2025

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

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Information Report only - not applicable.

PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Works Department in line with the Council works program for July 2025.

CONTENT:

Town Services

Parks & Gardens

- During the month of July, it was business as usual with mowing and general maintenance for Parks and Gardens.
- Works were completed in the following areas on these days throughout July 2025.
 - 02/07/2025 - Robinson Park
 - 03/07/2025 - Airport
 - 04/07/2025 - Stonehouse
 - 07/07/2025 - Post Office
 - 09/07/2025 – School Safety Park
 - 10/07/2025 – Pensioner Units
 - 15/07/2025 – Robinson Park
 - 16/07/2025 – Medium Strips
 - 17/07/2025 – Min Min Encounter
 - 18/07/2025 - Main Office
 - 27/07/2025 – Pensioner Units
 - 28/07/2025 – Fire Station
 - 29/07/2025 – Sports Centre
 - 31/07/2025 - Melrose

Racecourse/Arena and Grounds

- The annual Camel Races were held between the 18th and 20th July. The grounds were well prepared, and looked great for the event. This is due to the hard work and dedication of both the new caretaker, and the entire council. The facilities served the visitors well.

- There was a new chain wire fence installed around the camping area ablution building.
- The caretaker will continue to focus on maintaining and repairing everything to ensure the grounds are ready for future events.

Town Water Supply

- In general the town water supply is operating at a normal capacity with two issues in the month of July.
 - A failure out near the wash down bay. This was solved quickly, with the facility only being out of action for a few hours.
 - One instance with a low tank alarm being activated. This was quickly resolved by starting an additional bore to offset the shortage of supply. This situation was due to residents starting to use more water for sprinklers and lawn maintenance.
- Tank Bore 10 Update – Still being reviewed and close to approval for use as town water supply.
- Bore 9 - Has now passed all testing and has been given approval to be used as part of the town water supply.

Town Sewage System

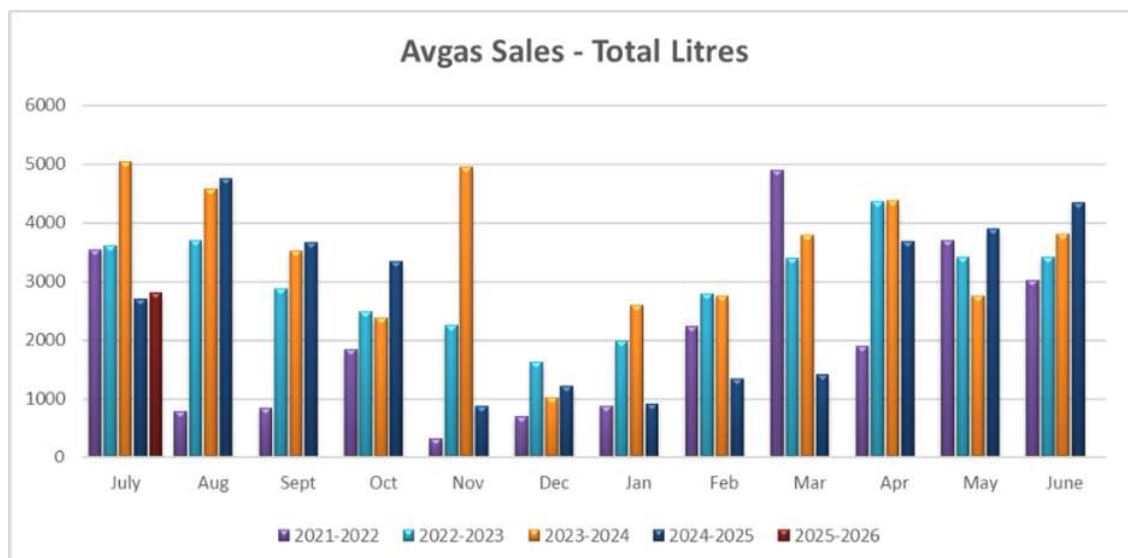
- The town sewage system has been operating at a normal capacity for the month of July with only one issue.
- The sewer main had a failure just before the Burke River in the road reserve. It was addressed and repaired quickly so there was minimal to no delay in the use of the system.

Call outs – water	1 – Wash Down Bay
Call outs – sewer	1 – Down at the River
Broken mains	Nil

Airport

- The electronic gate is now fully repaired with a new controllers.
- Jasko Airport Inspection was conducted in the month of July.
 - All lights identified as not working have now been repaired, along with all other minor items.

Number of call outs: RFDS/Life Flight Rescue	0
Avgas/Jet A1 Refuelling	Total 22



Three Mile Campground

- Three Mile Campground was maintained to a high standard over the course of July, ensuring rubbish is collected and the area is neat and tidy.
- Slashing around the area was performed making the area more pleasant for our campers coming in for the Camel Races.
- The road was also graded around the campground to ensure easy and safe navigation for visitors.

Urandangi

- Council services continues over the month of July as required.
- The team is still waiting to commence slashing around the airport, this is dependant on machinery availability.

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

Concrete Batching

- No concrete batching completed over July.

Local Shire Road Updates

- Road closures during July are as follows:

July 2025	Boulia/Dajarra	Dajarra/MtIsa	Boulia/Winton	Boulia/Bedourie	Boulia/Qld Bord.
Open	0	0	0	0	0

Closed	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted	0	0	0	0	0

July 2025	Dangi Sth	Dangi Nth	Dangi Border	Toolebuc	Coorabulka	Slashes Ck	Springvale	Selwyn
Open	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Closed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Traffic counter data is as follows:

July 2025	Road	Location	AADT*	Total All Vehicles	Total HV
	Burke St (Pool)	Boulia	427	13227	359
	Coorabulka Rd	Ch 1.20km			
	Donohue Hwy	Ch 2.50km	54	1687	315
	Donohue Hwy	Ch 201.00km (Kelly Ck)	29	896	204
	Headingly Rd	Ch 24.64km (Toby Ck)			
	Selwyn Rd	Ch 2.50km	46	1437	12
	Toolebuc Rd	Ch 0.10km	11	353	55
	Urandangie North Rd	Ch 0.04km			
	Urandangie Border Rd	Ch 9.22km			
	Urandangie South Rd				

Feral Animal Bounty Claims:

Feral Pigs	0
Feral Dogs	0
Feral Cats	0

Road Construction & Maintenance

- During the month of July, the RCM team performed heavy shoulder grading on the Cloncurry section of the Boulia to Mount Isa Road. This was completed under the Road Maintenance Performance Contract.
- Flood emergent works were also performed on the Dajarra to Mt Isa, Boulia to Dajarra, and Winton Road.



RMPC Team

- The team completed all contract works under the Road Maintenance Performance Contract, including the section at Cloncurry. These works consisted of road widening, surface correction and pot hole works.
- The final contract works for the Burke River Bridge were completed, with the installation of the new pedestrian kerb dividers and road reflectors.
- Other works carried out in the month of July included some emergent works by way of cold mix patching on all three state roads, and a street repair in Pituri St after a water service main failed in June.

Plant & Machinery

- The Isuzu 4.5T All-Wheel Drive truck for our RLPO is currently being fitted out for the new spray tank and dog box. All fabrication is mostly complete, we are just waiting on some quick release latches to be delivered for the final fit out.
- All other plant and machinery performed with minimal issues and no break downs during the month of July.

CONSULTATION:
NIL

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:
All work completed within budget allocations

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council receive the Works Manager June 2025 Report for information.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Mr Shane Gray
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TITLE:	Rural Lands Protection Officer JULY 2025 Report	DOC REF: 11.1.3
REPORT BY:	Graham Smerdon Rural Lands Protection Officer	DATE: 15/08/2025

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

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Information Report only - not applicable.

PURPOSE:

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

CONTENT:

RLPO:

The month was a mix bag of thing's to deal with getting the camping area outside the racecourse reserve slashed for when the tourists start to arrive and set up to camp for the camel races.

Street patrols and putting Grasland pellets out around some pest weed bushes. I spent some time driving the streets in the evening using the Exploder Cartridges that I use to keep the birds of the Runway for REX to land chasing the corellas out of town to stop them from chewing on the power lines and causing more black out's, this has worked but may need to start again as they are slowing starting to come back in only in small numbers at this time.

TOWN COMMON:

There have been some very small falls of rain this month but not enough to make any difference to the feed on the common.
What dry feed there is on the common holding up well.

PONY/CAMEL PADDOCKS:

We are still waiting for the road from Selwyn Rd up to the Solar Panels fence to be completed and the fence along this road to be built, and the new water trough to be put in before the two camels that are in the Pony paddock to be returned to the paddock where they belong.

DOMESTIC ANIMAL CONTROL:

With the street patrols continuing and people finally starting to do the right thing, although some people still need to be educated about their reasonable when owning a pet be it a dog or cat.
There were two complaints about dog owners not doing the right thing, the first complain was to do with a child being bitten while walking home from school the investigation has found out that the owner of the dog and the dog have since left town.

I will pass on to my counterpart in the town they have gone to, to keep a look out for this dog what it did here.

The owners of the dog are now claiming that they have lost the dog?

There were three newborn puppies surrendered as the owner of the mother didn't want the puppies, I had to destroy them as they were only three days old and too young to try and rehome them.

CWRPPG(TECHGROUP):

There has been no news from the group this month when I hear of any projects I will inform council.

WEED SPRAYING SHIRE ROADS:

Nothing has been done this month as cooler months and, on some roads, there has been roadworks done this means I haven't had to do any spraying.

RMPC:

I am now waiting for the boiler maker to make some adjustments to the new Spray unit before it goes on to the new truck.

This is to do with where the hose roll and pump are now, also there will be some changes to how the spray unit and the K9 dog Cube is going to be fitted so both the spray unit, and K9 dog cube unit can be lifted on and off more easily and quickly.

GRAVEL/BURROW PITS:

I will be around the end of September going and carrying out move inspections and were needed putting grassland pellets and spraying and Pest weeds in the Pitts.

STOCK ROUTE:

There have been no enquires about travel permits for any of the stock routes in the shire.

1080 BAITING:

There were two properties in July that had meat treated with pig strength 1080 solution with a total of 1100.5kg treated.

I will be looking at the last week in September or the first week in October for the second-round of 1080 baiting, I am happy as always to go out any time and treat meat for the properties in the shire.

CONSULTATION:
NIL

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:
NIL

RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Reviewed by Director of Works and Operations	Mr Henry Mascarenhas
Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Mr Shane Gray

TITLE:	QRA Flood Damage Department July 2025	DOC REF: 11.1.4
REPORT BY:	Gordon Stumbris Consultant Works Overseer	DATE: 15/08/2025

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

Key Priority 4: Caring for the environment

4.2: Resilient

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

RISK MANAGEMENT:

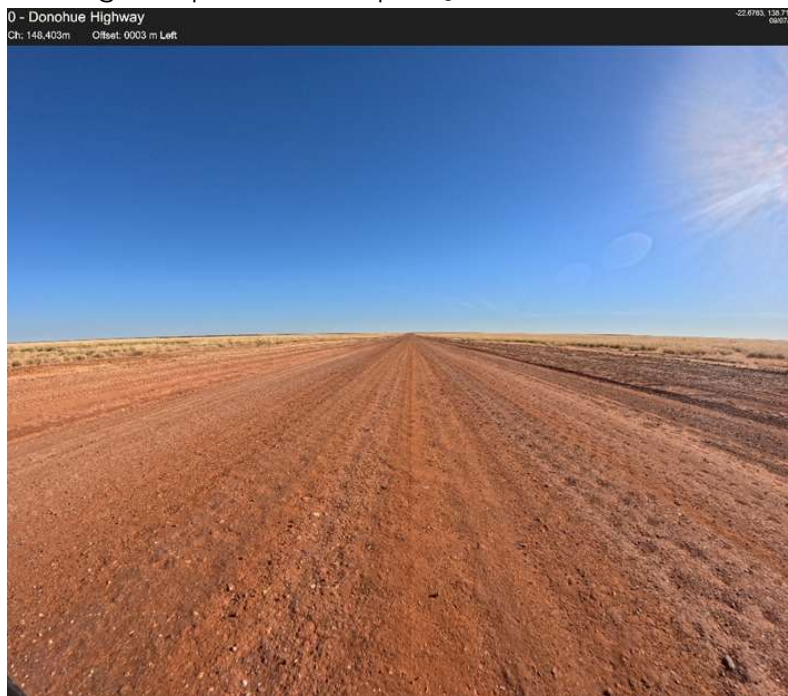
Information Report only - not applicable.

PURPOSE:

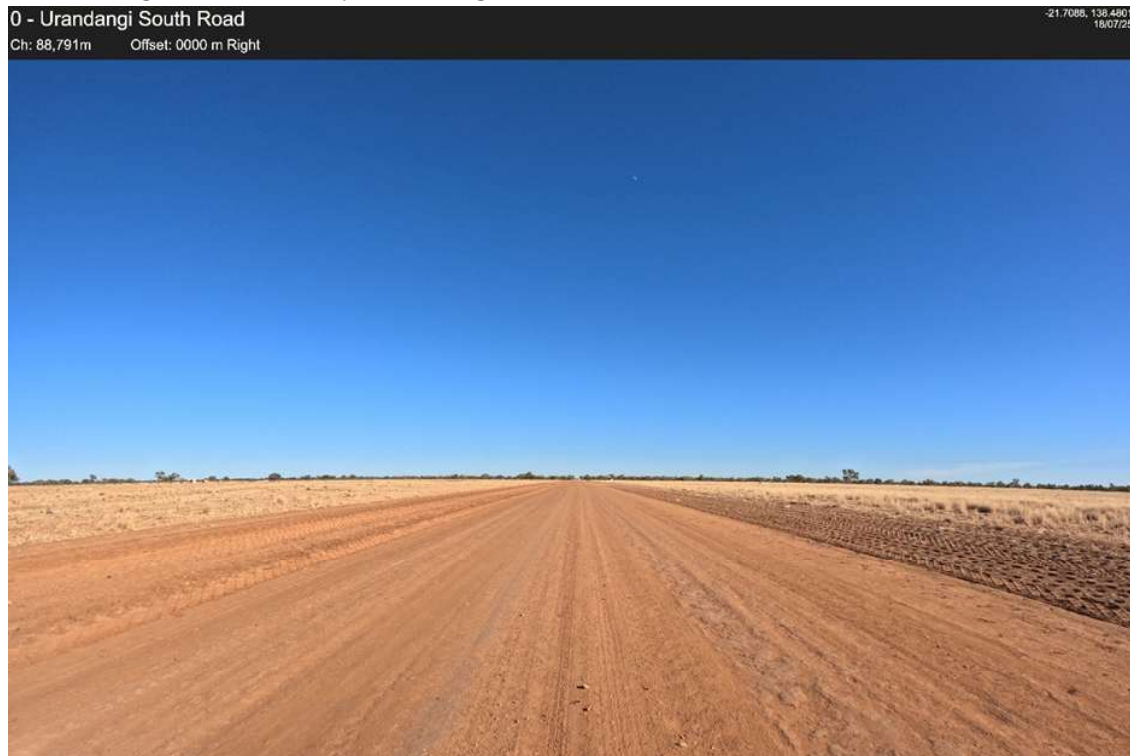
To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Flood Damage Program for July 2025.

CONTENT: REPA Works – Kirrily – BoSC.0042.2324U.REC (Western Submission) \$5,667,317.91

- **Mixed Crew 1** are working on the Donohue Highway, heavy formation grading has now been completed (67km) with the crew now placing new gravel pavement as per QRA recommendations.

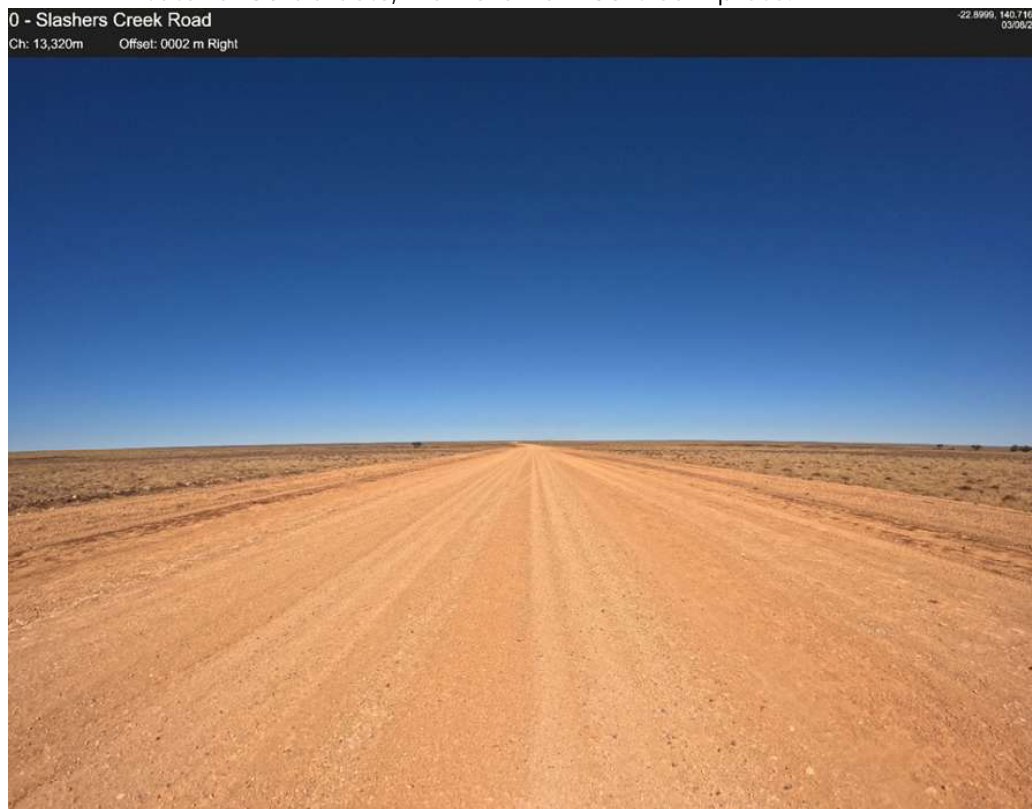


- **Harris A & B** are working on Urandangi South Road, all 141 defects are medium formation grading. With a scheduled completion date of end of August. Weather permitting.



REPA Works – Kirrily – BoSC.0038.2324U.REC (South Submission) \$1,091,734.44

- **Mixed Crew 2** have commenced works on Slashes Creek Road, with a total of 50 defects, works is now 60% complete.



Future REPA Works

- **Urundangi Border Road – 55 Defects**
- **Urundangi North Road – 66 Defects**
- **Cravens Peak Road–** The damage to this shire road pavement is extremely severe, total length of road 77.09km with 164 damaged sections for full pavement restoration, as outlined by QRA to the various treatments as outlined in the “scope of work” Gravel for this work is a major issue, we are currently heavily involved with QRA, GBA and senior management, to come with a solution, we shall be successful.

Contractor Break up date: 16th December 2025

CONSULTATION:

GBA as project managers for Council QRA Flood Damage work
GK3 as project managers for Council QRA Betterment works
Morcom Surveyors – Gravel pits

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:

All work completed within QRA guidelines and budget allocations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the QRA Flood Damage Works Department July 2025 Report be received for information.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Approved by Director of Works and Operations	Mr Gordan Magann
Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Mr Shane Gray

11.2 Office of the Chief Executive

TITLE:	Chief Executive Officers Report July 2025	DOC REF: 11.2.1
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REPORT BY:	Shane Gray Chief Executive Officer	DATE: 15/08/2025
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CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 5: Robust Governance

5.2: Accountability

5.2.4: Ensure transparency and accountability through integrated performance management reporting

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Information Report only - not applicable.

PURPOSE:

To advise Council of relevant activities undertaken through the office of the CEO.

CONTENT:

I am pleased to present my report for the July 2025 meeting.

Organisational review is in progress, understanding staff roles and responsibilities, our workplace health and safety and operational reporting lines, current projects and future opportunities. The Acting Director of Works has been active in joining with me better understanding, main roads projects, emergent works, flood damage, community infrastructure and shire roads. Site visits and direct conversations with supervisors and staff is assisting in establishing workplans and priorities.

Several projects have been prioritised to identify issues and resolve, The Industrial Estate, Residential Estate, W4QLD projects and Council condition asset capture for assessment of roads, to establish capital and maintenance programs.

To assist with staff training opportunities have met with LGAQ and other training partners to investigate/establish in house training programs to ensure access to specific training for our staff.

The Camel Races were very well attended and a great success for the region. Following on from the event we will look to meet with the committee and evaluate and report back to Council on our facilities, support and future opportunities. The Council Staff significantly contributed to the presentation of the town and facilities which I would like to publicly acknowledge. Attendees, campers and vendors commented on the presentation of our region and positive experience they received.

Following the Camel races we had several staff members off work due to illness, unfortunately services were affected, I thank the community for their understanding during this time.

Feedback from visitors continues to be positive around the presentation of the Town and Roads and the welcoming nature of our community.

Meetings/Events/Conferences/Training attended:

- QRA Update
- RAPAD meetings, Roads and Water groups
- Boulia Hub with DCS, CEO, Project Manager
- Auditor meetings
- Operations discussions with reviewer following Councillor presentation
- Continued Site visits
- July general meeting
- Plant review with Acting DWO
- WHS systems audit and review including visit from LGW and external Auditor
- Residential and Industrial state progress meetings, GBA, Acting DWO and surveyor
- Site visit at factories with Project manager for Hub construction
- Various meetings with association, advisors and reviewers in Brisbane
- Transport and Main Roads Barcaldine visit to Boulia to discuss projects.
- The Outback Way group meeting with Mayor
- Represented Council at school for NAIDOC week
- Introductions and follow-up with GK3 on projects.
- Catch up with Qld Police

Future Events/Conferences/Training

Date	Activity	Attendees	Location/completed
August	HUB meetings	CEO, DCS, Adam Britton	Teams
August	RAPAD Board Meeting	Mayor, Deputy Mayor, CEO	Bedourie
August	Council Meeting	Council	Boulia
August	WQAC	Mayor, Deputy Mayor, CEO	St George
August	Meeting with Mr Andrew Nolan Anglo A representatives and Strategic Energy Resources to discuss hand over of exploration areas	Mayor/Deputy Mayor and CEO	Boulia
August	Central West Heath Board meeting	CEO as Council representative	Boulia Clinic
August	Funding applications with various departments	CEO	Teams

CONSULTATION: Councillors and staff

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION:
That the CEO Report for June 2025 be received for information.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Chief Executive Officer	Mr Shane Gray
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TITLE:	Boulia Golf Club - Request for support	DOC REF: 11.2.2
REPORT BY:	Shane Gray Chief Executive Officer	DATE: 15/08/2025

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 1: A strong supportive community environment

1.1: Promotion of community events, services and facilities

1.1.2: Liaise and work with community groups and organisations in attracting funding and/or providing support where appropriate

Key Priority 1: A strong supportive community environment

1.3: Boulia Shire to have active inclusive communities

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

RISK MANAGEMENT:

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

PURPOSE:

To present to Council a request for support made by the Boulia Golf Club.

CONTENT:

Council has received a letter from the Boulia Golf Club (as attached to this report), requesting consideration of support in the way of providing funding to enable the Club to purchase materials that will enable the construction of a new driving range/practice net at the Boulia Golf Club facility. It is advised that:

The installation will be completed free of charge by local contractor Adam Norton (Norton Fencing), subject to availability. The cost for the following materials required, will be approximately \$2000.00;

- PVC coated chain mesh - exterior
- Steel pipe joiners - to join cage structure

The Boulia Golf Club is a volunteer based, not-for-profit association open to both members of the Community and travelling tourists/visitors. The Club members continually work at maintaining the Golf Course as well as the associated Club House.

In accordance with the Boulia Shire Council Corporate Plan, Council has identified that they wish to support local community organisations where feasible. This is notated within a number of key priority areas in the plan some of which have been highlighted in the Corporate Plan Reference section of this report above.

Council's Policy 103 Community Grants, outlines that requests for cash grants above \$1000 must be directed to Council for consideration and approval/rejection. This report therefore seeks Council's direction on whether they wish to support this request or not.

CONSULTATION: Nil

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Budget considerations

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve/reject the Boulia Golf Club request for monetary support to the value of \$2000 for the purchase of materials to be able to construct a new driving range/practice net at the Boulia Golf Club facility.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Community assistance application [**11.2.2.1** - 1 page]

Chief Executive Officer	Mr Shane Gray
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Chief Executive Officer

Boulia Shire Council

18 Herbert Street,

Boulia QLD 4829

10/08/2025

Dear Mr Gray,

I am writing to you today as the president of the Boulia Golf Club, seeking financial assistance for the purchase of materials to build our new driving range/practice net.

As you may be aware, the Boulia Golf Club is a small volunteer-based committee that strives to provide our remote community with sports and recreation opportunities. A new driving range/practice net, will be a great benefit to our community, providing more accessible facilities for those who are unable to walk the course. It will also be of great benefit to those who wish to improve their golf skills by practicing in a more accessible environment.

The installation will be completed free of charge by local contractor Adam Norton (Norton Fencing), subject to availability. The cost for the following materials required, will be approximately \$2000.00;

- PVC coated chain mesh - exterior
- Steel pipe joiners - to join cage structure

We would like to thank you for your consideration of this request and the benefits it will provide for our small club and the community, as well as the council's ongoing support over many years. We greatly appreciate it.

Kind Regards,

Harrison Bell



President

Boulia Golf Club

TITLE:	Motions for consideration at 2025 LGAQ Annual Conference	DOC REF: 11.2.3
REPORT BY:	Shane Gray Chief Executive Officer	DATE: 15/08/2025

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 8: Proactive and responsible leadership

8.2: Strong representation

8.2.1: To represent and collectively make decisions to benefit the entire community

RISK MANAGEMENT:

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

PURPOSE:

To seek Council's endorsement of two motions that have been drafted for submission at the 2025 LGAQ Annual Conference.

CONTENT:

The 2025 LGAQ Annual Conference is scheduled to be held in October. Within the agenda is an opportunity to “put forward statewide issues of importance for councils that, if carried at Conference, become part of the LGAQ’s advocacy agenda”.

The following is a high-level summary of the motions that are proposed for submission by Boulia Shire Council.

Motion 1: Expand Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme to better support patients from rural, remote and discrete Queensland communities

The current version of the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS) provides financial assistance to patients that are required to travel to attend medical appointments that can not be provided by a medical service at their local hospital or health facility. At this point in time the PTSS does not take into consideration the assistance that patients need (i.e. accommodation/travel) when they are discharged from hospital following an unplanned emergency situation. Support provided in these situations is often limited or inadequate. This motion calls for a review of the PTSS. Full draft motion details are attached for Council's consideration.

Motion 2: Transfer of Regionally Significant Roads to State Government Responsibility

Local governments that are required to maintain ownership of road assets that serve a signification function well beyond only local use, are faced with maintenance costs that are not feasible for a small remote Council to be able to absorb. This motion calls for the development and implementation of a formal process to enable the transfer of regionally significant roads from local government to the Department of Transport and Main Roads. Full draft motion details are attached for Council's consideration.

CONSULTATION:

LGAQ Advocacy Support Team

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:

A successful push through of motion 2 will have a direct impact on Council's responsibilities in relation to Regionally Significant Roads.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the following motions:

- Motion 1: Expand Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme to better support patients from rural, remote and discrete Queensland communities
- Motion 2: Transfer of Regionally Significant Roads to State Government Responsibility to be submitted for consideration at the 2025 LGAQ Annual Conference.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Motion 1: Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme [11.2.3.1 - 2 pages]
2. Draft Motion 2: Formula for maintaining a road [11.2.3.2 - 2 pages]

Chief Executive Officer	Mr Shane Gray
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2025 LGAQ Annual Conference – Motion Template

Who is the key contact for this motion? (required)	Shane Gray, CEO, Boulia Shire Council
Submitting council (required)	Boulia Shire Council
Supporting organisation (if applicable)	Council support regional significance.
Council resolution # (required)	Pending
Date of council resolution (required)	Pending
This motion supports regional issues state wide.	
Title of motion (required)	Expand Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme to better support patients from rural, remote and discrete Queensland communities
Motion (required)	<p>That the LGAQ calls on the State Government to bring forward a review of the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS), and make amendments to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the subsidies available under PTSS are fit for purpose and increased where required, for patients from rural, remote and discrete Queensland communities, and patients have access to adequate and suitable accommodation and transport options on discharge from hospital following unplanned, emergency treatment.
What is the desired outcome sought? (required) 200 word limit	That adequate and dedicated funding is provided to support Queenslanders from rural, remote and discrete communities, needing to travel to regional centres for treatment and when discharged from Queensland hospitals, to ensure they are not left without accommodation or transport home.
Background (required) 350 word limit	Queenslanders in rural, remote and discrete Queensland communities who find themselves transported from home to a hospital in a major centre are often discharged with limited support.

	<p>This means they must rely on family, friends and colleagues for support to ensure they can find their way home following emergency treatment. Where accommodation support is available, it is not always appropriate.</p> <p>The Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS) provides financial assistance for patients who are referred to specialist medical services not available at their local public hospital or health facility. The current Guideline for the PTSS took effect on 1 August 2024, with the next review date scheduled to be 7 March 2028. There is a need for this review to be brought forward to address the issues currently being experienced across Queensland's regions.</p>
<p>Case study/ Example (optional) 350 word limit</p>	<p><i>Mayor Britton and Councillor Norton have had personal experience and their case studies will be provided to support the motion.</i></p>

2025 LGAQ Annual Conference – Motion Template

Who is the key contact for this motion? (required)	Shane Gray, CEO Boulia Shire Council
Submitting council (required)	Boulia Shire Council
Supporting organisation (if applicable)	The RAPAD Councils are conducting an economic study to support the benefits of this project.
Council resolution # (required)	Pending
Date of council resolution (required)	Pending
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Outback Highway will produce significant opportunity for our region and the Queensland economy.	
Title of motion (required)	Transfer of Regionally Significant Roads to State Government Responsibility
Motion (required)	The LGAQ calls on the State Government to develop and implement a formal process to enable the transfer of regionally significant roads from local government to the Department of Transport and Main Roads, where the road function and strategic importance exceed the original intent of local road infrastructure.
What is the desired outcome sought? (required) 200 word limit	<p>To establish a clear, transparent policy and administrative process modelled on the Western Australia Main Roads Road Responsibility Policy which allows for the transfer of ownership, management and maintenance responsibility for roads that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrably serving a regional or state-level transport function, • No longer aligned with the original local access intent, and • Beyond the reasonable financial or technical capacity of local governments to maintain in a safe, fit for purpose condition. <p>Such a policy should support asset sustainability, service equity and efficient investment in the broader transport network by aligning responsibility with function.</p>

<p>Background (required) 350 word limit</p>	<p><i>Queensland's regional road network includes assets like the Outback Way, a nationally significant east west route stretching from Laverton in Western Australia to Winton in Queensland. This route spans over 2,700 km and links regional communities, tourism destinations, mining operations and freight routes.</i></p> <p><i>Significant Federal and State investment through programs like the Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) initiative has been directed to sealing and upgrading sections of this corridor. However, much of the Queensland component remains under local government control, even as the function and traffic characteristics have become regional or national in scale.</i></p> <p><i>Local governments such as Winton Shire Council and Boulia Shire Council face disproportionate maintenance obligations for road assets that serve a strategic freight and tourism function far beyond local use. This mismatch between road function and ownership responsibility undermines asset quality and economic potential.</i></p> <p><i>Western Australia provides a strong precedent. Under its Road Responsibility Policy, Main Roads Western Australia applies a structured, criteria based assessment process (developed in partnership with WALGA) to classify roads and transfer responsibility where appropriate. This includes both proclamation of new state roads and de-proclamation of former state roads that no longer meet the criteria.</i></p> <p><i>Adopting a similar framework in Queensland would ensure that roads of state or regional importance, like the Outback Way, are funded and managed appropriately while alleviating undue burdens on local government.</i></p>
<p>Case study/ Example (optional) 350 word limit</p>	<p><i>To be provided.</i></p>

11.3 Corporate Services

TITLE:	Financial Report for July 2025	DOC REF: 11.3.1
REPORT BY:	Colin Duffy Relief Finance Manager	DATE: 12/08/2025

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 5: Robust Governance

5.2: Accountability

5.2.1: Ensure Council's financial activities are monitored and well managed

5.2.2: Maintain high standards of Corporate Governance through effective audits

5.2.3: Decisions on new or enhanced community assets or facilities are viewed with the future financial impact on Council`

5.2.4: Ensure transparency and accountability through integrated performance management reporting

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Information Report only - not applicable.

PURPOSE:

Financial Summary as at 31st July 2025.

CONTENT:

Cash Position:

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

	31-July-25	30-June-25
Cash at Hand	23,985,812	26,180,858
Net Cash Equivalent (Debtors-Creditors)	934,607	72,212
Total	\$24,920,419	\$26,253,069

Income

Total revenues to 31st July 2025 are \$1,277,769. This equates to approx. 3% of this year's budget.

Expenditure

Operating expenses to 31st July 2025 are \$1,456,404. This equates to approx. 3.83% of this year's budget.

Liquidity

CBA			\$259,895
Floats			\$ 1,105
Investments			
CBA At Call	4.35%	\$11,437,810	
QTC	5.05%	\$12,287,002	\$23,724,812
		Total	\$23,985,812

Additional Information on Cash Position:

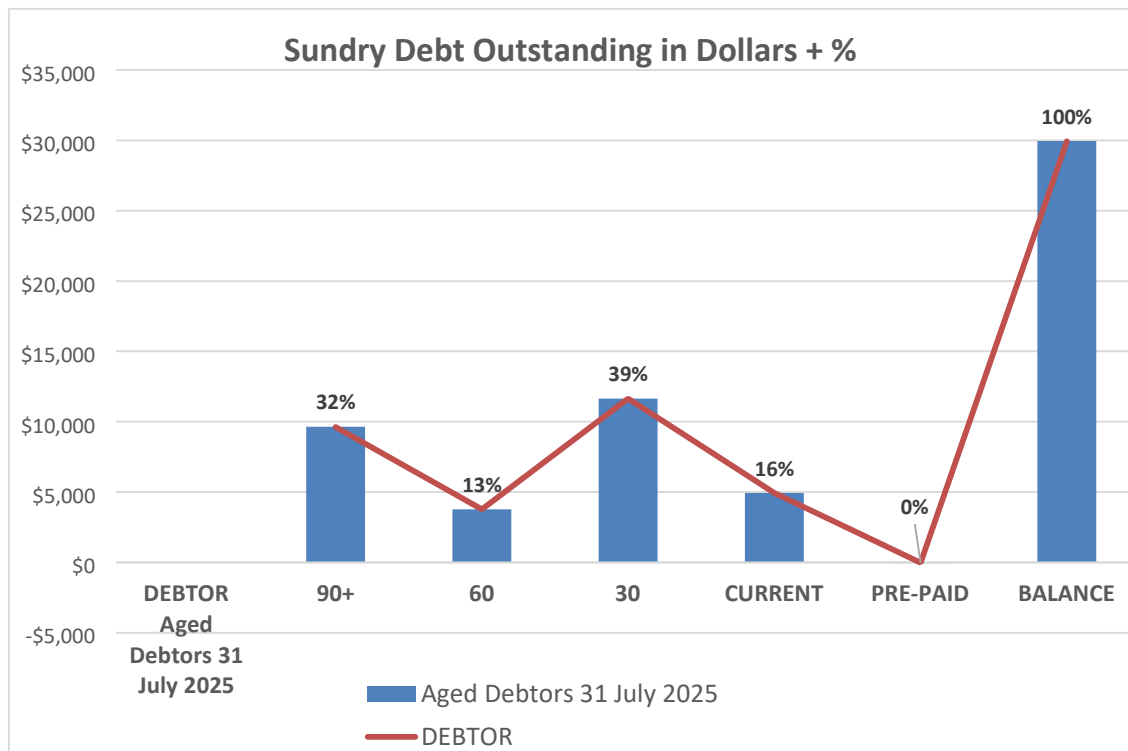
Cash Balances as at 31 July 2025		23,985,812
The following items need to be backed by cash		
Reserves 31st July		2,328,551
Funded Depreciation		
Less Depreciation accrued		
Funded		
Funded Employee Entitlements (Current and Non-Current)		(1,446,424)
Grant Funding (paid in Advance)		7,244,651
Working Capital Cash		1,500,000
Capital Grants		0
Operating Result for 2025/2026		(178,637)
Less Capital Expenditure 2025/2026		(806,505)
Backed by Cash		8,641,636
Cash unallocated as at 31 July 2025		15,344,176

Aged Debtors 30 June 2025

DEBTOR	90+	60	30	CURRENT	PRE-PAID	BALANCE
	\$ 9,629	\$ 3,766	\$ 11,638	\$ 4,931	(30)	\$ 29,934

90+ Days Outstanding

For this month, amounts greater than 90+ days total \$9,629, which constitute 32.17% of the total debtors. Payment arrangements are in place.



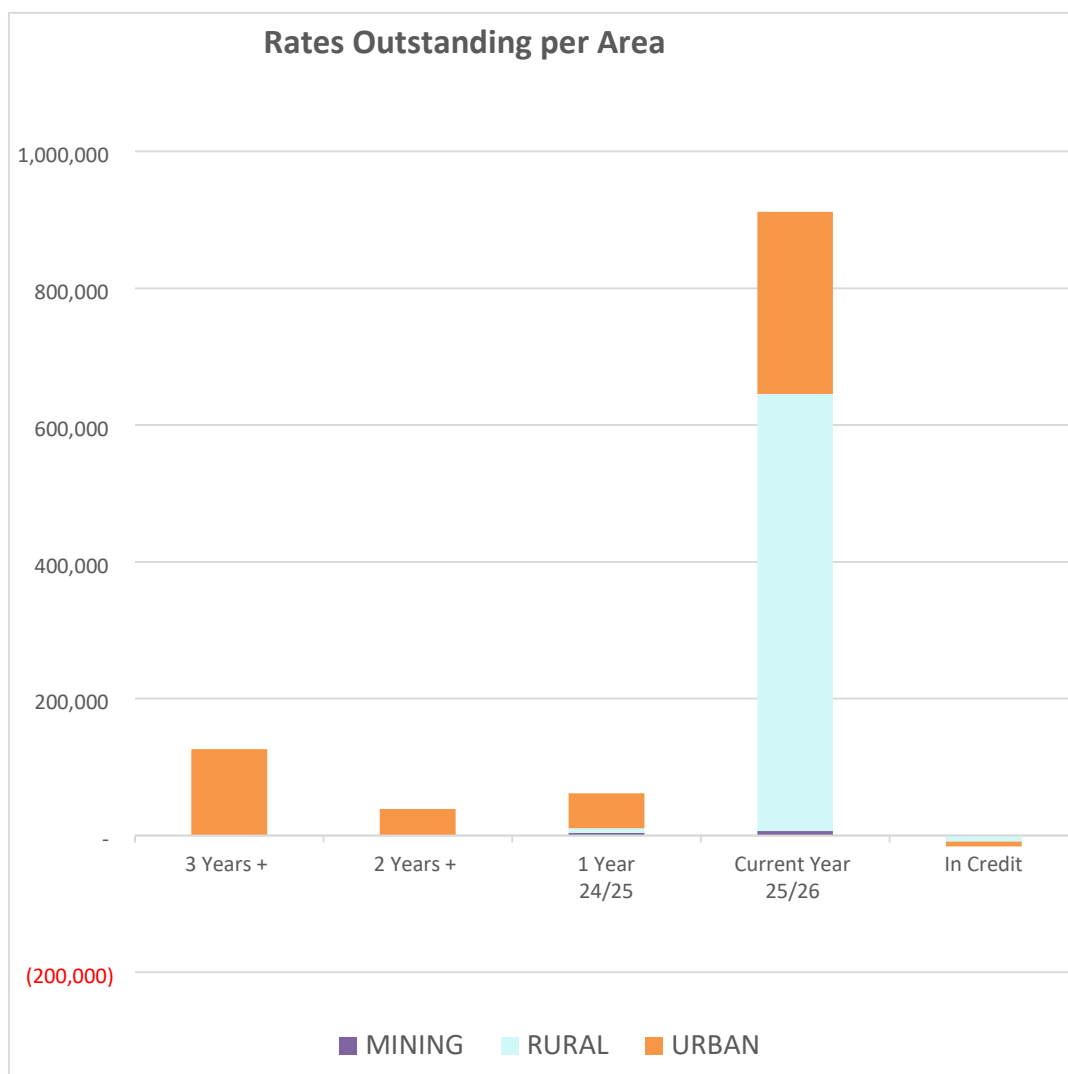
Creditors 31st July 2025

Total amount waiting for payment, not yet due is \$97,054.

Rates 31st July 2025

Total outstanding \$1,121,595.

RATES	3 Years +	2 Years +	1 Year 24/25	Current Year 25/26	In Credit	Total Outstanding
URBAN	\$126,142	\$38,396	\$50,401	\$265,418	\$(6,254)	\$474,103
RURAL	-	-	\$7,292	\$639,168	\$(9,359)	\$637,101
MINING	-	-	\$3,766	\$6,625	-	\$10,391
ALL	\$126,142	\$38,396	\$61,459	\$911,211	\$(15,614)	\$1,121,595



CONSULTATION: Nil

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Financial Report for July 2025 be received for information.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. FS Income Statement ME July 2025 [**11.3.1.1** - 1 page]
2. FS Balance Sheet as at ME July 2025 [**11.3.1.2** - 1 page]
3. FS Cash Flow Statement ME July 2025 [**11.3.1.3** - 1 page]
4. Income and Expenditure Report ME July 2025 [**11.3.1.4** - 4 pages]
5. Capital of Report ME 31 July-25 [**11.3.1.5** - 4 pages]

Reviewed by Director of Corporate Services	Mrs Kaylene Sloman
Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Mr Shane Gray

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL
Income Statement
For the period ended 31 July 2025

	<i>2024/2025</i> <i>Actual</i>	<i>2024/2025</i> <i>Budget</i> <i>(Reviewed)</i>
Income		
Revenue		
Recurrent Revenue		
Net rate and utility charges	1,021,539	1,971,000
Fees and charges	63,041	240,000
Rental income	19,760	400,000
Interest received	2,934	820,000
Sales - contract and recoverable works	0	4,450,000
Other Income	32,875	130,000
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	137,619	7,600,000
Total Recurrent Revenue	<u>1,277,769</u>	<u>15,611,000</u>
Capital Revenue		
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	0	27,000,000
Sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-
Total Capital Revenue	<u>0</u>	<u>27,000,000</u>
Total Revenue	<u>1,277,769</u>	<u>42,611,000</u>
Total Income	<u>1,277,769</u>	<u>42,611,000</u>
Expenses		
Recurrent Expenses		
Employee benefits	(326,087)	(4,811,000)
Materials & Services	(1,130,319)	(28,145,000)
Finance Costs	0	(121,000)
Depreciation	0	(4,900,000)
Total Recurrent Expenses	<u>(1,456,405)</u>	<u>(37,977,000)</u>
Capital Expenses	-	-
Sale of property, plant and equipment	0	-
Total Expenses	<u>(1,456,405)</u>	<u>(37,977,000)</u>
Net Result Attributable to Council	<u><u>(178,637)</u></u>	<u><u>4,634,000</u></u>

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL**Balance Sheet****as at 31 July 2025***2024/2025 Actuals***Current Assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	23,985,812
Trade and other receivables	1,259,854
Inventories	425,169

Total Current Assets 25,670,835**Non-current Assets**

Property, plant and equipment	213,069,454
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Total Non-current Assets 213,069,454**TOTAL ASSETS** 238,740,290**Current Liabilities**

Trade and other payables	(182,354)
Borrowings	(96,295)
Provisions	(1,371,927)
Contract Liabilities	(1,017,280)

Total Current Liabilities (2,667,856)**Non-current Liabilities**

Borrowings	(1,007,834)
Provisions	(93,028)

Total Non-current Liabilities (1,100,861)**TOTAL LIABILITIES** (3,768,717)**NET COMMUNITY ASSETS** 234,971,573**Community Equity**

Asset revaluation reserve	102,762,842
Other reserves	2,328,551
Retained surplus	129,880,180

TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY 234,971,573

BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL
Statement of Cash Flows
For the period ended 31 July 2025

	<i>2024/2025 Actuals</i>	<i>Reviewed Budget 2024-25</i>
Cash Flows from Operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	5,298	5,726,000
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,604,622)	(11,867,400)
	<u>(1,599,324)</u>	<u>(6,141,400)</u>
Interest received	2,934	715,000
Rental income	19,760	357,000
Non-capital grants and contributions	137,619	6,413,511
Borrowing costs	0	(36,000)
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Operating Activities	<u>(1,439,011)</u>	<u>1,308,111</u>
Cash Flows from Investing activities:		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(806,505)	(45,968,000)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	0	40,829,000
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Investing activities	<u>(806,505)</u>	<u>(5,139,000)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings		2,000,000
Repayment of borrowings	0	(631,000)
Net Cash Inflow (Outflow) from Financing activities	<u>0</u>	<u>1,369,000</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents held	<u>(2,245,516)</u>	<u>(2,461,889)</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at beginning of Reporting period	26,231,329	20,575,678
Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of Reporting period	<u><u>\$ 23,985,812</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,113,789</u></u>

11.4 Economic and Community Development

TITLE:	Economic & Community Development Report – July 2025	DOC REF: 11.4.1
REPORT BY:	Paul Bawden Economic & Community Development Manager	DATE: 12/08/2025

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

Key Priority 1: A strong supportive community environment

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

Key Priority 3: Economic Development - A sustainable local economy

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

3.4.1: All opportunities used to increase the shires exposure to the tourism market

Key Priority 6: Supporting local services and facilities

6.2: Support an active healthy community

6.2.1: Encourage and promote community wellbeing, including healthy and active lifestyles

Key Priority 7: Valuing our greatest asset – people

7.4: Tourism

7.4.1: Make Boulia the place on everyone's bucket list

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Information Report only - not applicable.

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with an update on the activities associated with the Economic and Community Development roles.

CONTENTS:

Tourism:

- MME Tourism Officer: With the Camel Races July is the busiest period of the year. Visitation and activity reached similar scale as last two years.
- BHC Tourism Officer: The Centre received a high level of visitation across both independent travellers and number of bus groups.

Staffing was impacted due to recent flu across Boulia and provision of support to the Camel Races.

External Grants:

NAIDOC Week: With the benefit of National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) grant funding an extended event was held in partnership with the Boulia State School and North-West Queensland Indigenous Catholic Social Services (NWQICSS) on 28 July.



First Nations Sport & Recreation program: The sixth event was held on 17 July with Oakfield Ranch attending the Boulia State School on the Thursday before the Camel Races to provide an information session with the students and opportunity to experience a camel ride.



Investigations are being pursued with Boulia Landcare Group on the holding of a fishing competition in September.

Queensland Remembers: Construction of the memorial art-work has been completed ready for installation at the rotunda in Herbert Street median.

The opening date has been deferred following requests to coordinate this with the Remembrance Day ceremony on 11 November.

Performances and related activities at the Shire Hall:

A range of community activities are being planned/supported at the Shire Hall in the coming months including:

National Science Week: To be celebrated on Sunday 10 August with the support of University of Queensland, there will be contemporary scientific presentations, a quiz and sausage sizzle.

Humphrey Tour: The performance by Humphrey Bear will be at 10am Monday 25 August and is targeted at the young and young at heart. Advertising has commenced and the School consulted.

CWA Spring Fair: This annual event will open at 10am on Saturday 20 September.

Funny Mummies: The performance including comedy and cabaret has been rescheduled for Sunday 2 November.

Community Pool:

With the completion of maintenance works the Pool has been filled ready for the 2025-26 Session, and presents well.



Pool with newly painted concourse

Community Sports Hall:

The air-conditioning is operating satisfactorily following the recent maintenance.

Further electrical work has been undertaken to the lighting panels, replacement of bulbs and replacement of a damaged element in hot water system.

Minor Works

Due to Work Camp commitments to the Camel Races and other councils, several minor works have been deferred including painting of the new entry arch to Robinson Park and repairs to tennis court fencing.

Library Activities:

July included a significant boost in Library visitation with increased tourism.

Boulia Library Visitation:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2024	101	140	237	162	143	240	356	210	305	243	132	179
2025	94	168	189	205	105	217	486					

Invitation to join LitUp Program: The Library received exciting news on becoming part of LitUp that aims to help communities overcome social, geographic and financial barriers that prevent them from hosting events with authors and illustrators, supporting them to bring the benefits of reading and live literature to their area.

More than 130 applications were submitted, with the number and variety of applications demonstrating high demand for opportunities to connect with books, reading and authors – particularly in regional and remote locations.

The pilot program includes twenty seven (27) schools, libraries and bookshops across Queensland hosting live events with authors and illustrators in 2026.

It is anticipated that the program will encourage increased numbers of people in our community to participate in reading and writing.

Loneliness Day: Hosted a Morning Tea for 'End Loneliness Day' in partnership with the Boulia Community Support.

Other activities: Delivered school holiday program, Channel Country Chatter, First 5 calendar, and significant support to the First Nations sport and recreation program (summarised in section on external grants).

Consultation:

A range of consultation techniques have been pursued across the programs, including dialogue with community members, supporting committees and advertising local events.

Channel Country Chatter (CCC): To inform the community on local matters, the July edition of the CCC was distributed, and work commenced on the August edition.

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Economic and Community Development Report for July 2025 be received for information.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Reviewed and Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Mr Shane Gray
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TITLE:	Min Min Encounter & Boulia Heritage Complex Report July 2025	DOC REF: 11.4.2
REPORT BY:	Karen Savage Tourism Officer	DATE: 12/08/2025

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 1: A strong supportive community environment

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 6: Supporting local services and facilities

6.2: Support an active healthy community

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

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Information Report only - not applicable.

PURPOSE:

To report on the day-to-day operations of the Min Min Encounter (MME) and Boulia Heritage Complex (BHC) and to promote tourism in the Shire and surrounding region.

CONTENT:

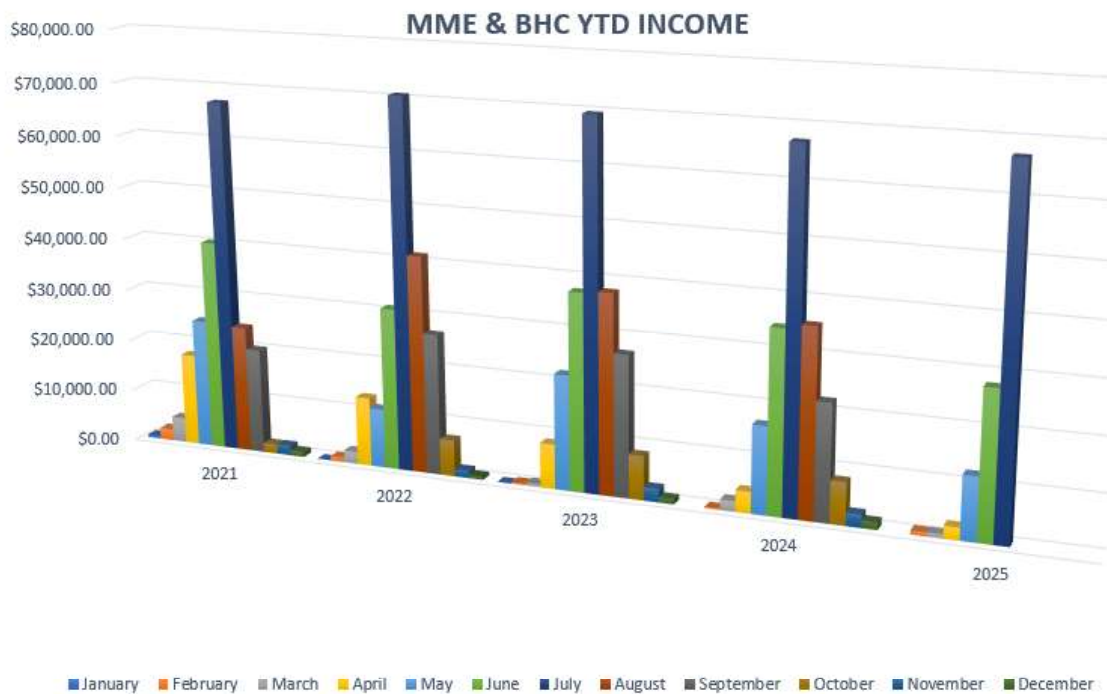
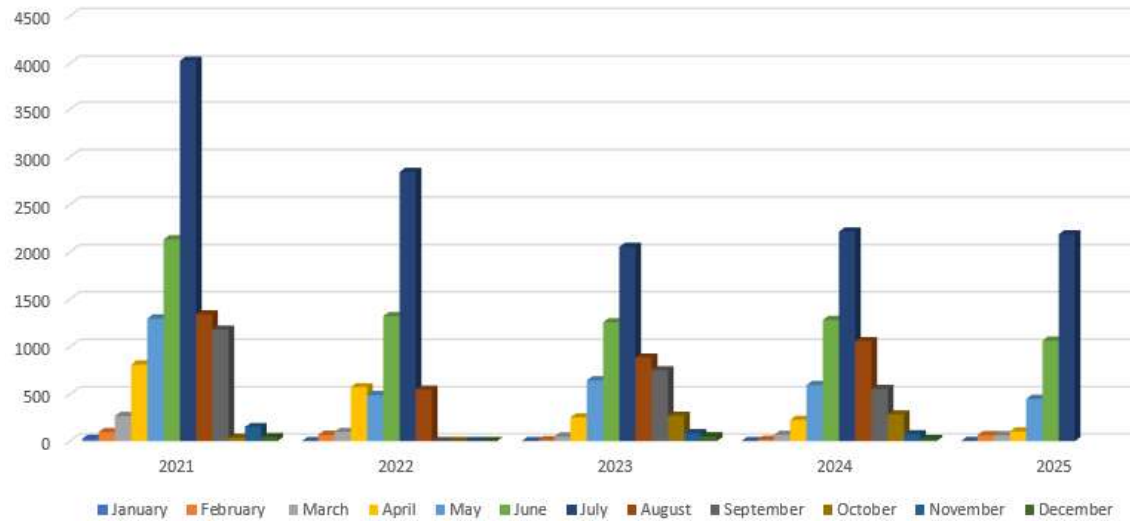
Monthly Activity Statistics: July 2025

Sales – tickets/merchandise	\$67,110.95
MME Total Visitor Stats	2186
MME Tickets	670
BHC Tickets	90
COMBO Tickets	381
Rezdy Online Bookings during the month (no payment taken)	0

Social Media Statistics: July 2025

Social media pages	Reached
TripAdvisor Review	8 x Five-star reviews
Google Business Profile	228 profile views, 196 interactions 88 website visits from the profile

MME & Heritage Complex Visitor Information



REPORT ON ACTIVITIES HELD FOR JULY:

Visitor Statistic Reporting:

- Explore Queensland Network survey to be completed on the 1st of each month.
- Outback Queensland (OQTA) monthly report emailed by the 10th of each month.

Visitor numbers, as usual this month very high (equal to same time last year), although much more spread out over the month due to no Big Red Bash. Camel races as always gave our numbers a wonderful boost.

Group Bookings: Group bookings continued through the month of July with wonderful feedback from our tour groups.

Social media: Facebook posts reached 36,354 people this month with 938 interactions.

Explore Queensland Network: n/a

Merchandise: Merchandise was popular and selling well especially the new fishing shirts which didn't stay on the shelves for long!

Boulia Heritage Complex: Numbers of visitors to the Heritage Complex also increased this month with some excellent reviews on social media.

Min Min Encounter: The Min Min Encounter continues to enthrall both young and old. 5 star reviews increasing throughout the different platforms with many people saying they have been told not to miss it. It remains clear that the cost of living is still having an impact with a few each day declining due to cost.

CONSULTATION: Nil

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Nil

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Following Council's request for additional tabulated information at the July Meeting an attachment has been added to this report and can evolve over time.

RECOMMENDATION:

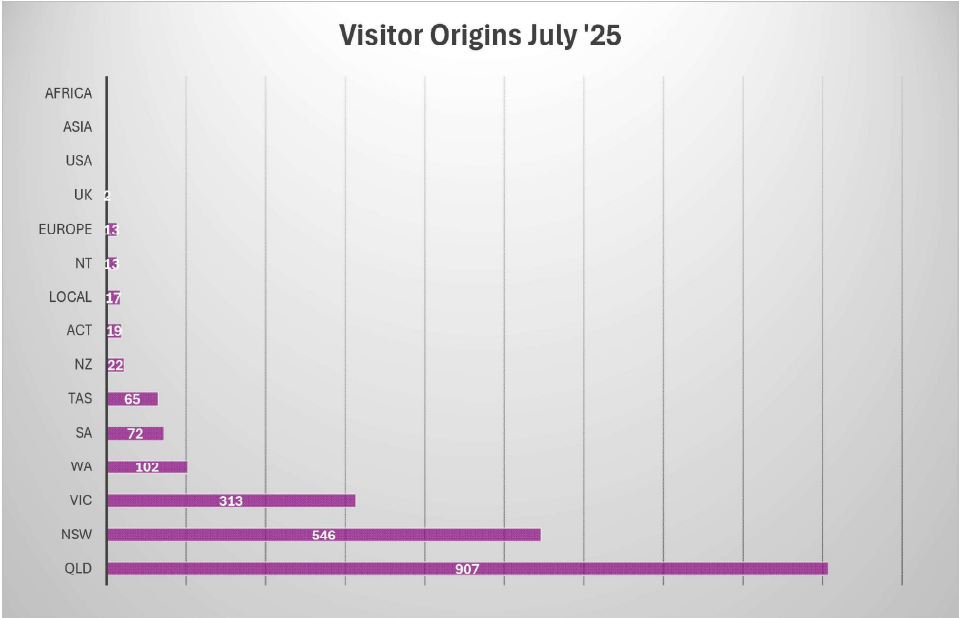
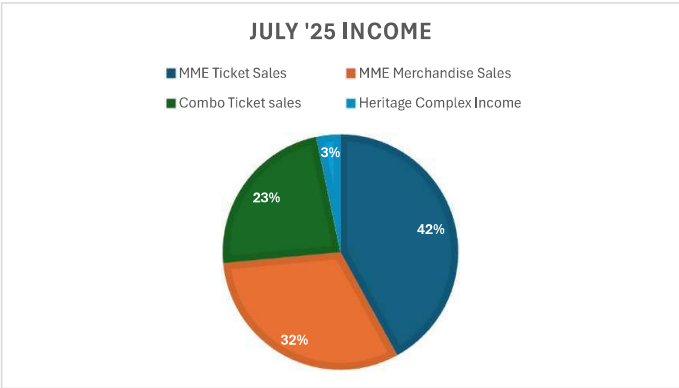
That the Min Min Encounter & Boulia Heritage Complex Report for July 2025 be received for information.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. July Stats [11.4.2.1 - 1 page]

Reviewed by Economic and Community Development Manager	Mr Paul Bawden
Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Mr Shane Gray

	JULY	AUGUST	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
MME TOTAL VISITORS	2186											
ENCOUNTER VISITORS	1051											
VISITOR INFORMATION	1135											
HERITAGE VISITORS	383											
TOTAL INCOME MME	\$67,110.95											
MME TICKET SALES	\$28,188.50											
MME MERCHANDISE SALES	\$21,157.84											
HERITAGE COMPLEX INCOME	\$2,227.81											
COMBO TICKET SALES	\$15,536.80											
VISITOR NUMBERS - LOCAL	17											
QLD	907											
NSW	546											
VIC	313											
SA	72											
WA	102											
NT	13											
TAS	65											
ACT	19											
NZ	22											
UK	2											
USA												
EUROPE	13											
ASIA												
AFRICA												



12 Closed Session

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

- a) the appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer;
- b) industrial matters affecting employees;
- c) the local government's budget;
- d) rating concessions;
- e) legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government;
- f) matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals;
- g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;
- h) negotiations relating to the taking of land by the local government under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*;
- i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.
- j) an investigation report given to the local government under chapter 5A, part 3, division 5 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

13 Late Reports

Director Of Corporate Services report to be presented as a late report.

14 General Business

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

15 Meeting Closure