



BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

Agenda

Friday 19 June 2026





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Mr Shane Gray
Chief Executive Officer

Please note:

- *Some reports contained in this agenda make reference to 'confidential redacted' attachments. These attachments are not for public display as they are of a confidential nature and for Council use only and are therefore not included within the agenda.*
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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)
Mr Gordon Magann (A/Director of Works and Operations)
Mrs Tracy Magann (Executive Assistant)
Mrs Nicole Tonkies (Assistant to the CEO)

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 Friday 22 May 2026 commencing at 9:00 am

1 Meeting Opening with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

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The Mayor opened the meeting at 9.37 am.

Mr Michael Chow, Council's Acting Chief Financial Officer, and Mr Anthony Ottaway, Council's financial consultant, joined the meeting at 9.37 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 (via Teams)
Councillor Julie Woodhouse

Officers: Mr Shane Gray (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr Gordon Magann (A/Director of Works and Operations)
Mrs Nicole Tonkies (Assistant to the CEO)

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 Woodhouse*

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24th April 2026 be accepted.

Resolution No.: *2026/5.1*

Carried

Councillor Britton left the meeting at 9.57 am to attend a media commitment.
Councillor Neilson chaired the meeting.

Councillor Britton returned to the meeting at 10.14 am and resumed the chair.

11 Reports

11.3 Corporate Services

The April 2026 Finance Report was tabled to Council.

Purpose: To provide Council with the financial report for the period ended 30 April 2026.

Moved: *Cr Britton*

Seconded: *Cr Beauchamp*

That Council notes the contents of the finance report: operating performance and the capital program performance report for the period ended 30 April 2026.

Resolution No.: *2026/5.2*

Carried

Mr Ottaway left the meeting at 10.25 am.

11.1 Works and Operations

TITLE:	Director of Works and Operations April 2026 Report	DOC REF: 11.1.1
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PURPOSE:

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

Moved: *Cr Norton*

Seconded: *Cr Beauchamp*

1. That the A/Director Works and Operations Report for April 2026 be received for information.
2. That Council approves the sale of non-current assets nominated on the attached register for action in-accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 s227(b)*.

Resolution No.: *2026/5.3*

Carried

TITLE:	QRA Flood Damage Report	DOC REF: 11.1.2
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PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the current utilisation and activities of the Flood Damage Program for April 2026.

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Britton

That the QRA Flood Damage Works Department April 2026 Report be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2026/5.4

Carried

11.2 Office of the Chief Executive

TITLE:	Chief Executive Officers Report for April 2026	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 Neilson

That the CEO Report for April 2026 be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2026/5.5

Carried

Meeting was adjourned 11.05 am in order for the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Works and Operations to attend an airport briefing.

Councillor Norton left the meeting at 11.05 am.

The meeting resumed at 12.46 pm.

Mr Chow returned to the meeting at 12.48 pm.

TITLE:	Action List Update April 2026	DOC REF: 11.2.2
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PURPOSE:

To present to Council an updated Action List.

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

That Council receive the Action List update for April 2026 for information.

Resolution No.: 2026/5.6

Carried

11.3 Corporate Services

TITLE:	Amendment to Investment Policy	DOC REF: 11.3.2
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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to:

- Propose targeted amendments to Council's Investment Policy;
- Improve interest earnings on surplus cash invested in term deposits under 12 months;
- Ensure ongoing compliance with legislative, prudential, and risk management requirements.

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Woodhouse

That Council:

1. **Adopts the proposed amendments** to the Investment Policy to provide increased flexibility for term deposits with maturities of less than 12 months; and
2. **Authorises management** to implement short-term investment strategies aimed at optimising interest earnings while maintaining capital security and liquidity.

Resolution No.: 2026/5.7

Carried

Mr Chow left the meeting at 1.12 pm.

11.4 Economic and Community Development

TITLE:	Library Report for April 2026	DOC REF: 11.4.2
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PURPOSE:

To report on the day-to-day operations of the Boulia Shire Library.

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Woodhouse

That the Library Report for April 2026 is received for information.

Resolution No.: 2026/5.8

Carried

The Min Min Encounter & Boulia Heritage Complex Report April 2026 was tabled to Council.

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 Neilson

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

That the Min Min Encounter & Boulia Heritage Complex Report for the April 2026 Council Meeting be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2026/5.9

Carried

12 Closed Session

Chief Executive Officer raised an agistment request with the Council.

Councillor Woodhouse declared a prescribed conflict of interest in the matter due to her son being the applicant for approval and chose to leave the meeting and not participate in the discussion.

Councillor Woodhouse left the meeting at 1.17 pm.

CLOSED SESSION AT 1.18 PM

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Neilson

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

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

Resolution No.: 2026/5.10

Carried

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AT 1.29 PM

Moved: Cr Britton

Seconded: Cr Beauchamp

It was resolved Council move out of the closed meeting.

Resolution No.: 2026/5.11

Carried

No recommendations were required to be resolved from the closed session.

Councillor Woodhouse returned to the meeting at 1.29 pm.

13 Late Reports

There were no late reports presented to Council.

14 General Business

Councillor questions raised during General Business have been noted in the 'Action List' which will be presented at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

15 Meeting Closure

The Mayor closed the meeting at 1.51 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 May 2026 Report	DOC REF: 11.1.1
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REPORT BY:	Gordon Magann A/Director Works and Operations	DATE: 09/06/2026
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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 during the May and June period.

CONTENT:

I am pleased to present my report for the June 2026 meeting representing the activity undertaken following the May 2026 Ordinary meeting.

Operations:

Staffing

The recruitment of Project Management (PM) support for the Outback Way Stage 7 project continues with candidates been assessed from several organisations for their suitability to manage the Project works.

In addition, an interview has been conducted to recruit an Administration Officer to support Works and Operation activities, and it is anticipated that this activity will be completed in the short term with the appointment of a preferred candidate.

Water Supply Services

The Drinking Water Audit undertaken by Viridis on behalf of the Regulator has been satisfactorily completed and Council will be receiving a report regarding the audit and inspection process in due course.

Quarry Management

Cultural Heritage survey works scheduled for 13th and 14th May 2026 for Pituri 1 and Glenormiston 9, 11 & 12 pits have been successfully completed.

In addition, Council will be seeking to include the Town Common Pit (located approximately 20 kilometres from Boulia on the Bedourie Road) into the current

ILUA negotiations following correspondence from Department of Primary Industries (DPI) regarding Council's future use requirements.

55 Herbert Street Boulia

Britton Project Services were commissioned to develop an Options Report to identify realistic and commercially viable options for 55 Herbert Street Boulia (Lot 1 RP707258) currently occupied under lease to the Camel Race Committee for Council consideration of a preferred option.

The Development Options Report is attached for Councillors to consider and evaluate options for its future use.

Depot Project Office

Britton Project Services were commissioned to develop a planning report for the development of office accommodation Council's Boulia Depot, Herbert Street Boulia.

The proposed upgrade involves removing two existing 6.0m x 3.0m prefabricated offices and replacing them with a single larger NCC compliant relocatable office with amenities and kitchenette connected to the existing 12.0m x 9.0m Depot office by a deck structure.

The report includes information relating to services assessment, approvals and building certification, indicative project budget, procurement approach and risk assessment for the preferred options.

The Project Plan has been forwarded to QRA for their consideration for funding under current submission approvals, or as a separated grant funding initiative.

Projects:

Robinson Park Shade Structures

The Contractor has advised that the fabrication of the portal frame members is 90% complete with a commencement scheduled on-site 17th June 2026 to commence the site handover and induction process activities. The Contractor will be appointed as the Principal Contractor under the Contract.

Council will be assisting with temporary security fencing and concrete for the project under a Private Works assessment application.

Cycleway Project

The Cycleway project commenced with a substantial part of the works on Hamilton Street completed. All works on Herbert Street from Hamilton Street to the Desert Sands Motel similarly has been completed including the laying new turf that will be maintained by Council's outdoor team.

In addition to the Cycleway works a new footpath has been constructed on the eastern side of Wills Street between Herbert and Moonah Streets that was funded under discretionary TIDS allocated to Council in March 2026. Council has funded the western side of Wills Street between Herbert and Moonah Streets under this year's budget.

Further, the Contractor NQES has completed a broken section of pathway at the Burke Street bridge, as well as a section of damaged paving at the southeastern corner of the Primary Health Centre.

Road Projects

Donohue Reseals

Road re-sealing works have been scheduled and completed on the Donohue Highway from chainage 87.5 to 110.00.

An additional section of roadway between chainage 110.00 to the Georgina Bridge (chainage 114.00) has been varied into the Contract as a preservation measure to decrease the likelihood of further cracking. Inspection work will be initiated assess pavement damage resulting from the Koji event.

Project 24i

Downer Group Australia commenced and completed flood damage works on the Boulia to Winton Road (99D) know as Project 24i: This project work originally nominated 1300m² of road pavement stabilisation work that was expanded and approved for completion of 3000m² following Council Road inspection and assessment. Bitumen re-sheeting commenced on 9th June 2026 for completion.

Slashers Creek Road

Ryan Hockey Contracting was mobilised to re-establish the opening of Slashes Creek Road at the floodway located 29 kilometres for the Winton intersection. This work required extensive rehabilitation of the floodway base layer as the upstream and downstream channels caused aggradation (sand and gravel build-up reducing the channels capacity to convey water). To mitigate this issue, additional works were required to stabilise the base layer and following further inspections the surrounding land structures will be investigated for the removal of excess material impacting natural stormwater flows.





The photo library represents the staging of works to complete floodway at Slashes Creek Road through to simple static load testing by RE and GC Harris Road Contractors triple road train to ascertain the pavement's ability to be used under restricted condition.

Coorabulka Road

Following the completion and opening of Slashes Creek Road the Contractor will mobilise to the Coorabulka Road to undertake culvert and floodway debris clearing works to provide safe access through these structures.

Roads to Recovery (R2R)

Council has been contacted by the Department of Infrastructure regarding Council's budget allocation under the R2R program.

Roads to Recovery is a federally funded program, providing \$4.4 billion to local governments across Australia to support the construction and maintenance of local roads.

The program operates on a five-year funding cycle which commenced on 1 July 2024 and goes through to 30 June 2029. The program is non-competitive, with each Council provided with its own amount of funding that it can choose to use in whichever way it sees fit (*within program eligibility parameters*). For Bouli Shire Council this amount is \$5,002,427. This funding can be used flexibly throughout the funding period, meaning that Council can choose to draw down on funding quickly, delaying the use of funding according to local needs and priorities.

There is no agreement or contract that Council is required to sign to access funds, rather Councils **must** adhere to the governing legislation:

- Part 8 of the [National Land Transport Act 2014](#)
- [National Land Transport \(Roads to Recovery List\) Determination 2024](#) – which prescribes the amount of funding

- National Land Transport (Roads to Recovery Conditions) Determination 2024 – which prescribes the program parameters, like a contract.

The program itself is supported by the Roads to Recovery Operating Procedures which describes and guides the practical operation of the program.

The Program itself is delivered through the Reporting and Program Management (RPM) Portal.

Following consultation with the CEO and Works Manager the following projects are being considered for development of a delivery program.

1. Sealing of shire roads reconstructed under QRA REPA programs to enhance resilience and longevity while minimising future shire maintenance;
2. The replacement of roads grids to a DTMR standard where grids are identified with structural deficiencies and are no longer fit for purpose;
3. The construction of concrete culverts over floodways on identified trunk roads to improve the full length of a roadway.

Pavement Rehabilitation and Widening Project

The Pavement Rehabilitation and Widening project forms part of the Outback Way program on the Kennedy Development Road (Winton to Boulia Road). This project scope is for the reconstruction of the Springvale intersection and a new pavement from the cattle grid for approximately 2.5kilometers towards Winton.

Works completed following the inception meeting facilitated by DTMR Representatives include:

- Detailed construction site, laydown area and Cultural Heritage survey work;
- Construction of haul roads and new turkey nest for construction water;
- Construction of the detour road and temporary road interchanges, and
- Planned detour opening 9th June 2026

Town Services

ERGON completed new pole and wire installation from the Solar Farm to the Power station in parallel with the Cycleway works. Both Contractor crews worked seamlessly and cooperatively through the Hamilton Street section to ensure minimal disruption to both projects and without any workplace incidents.

May/June Planned Meetings/Events/Conferences/Training attended:

- RAPAD meetings
- RAPADWSA Technical Committee
- Regional Waste Management Working Group (RWMWG) meeting
- FRMP meeting
- DTMR (fortnightly meeting)

Future Events/Conferences/Training

Date	Activity	Attendees	Location
June	No training recorded		

CONSULTATION: Chief Executive Officer, Relevant Council Officers

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION 1:

1. That the A/Director Works and Operations Report for June 2026 be received for information.
2. That Council receives the Development Options Report for the property identified as 55 Herbert Street Boulia for consideration and evaluation of the identified options.
3. That Council receives the Project Plan for the Development Options Report for the property identified as 55 Herbert St proposed Boulia Depot Office project for consideration of the development.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - 55 Herbert St Boulia Development Options Report - For Comment [11.1.1.1 - 31 pages]
2. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - Boulia Depot Office Upgrade Report Draft 5.6.26 [11.1.1.2 - 24 pages]

Reviewed and approved by	Mr Shane Gray
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TITLE:	QRA Flood Damage Report	DOC REF: 11.1.2
REPORT BY:	Gordon Stumbris Consultant Works Overseer	DATE: 09/06/2026

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 May 2026.

CONTENT: Flood Damage Works on Local Shire Roads

Bo.SC.0041.2324U.REC - 3 Roads - \$4,428,492.56 - EOT December 2026

REPA works have commenced on Pathungra and Toolebuc–Middleton Road, while the Haulage Team are busy carting gravel on Toolebuc Road.



BoSC-00.42.2324U.REC - 6 Roads - \$5,667,317.91

Mixed Crew have commenced the final phase of works on Cravens Peak Road, with completion expected end of June 2026.



Cravens Peak Road



CONSULTATION:

GBA as Project Managers for Council Gravel Pits
GK3 as Project Managers for Council QRA Flood damage work and Betterment projects.

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS:

All work completed within QRA guidelines and budget allocations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the QRA Flood Damage Works Department May 2026 Report be received for information.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Reviewed and Approved by Chief Executive Officer	Mr Shane Gray
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11.2 Office of the Chief Executive

TITLE:	Chief Executive Officers Report for May 2026	DOC REF: 11.2.1
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REPORT BY:	Shane Gray Chief Executive Officer	DATE: 11/06/2026
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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 share my report for the May 2026 period.

- **Council's Works and Infrastructure**

- Council staff have focused on road networks for community and travellers. The Director of Works and teams have been active in delivery, planning and scoping works.
- While Tourist numbers have been low, those who are visiting are complimentary of the town and road network.
- Weather events have closed roads; staff have been active to monitor and open when safe.

- **Community Hub meetings with POD and Project Manager (with CEO, DWO, Mayor)**

Boulia Community Hub meetings continue with project and updates from Project Manager/Architects. Project Manager is finalising ready to issue requests to Tender.

- **OORTG and RAPAD meetings**

Regular meetings with RAPAD technical groups for reviewing projects, progress and funding opportunities. RAPAD CEO's meet monthly for collaboration.

- **Audit and Risk Committee/Councillors**

- QAO, contract Auditors and Audit Chair along with Council are progressing toward finalisation of statements and prior years adjustments.
- Structural alignment, budget and operational reporting have been a priority.
- Finalising Audit has been priority waiting on contract Auditors and QAO.

- **Boulia Swimming Pool**

There will be a maintenance program developed for the pool with some works required, drain and clean of pool in the off season, shell will be prepared and sealed with a full paint planned for next year's budget.

- **Road Network**

- Main Roads network - regular meetings with District Office and inspectors continue to assist with reporting/accessibility and prioritisation.
- RMPC and Construction staff are delivering for the community and maintaining our networks from identification, reporting and implementing the programs. The works planning is essential to ensure consistency and value for money.
- Significant sealing program will be undertaken on the Donohue Highway, road improvement on TMR road Boulia to Winton to commence.
- Works on the Boulia to Bedourie, and various Councils roads, all requiring attention following weather events.
- Thanks to Council staff and contractors for commitment to delivering for this community.

- **New Corporate Plan**

- The Corporate Plan is being prepared for adoption, Council's 'WTF Boulia' campaign and survey have provided valuable insight into the next 5 years and longer-term priorities.
- Our Communications Team have been excellent, the Facebook and website content, social media updates continue to see incredible results.
- The marketing for our recruitment drive, tourism and events, has also been positive, the recruitment posts through the WTF Boulia employment strategy has seen solid expressions of interest. We have conducted interviews and made appointments. June/July will see more employment opportunities advertised.

- **QRA**

- Meetings continue with QRA representatives and delivery on the flood damage program. Significant opportunity to build both ours and local workforces to re-establish our road networks back to the safe standard required. Mayor, CEO and Deputy Mayor scheduled to meet with Ministers and QRA representatives at Bush Council Convention.

- **Workplace Health and Safety**

- Safety compliance has been a key focus moving forward - site visits, toolbox talks and audit.
- The Safety Management System has been updated and consulted with staff.
- Contractor management and staff compliance with safety is an ongoing task, site visits, training and support is being provided.
- Staff are committed to the safe work practices and regular inspections, and support/training is being provided.

- **Road network site visits**

- CEO, DWO and CWO continue with Council and TMR network, site visits to evaluate emergent works requirements.

Meetings/Events/Conferences/Training attended:

- RAPAD board meetings Longreach
- RAPAD Roads and Water groups Teams meeting - DWO and CEO
- Boulia Hub with CEO, DWO, Project Manager
- Internal Audit and Risk Committee
- QAO and contract Auditors
- Site visits
- Meetings with staff
- Meetings with QRA representatives
- General meeting
- Bush Councils - LGAQ (Mayor/Deputy Mayor/CEO) Longreach
- ODHC meeting Mayor and CEO

Future Events/Conferences/Training

Date	Activity	Attendees	Location/completed
	Community Hub	CEO/DWO/Project Team	Teams
	External audit	Auditors/CEO	Teams
	LGAQ - various	CEO	Teams
TBA	Urandangi Site visit and roads inspection	Councillors/CEO /DWO	Shire Tour
	New Corporate Plan process	Community meeting	Teams/inhouse
June	ALGA	Mayor and CEO	Canberra

CONSULTATION: Councillors, staff and government representatives

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the CEO Report for May 2026 be received for information.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED EHO Action Report May 2026 [11.2.1.1 - 7 pages]

Chief Executive Officer	Mr Shane Gray
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TITLE:	Action List Update May 2026	DOC REF: 11.2.2
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REPORT BY:	Shane Gray Chief Executive Officer	DATE: 12/06/2026
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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:

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

PURPOSE:

To present to Council an updated Action List.

CONTENT:

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

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

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

CONSULTATION: Nil

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the Action List update for May 2026 for information.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Action List May 2026 [11.2.2.1 - 8 pages]

Chief Executive Officer	Mr Shane Gray
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Boulia Shire Council Action List

	DATE	RESOLUTION	SUGGESTION	RESPONSIBILITY	COMMENTS	Close
22nd May 2026						
1.	22/5/26	General Business	Cllr Woodhouse – are sales being considered for moving excess/old stock at the Min Min Encounter	CEO/Tourism	End of year sales are earmarked.	
24th April 2026						
2.	24/4/26	General Business	Cllr Norton – Consider Starlink for all Council vehicles	CEO/DWO	5 Starlink units have been purchased and being used.	
3.	24/4/26	General Business	Cllr Neilson – clarification of land use/tenure of land beside the Boulia Golf Club. Potential for future housing?	DWO	Email forwarded to Councillors on the 24 th April 2026 advising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Golf Club is located on a State Lease on Lot 8 Crown Plan W154. - Registered Lessee: Boulia Golf Club Inc. - Tenure Reference: TL 0/209228 - 30 years Expiring on 08/10/2027 	
4.	24/4/26	General Business	Cllr Norton – Street signage needs to be checked for correct directional pointage. Signage Audit?	DWO	This activity forms part of the 2026 Boulia Road re-sealing program. However, this packed has been removed from the RFT package due to price escalation and will be re-schedule into the 26/27 program (subject to Council budget approval). Where road or wayfinding signage be identified as damaged, missing of requiring directional correction this should be reported to the RMPC Foremen for their attention.	
5.	20/3/26	General Business	Phosphate Mine - on Boulia Council land - need to change to reflect	CEO	Followed up with Valuer Generals Department and looking to identify the site. Query with Department.	

			Extractive Industry (Ardmore)			
6.	20/3/26	General Business	Investigate possibility of a cleaner for the Heritage Complex.	CEO	Under review as part of future facilities maintenance across Council.	
7.	20/3/26	General Business	Inductions to be given to relevant Staff (Heritage Complex/Parks & Gardens staff) on the watering restrictions applicable for around the Stonehouse due to the condition of the building	DWO	DWO in conjunction with Building Certifier are developing a management plan. Staff currently looking for grant opportunities for restoration works.	
8.	20/03/2026	General Business	Business Case to be established around developing the 'Old Butcher Shop' block of land into housing	CEO/DWO	Development Options Report is being presented as part of the DWO Monthly information report at the 19 th June 2026 Ordinary Council meeting.	
9.	20/03/2026	General Business	Cllr Britton: Billy Fell's Tree on the Mt Isa Road – Council to consider a commemorative sign at the tree for Mr Fell's.	DWO/CEO	Signage to form part of regional plan for recognition. Hasn't progressed at this stage.	
20TH February 2026						
10.	20/2/26	General Business	Donohue Highway Hall of Fame – it was proposed that in order to acknowledge all key contributors to the construction of the Donohue Highway across the years, Council look to	CEO	Work in Progress	

			create a Donohue Highway 'Hall of Fame' that would be placed at a suitable location along the highway.			
11.	20/2/26	General Business	Feral Pig control – a discussion was had around Council supporting a proposed submission to be lodged in relation to lobbying for funding to be granted to the Desert Channels group in order for the group to assist the RAPAD region in the management of feral pigs. It was also noted that the overall budget for feral animal bounties should be reconsidered in the 2026/2027 budget review for a potential increase.	DWO/Finance	Work in Progress	
Wednesday 17th December 2025						
12.	17/12/2025		Cllr Woodhouse: Council Christmas Decorations - request for arrangements to be made for an upgrade to Council Christmas decorations in time for 2026 celebrations. Allocation to be added into the budget.	CEO/CEO Assist	Work in progress to be discussed as part of budget formation for 2026/2027. 13/02/2026: Research has been commenced on options available and provided to Councillors for consideration. 23 rd January 2026 Council Meeting: Cllrs requested that the new decorations be ordered well in advance to ensure that everything was received in time for the festive season. Suggestions made: banners, lights for Council buildings, tree decorations. Display ideas	

					to be presented to Council. Councillors also suggested a dedicated storage area then be assigned for the new decorations. Request notification sent to involved staff.	
Friday 22nd August 2025						
13.	22/08/2025		Identify activities and projects work camp cannot provide. Who runs it, who is the go to? Etc.	CEO	Meetings with Work Camp have occurred, way forward planning being established to ensure best use of services for both Work Camp participants and the Community.	
Wednesday 18th June 2025						
14.	18/06/2025	All Councillors	Parking Barriers (Yellow Bollards) to be put in place as carparks to avoid people parking in the wrong spots in town. E.g. in front of Bob's shop.	DWO/TMR	DWO investigating with Main Roads for approval. 20/03/2026 – This item requires TMR involvement. Currently awaiting further details from TMR. 17 th December Ordinary Council Meeting – Councillors advised that the outcome they wanted was to free up space for cars to be able to park on the main street and deter caravans parking there. 14/10/2025 – Next Steps: Understand Councillors Outcome so that DTMR can be brought into the conversation regarding the outcomes Council wish to achieve.	
Friday 23rd May 2025						
15.	23/05/2025	All Councillors	Residential Estate back planning. Road corridor. Liaise with Tony and Gideon the road access points. (Bring the whole package for Councillors to review.)	DWO	Forms part of Residential Activation Funding in consultation with Planner, surveyor and Peak Services. RAF application has been submitted.	
16.	23/05/2025	Cllr Woodhouse	Media and Communication Policy to be reviewed and re-worked	CEO	To be reviewed following WTF campaign and new legislation to take effect from July.	

Wednesday 23 rd April 2025						
17.	23/04/2025	Councillor Sam Beauchamp	CPL Shed to be painted with heat resistance paint	DWO	Formed part of the assessment management plan deliberations.	
18.	23/04/2025		Aerodrome, Business Case, Budget request for 1 million dollars	DWO/CEO	A project has been initiated to develop SoW, and QS estimate documentation for grant opportunity.	
19.	23/04/2025		Water, Business Case, Budget request for \$750,000	DWO/CEO	A request has been forwarded to MJM Environment Pty Ltd to update their previous report with new metrics and options to improve water scheme (Council system is under pressure creating 992l/person/day).	
20.	23/04/2025		Eazyjacks (or brand similar) to be placed in all Council Vehicles to assist when tires need to be changed.	DWO	Workshop Supervisor and DWO have ordered a selection for trial and in progress.	
Friday 21 st February 2025						
21.	21/02/2025		Pitta Pitta Bush Tucker Signs - Councillor Woodhouse suggested the Pitta Pitta Bush Tucker signs at the Burke River need replacing.	CEO	Pitta Pitta will forward their approval for Welcome to Pitta Pitta signage.	
Friday 24 th January 2025						
22.	24/01/2025	ClIr Norton	Softfall at Splash Park - Councillor Norton raised that the softfall at the splash park is a Work Place Health and Safety issue and needs to be replaced as soon as practical.	DWO	Part of Assessment Management Plan replacement program.	

23.	24/01/2025	2025/01.4	(Re Artwork from the Outdoor Billboard Gallery) 2. That the Billboard locations be Coorabulka truck pull off, Donohue Highway truck pull off and Burke River truck pull off.	DWO	Works in Progress.	
Friday 29th November 2024						
24.	29/11/2024	2024/11.20	That Council resolves to undertake a review of the Boulia Shire Local Laws.	CEO	Waiting on final report from Peter Mann, Blackall Tambo Regional Council.	
Friday 27th September 2024						
25.	27/09/2024	Mayor Rick Britton	Roof Painter – painting houses/buildings with heat resistant paint – possibly trial a few places and yearly get done. Review western wall on a house on Herbert St to be painted in heat resistant paint.	CEO/DWO/MPC	Part of Asset Management Planning review.	
Friday 23rd August 2024						
26.	23/8/2024	Suggestions made by K. Mc Kelvie (during Deputation to Council)	Consider turning the dog park on the corner of Herbert and Hamilton Street into a desert botanical garden.	CEO	Council met with Landcare Group on the 21 st May. Following this, during discussion at Council Meeting on 22/5/26, a suggestion was made the site of the garden be reconsidered, with a new 'greenfield' site to be located (e.g. entry way to town – Mt Isa Road).	
Friday 19th January 2024						
27.	19/1/24	2024/01.20	Tender: T2023-24.5 Sale of lots L404/B2671 and L405/B2671 Mulligan Street, Boulia (closed)	CEO	04/12/2025 Spoken to CLH Lawyers who are currently dealing with a similar situation. 20/10/2025 Contacting King & Co for clarification on options available to Council.	

			(b) A survey for an access easement across the rear of lots L404/B2671 and L405/B2671 (to Council's requirements) be undertaken and registered by Bouliā Shire Council.		15/07/2025 awaiting further information on actions we can take. 14/4/2025 – seeking further advice. 13/2/2025 – it appears easement registration cannot proceed until someone can sign the deceased owners consent. 22/1/25 Update; no sale enquiry recd. (b)Easement Survey completed and amended to be 8m wide for lots 402-405. Lot 405 on B2671 (block 40)– BSC owned Lot 404 on B2671 (block 34)-Elliott owned (decd) Lot 403 on B2671 (block 30)-BSC owned Lot 402 on B2671 (block 26)-BSC owned 8/11/2024 Public Trustee is working on this file to sort last ownership issue.	
28.	19/01/2024		QRA- Betterment-BSC to review Longreach Channel on the Donohue Hwy with the installation of culverts. This channel goes under water before the Georgina River crossing.	DWO	This item is subject to the QRA sponsored flood study.	
29.	19/01/2024		Town Water supply BSC to investigate and advise on: 1. Installation of a third water-storage tank. 2. Cyclone separating system for debris. 3. Modular filtration system (and Treatment Officer on a retainer basis). Dual water supply? To reduce treated water usage? 4. Water filters for each residence and business in the township.	DWO	DWO is currently scoping the works to be incorporate as part of the LRAP. Reports being reviewed.	

			Investigate Council getting robotic cleaner to run 6 monthly in ground reservoirs (once old tank relined).			
Friday 18th August 2023						
30.	18/08/2023		Shade for Robinson Park – Concept brief to be completed	DWO	Tender awarded, in progress awaiting installation. Expected mid June.	

TITLE:	2027 Special Holiday Request - Boulia Camel Races	DOC REF: 11.2.3
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REPORT BY:	Shane Gray Chief Executive Officer	DATE: 12/06/2026
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CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

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
 3.4.2: Support Council operated businesses which are associated with tourists and benefit the wider community
 3.4.3: Support local groups in the development of tourism activities which will benefit the wider 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 support in placing a request for a special holiday in 2027 for the Boulia Camel Races.

CONTENT:

The *Holiday's Act 1983* enables local governments each year to request a special holiday for their local government area. Council has received notice from the Office of Industrial Relations that requests for the 2027 calendar year are now open.

With the Boulia Camel Races being the major annual event of the Boulia Shire, this report seeks Council's support in making an application for Monday 19th July 2027 to become a special holiday (the 2027 Camel Races, which will be the 30th anniversary of the event, will be held on the 16th to 18th July).

Once the application has been submitted, it will then be given to the Minister for approval. Approved holidays will then be published in the Queensland Government Gazette and Council will receive a confirmation letter advising of the Minister's approval of the appointed holiday.

CONSULTATION: Nil

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Compliance with the *Holidays Act 1983*.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse support for an application for a Special Holiday on Monday 19th July 2027 for the Boulia Camels Races Show Holiday.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Chief Executive Officer	Mr Shane Gray
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The report regarding the Corporate Plan 2026-2031 will be tabled at the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

TITLE:	WHS Information Report for May - June 2026	DOC REF: 11.2.5
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REPORT BY:	Michael Selfe Workplace Health and Safety Officer	DATE: 08/06/2026
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CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE:

Key Priority 7: Valuing our greatest asset – people

7.1: An innovative culture

7.1.1: Adopt employment practices that develop and support a motivated and focused workforce

7.1.3: Ensure the workforce is adequately trained and staff have access to development programs and continually support Workplace, Health and Safety practices

Key Priority 7: Valuing our greatest asset – people

7.2: A great place to work

7.2.4: Provide a safe, healthy working environment and be proactive in all Work Health and Safety matters

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Information Report only - not applicable.

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.

CONTENT:

LGW (Audit requirements)	Continuing to work on and keeping audit and reporting up to date. WHS audit will take place in 7 months.
Toolbox talks/ Presentations	Discussions on the necessity of completion of required paperwork such as SWMS, maintaining appropriate PPE. Discussion of Compliance Inspections.
Compliance and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present WHS actions/issues face-to-face with CEO. • Face-to-face Inductions: 7 • Pre-Start on-site meetings: 2 • Online Inductions: 2 • Ongoing update of policies/procedures to ensure correct legislation/references. • Overall compliance has improved with the workforce around PPE, documentation and safe work practices. The WHS Coordinator is maintaining conversation with staff to ensure the standards are maintained through education.
Assistance to Staff/ Contractors/ Compliance	Undertake regular inspection of Parks and Gardens/Town Services Teams to ensure any used signage is accurate and safe practices/PPE are being complied with. Regular inspections are also being conducted.

Near Misses, Incidents and issues	Total WHS actions/issues since last Council meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Near Miss – 0 • Hazards – 0 • Damage – 0 • Incidents – 1 		
Category	Description	Site	Outcome
Hazards	Multiple trip hazards with uneven sections of concrete. Fall risks at the bar area and top of mound overlooking the arena. Head strike risk also.	Racecourse	Uneven sections of concrete have been dug out and will be refilled with fresh concrete. Met with fencing contractor to discuss fencing options to reduce risk to persons using the facility.
Damage	Nil		
Incidents	Staff member was mowing the yard of 3/47 Pituri Street when they were struck on the shin by unseen beer cans that had been thrown into the long grass. Nil injury.	3/47 Pituri Street	The address has allegedly been reported several times about similar issues. The resident was spoken to in person by the affected staff member.
Works in Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly consultation with DWO and supervisors on current and upcoming projects and what is required from a WHS perspective. • Ongoing review of items such as SWMS. Full chemical audit of Council has been completed with new Safety Data Sheets to be sourced and placed in relevant areas. 		
Identified future work required and/or improvement areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGW - to review the Rectification Plan – part of audit process. • Continual review and update of policies/procedures to ensure compliance. Ongoing face-to-face training of staff around requirements is having a positive impact. 		
Training	Discussions with DWO/CEO around required training for staff such as Chemical Handling and 1080/ARO/chainsaw/training.		



Diagonal bracing creates 2 issues. People can hit their heads on it and further can trip on the lower section of the bracing.

Suggestion made to have permanent fencing on either side of this section made with existing type fencing that has been used in the bar area but up to head height with an opening in the middle.

Further, the marked horizontal section is a fall hazard so permanent fencing will mitigate this risk.





This wall has created a fall risk which is 1.5 metres in height. Further, the horizontal bar along the time has added to the risk allowing for people to trip if not aware of their surrounds.

Recommended in discussion with DWO and fencing contractor that a fence is placed on top of this mound approximately 1 metre from the wall and of material to reduce visual impact/restriction.



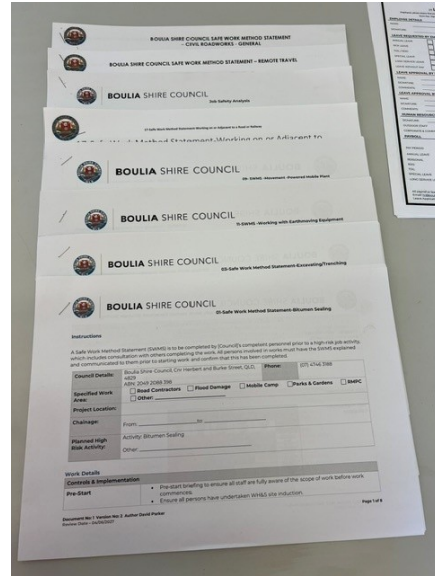
Trip hazard.



Trip Hazard removal.



Trip hazard removed in Preparation for new concrete.



Improvement in paperwork.



Improved signage placement leading into work zones.

CONSULTATION: Nil

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Workplace Health and Safety Report for May 2026 be received for information.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

Reviewed and Approved by Chief Executive Officer

Mr Shane Gray

11.3 Corporate Services

The Finance Report for May 2026 will be tabled at the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

The report regarding policy reviews will be tabled at the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

11.4 Economic and Community Development

TITLE:	Library Report for May 2026	DOC REF: 11.4.2
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REPORT BY:	Tarsha Shaw Library Officer	DATE: 10/06/2026
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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

Key Priority 1: A strong supportive community environment

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

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

Key Priority 1: A strong supportive community environment

1.3: Bouliā Shire to have active inclusive communities

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

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Information Report only - not applicable.

PURPOSE:

To report on the day-to-day operations of the Bouliā Shire Library.

CONTENT:

This month we have been:

- Planning the June and July First 5 Forever Calendars. First 5 Forever have had some steady regulars coming twice a week
- LitUp Program: Hosted the Author Rebecca Timmis at the Bouliā State School and they presented the work they had done to everyone at the Biggest Morning Tea.
- With the funding from the RADF program we were able to have a second Author come to Bouliā. Lachlann Carter ran a 2-day workshop at the school and a half day in the library. I have received very positive feedback from both the people who attended the sessions and from Lachlann and his family.
- We have hosted the Digital Team for Digital skills and a photography workshop in the Library. The Digital skills session only had a couple people attend where the photography session has around 8 people attend including a tourist.
- Community members have been utilising the Saturday mornings in the library with at least 2 to 6 people coming each Saturday we have been open. We do need some more casuals to be able to keep the Saturday morning going.
- We have a few more AI workshops coming up in June via Zoom meetings. Plus, we have a 3D Printing workshop and a Drone

workshop in June. The 5-6 grades at the school will be joining in on the 3D printing workshop as part of the digital tech lessons at the school. As the Library has the State Library 3D Printer on loan, we will be doing a few trips to the school for the younger kids to learn a bit about it at a later date.

- We will have Belinda and Mara from State Library visiting our Library for a few days to go through some planning and reports. They would love a catch up with any Councillors that are available and the CEO. They will be tagging along to the Police Day at the school and joining in on anything else we have happening.
- We have planned a wire workshop coming up in August through the RADF funding and we are working on getting a comedian out. We have had an application from a community organisation. Please let the CEO Assistant or myself know if you have any other workshop suggestions.

Library Patronage Numbers:

	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	197	236	198	128	130
2026	87	135	210	276	187							



CONSULTATION: Nil

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Nil

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive the Library Report for May 2026 for information.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

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TITLE:	Min Min Encounter & Boulia Heritage Complex Report May 2026	DOC REF: 11.4.2
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REPORT BY:	Karen Savage Tourism Officer	DATE: 10/06/2026
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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:

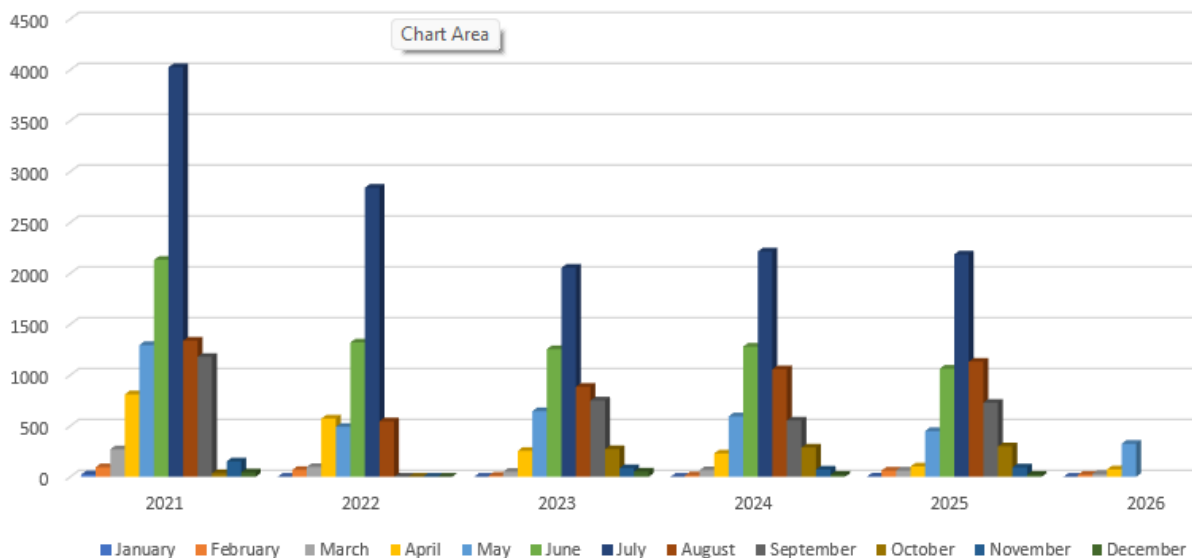
Monthly Activity Statistics: May 2026

Sales – tickets/merchandise	\$8,713.20
MME Total Visitor Stats	325
MME Tickets	54
BHC Tickets	6
COMBO Tickets	
Rezdy Online Bookings during the month (no payment taken)	48

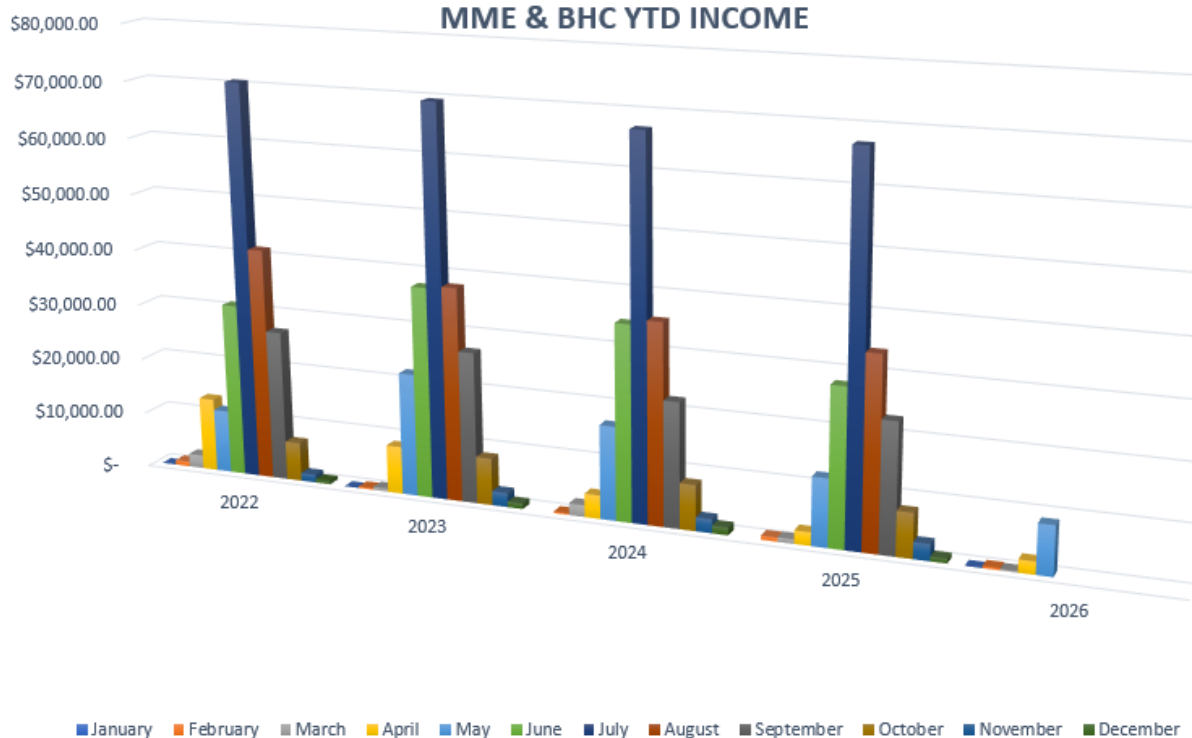
Social Media Statistics: May 2026

Social media pages	Reached
TripAdvisor Review	0
Google Business Profile	110 interactions, 136 profile views, 19 website visits from profile

MME & BHC Visitor Information



MME & BHC YTD INCOME



REPORT ON ACTIVITIES DURING MAY:

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.

May started very slowly and at midterm we were down by nearly 50% in visitor numbers, this picked up in the second half of the month with figures showing a 35% decrease in numbers. This was mainly due to road closures and uncertainty around fuel prices/availability. We have now partnered with Drive Queensland to enable greater reach through ads, local presence and/or brochure availability at all the major caravan/camping shows. The Boulia Shire brochure has had a bit of a facelift/update and will be available in the Information Centre shortly.

A radio interview with ABC Northwest will hopefully encourage more travellers to our area with emphasis on good fuel availability.

Group Bookings: Group bookings have commenced with great feedback from the tour operators so far.

Social media: Facebook posts reached 73,000 people this month with engagement of 4,325 interactions. This was up by 194% and 378% respectively.

Explore Queensland Network: n/a

Merchandise:

All merchandise has been restocked ready for the season.

Boulia Heritage Complex: Continues to attract some lovely comments and is looking great for the season.

Min Min Encounter: Has had a total upgrade of all the compressor units and airlines. This was carried out by Greg Tuckwell himself, so lovely to see him and his knowledge was amazing!

CONSULTATION: Nil

GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS: Nil

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Min Min Encounter & Boulia Heritage Complex Report for the May 2026 Council Meeting be received for information.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil



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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

Nil

14 General Business

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