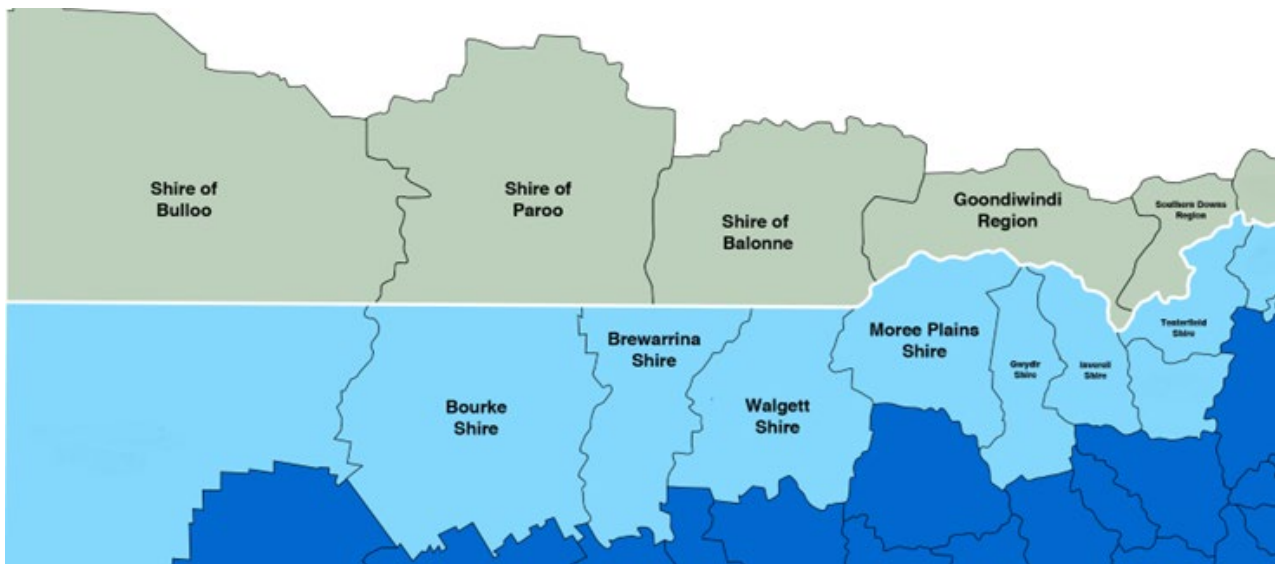




# BUSINESS PAPER

## BORDER REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS MEETING

FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2026



Map of BROC Councils

# Border Regional Organisation of Councils Notice of Meeting

29 January 2026

A Border Regional Organisation of Councils meeting will be held at **Tenterfield Shire Council – Koreelah Room 247 Rouse Street, Tenterfield** on **Friday 13 February 2026** commencing at **9.00am (local time)**.

An Agenda is attached for your information.

*Rob Mackenzie*

Cr Rob Mackenzie  
Chairperson

**Tenterfield Shire Council – Koreelah Room 247 Rouse Street,  
Tenterfield NSW 2372**

Teams Meeting Link

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 448 978 233 819 52

Passcode: LS6Tu65c

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# BROC

## Border Regional Organisation of Councils



### 1. OPENING OF MEETING

- Welcome to all attendees
- Mayoral Welcome – Councillor Bronwyn Petrie, Tenterfield Shire Council
- Apologies

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held on Friday 10 October 2025 in Moree (hosted by Moree Plains Shire Council) are attached separately (minus the presentations).

Recommendation:

*That the minutes of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held on 10 October 2025 as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

### 3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Could all unpaid memberships please be finalised ASAP.

#### Transactions

#### National Australia Bank Business Account

Balance as at 29 January 2026	<b>\$7.21</b>
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#### National Australia Bank Savings Account

Balance as at 29 January 2026	<b>\$25,499.29</b>
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#### National Australia Bank – Term Deposit 42-388-8697

Rolled over 27 December 2026 for 12 months @ 4.1%	<b>\$12,056.28</b>
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#### Warwick Credit Union – Fixed Term Deposit 100005924

Matures on 22 April 2026 @ 4.25%	
Balance as at 31 December 2025	<b>\$12,510.27</b>

Recommendation:

*That, the Financial Report be accepted*

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**Recommendation:**

*Due to the account balances being healthy it is recommended that some more funds be invested in a short term deposit to maximise the interest, with a goal of combining the term deposits into one upon maturity in the future.*

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES,**

- Update from Michelle Clarke, CEO Balonne Shire Council - The border bubble was suggested at the exercise completed in Inverell on Disaster Management to allow emergency services and disaster management response across borders. The former Cross Border Commissioner before he passed was supportive of this idea. The Roma District Disaster Group is planning a border exercise on evacuation for Mungindi in September 2026 that will further identify and test the systems / gaps we have.
- Wild Dog Management sub-committee - Led by Bourke Shire Council, is the funding still available and will the project continue.

**5. CROSS BORDER UPDATES**

Bob Gee – QLD Cross Border Commissioner  
Kalina Koloff – NSW Cross Border Commissioner

**WORKING TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

**6. STREAMLINE COMMUNICATIONS LISTS**

Review member contacts and guest contacts for future meeting correspondence

**7. AGENCY UPDATES**

Naomi Tonscheck – Inland Rail \*via Teams at 11.00am

**8. STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREAS FOR BROc (SPA)**

**SPA FOCUS GROUP UPDATES**

Each SPA Focus Group has been tasked to investigate and determine:

- What are the issues?
- Determine a priority order for the issues identified; and
- Come up with ideas and report back on how BROc can assist with resolving the issues identified.

The four (4) Strategic Priority Areas are listed in the table below. For today's meeting, 15 minutes has been allocated for each SPA.

Speakers have been invited to participate in the SPA discussions – details of which are highlighted below.

<b>STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 1</b>	<b>Encompassing</b>	<b>Responsible Council</b>
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &amp; TOURISM</b>	Industry/Renewables	Southern Downs
	Digital Connectivity	Goondiwindi
	<b>Tourism – Report Attached</b>	<b>Paroo/Tenterfield</b>
<b>Lead Council: Inverell</b>		
<b>STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 2</b>	<b>Encompassing</b>	<b>Responsible Council</b>

	<b>LIVEABILITY</b>	Health	Tenterfield
	<b>Lead Council: Moree</b>	Housing	Goondiwindi/Bulloo
		Education	Gwydir
		Policing / Crime	Goondiwindi/Moree
	<b>STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 3</b>	<b>Encompassing</b>	<b>Responsible Council</b>
	<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	Road Network	Gwydir / Balonne
	<b>Lead Council: Gwydir</b>	Transport	Moree
		Water Security, Urban & Wastewater	Inverell
	<b>STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 4</b>	<b>Encompassing</b>	<b>Responsible Council</b>
	<b>DISASTER MANAGEMENT</b>	Agency Coordination	Balonne
	<b>Lead Council: Balonne</b>	Bio Security	Balonne
<b>9. CORRESPONDENCE</b>	<b>Inwards</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement Summary's, Fixed Term Deposit - Warwick Credit Union</li> <li>• Statement Summary – NAB</li> <li>• Response to Wild Dog Fence Letter – Dr Peter Adams on behalf of The Hon Tara Moriarty, MLC</li> <li>• Request for Sponsorship – Quick Shears – Shearer Shindig 2026 – Tourism Bulloo</li> <li>• Request to meet re responding to unattended or trespassing stock on public and private land – Mr Rob Kelly Local Land Services (Dates of future meetings sent to Mr Kelly, awaiting response).</li> </ul>		
	<b>Outwards</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		
	<p>Recommendation:</p> <p><i>That:</i></p> <p><i>the Inwards and Outwards correspondence be received and noted;</i></p>		
<b>10. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE</b>			
<b>11. ACTION ITEM LOG</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action Item Log attached separately.</b></li> </ul>		
	<p>Recommendation:</p> <p><i>That:</i></p> <p><i>a) The Action Item Log be received and noted: and</i></p> <p><i>b) The items on the Action Item Log continue to be actioned.</i></p>		

**12. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Cr Kate Dight, Mayor Inverell Shire Council to provide an update from the Policing Cross Border & Counter Terrorism Forum held in NSW Parliament House, 14th November 2025 (Information Attached).
- Updates to website.

**13. NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting of BROC will be held in Cunnamulla (Paroo Shire Council) 10 April 2026 commencing at 9am (local time).

**14. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

## ACTION ITEM LOG

Officer	Item	Listed	Status
Cr Rob Mackenzie	<b>Insurance Council of Australia</b> That BROCC advocate to the Insurance Council of Australia concerning postcode driven insurance policy premium price increases.	19/5/23	Cr Mackenzie to source more information.
Cr Rob Mackenzie	<b>Water Buybacks</b> BROC write to the Hon Murray Watt expressing concerns about the water buybacks.	20/06/2025	Letter sent 11/07/2025
Cr Rob Mackenzie and Cr Kate Dight	<b>BROC Website</b> BROC to redesign our website	20/06/2025	Cr Rob Mackenzie and Cr Kate Dight to contact Southwest BROC contact.
Cr Rob Mackenzie	<b>Letter of Support</b> BROC to send Letter of Support to Kalina Koloff, NSW Cross Border Commissioner.	20/06/2025	Letter sent 7/10/2025
Cr Rob Mackenzie	<b>Dog Fence Letter</b> BROC to send letter of Support	20/06/2025	Letter sent 7/10/2025
Cr Kate Dight	<b>Bushfire Management Group Letter</b> BROC to send letter asking for Bushfire Management Group to be reinstated, to the Hon. Ann Leahy MP and NSW counterpart.	10/10/2025	
Michelle Clark	<b>Border Bubble/Exemptions Letter</b> Letter to be sent	10/10/2025	
Cr Lachlan Ford	<b>National Park Letter</b> BROC to send letter of support for Bourke regarding National Park buy up	10/10/2025	
Cr Sean Coleman	<b>Reclassification of the Bruxner Way</b> BROC to send letter requesting the Bruxner Way be reclassified back to a main road.	10/10/2025	

Cr Rob Mackenzie  
Chair, Border Regional Organisation of Councils  
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Wild dog fencing on the NSW/Queensland border

Dear Councillor Mackenzie

Thank you for your letter of 7 October 2025 to Minister Moriarty regarding wild dog fencing in the NSW/Queensland border area. The Minister has requested that I respond on her behalf.

As noted in your letter, earlier this year the NSW Government delivered a 32 km extension to the NSW Border Wild Dog Fence, closing the gap between the NSW and South Australian wild dog fences.

The NSW Government has reached an agreement with the Dog Fence Board of South Australia (SA) for them to deliver and maintain up to 290 km of new wild dog fence, running south from the 32 km section along the NSW and South Australian border.

Due to escalating costs and declining benefits, the NSW Government will not extend the current NSW Border Wild Dog Fence along the Queensland border as was initially proposed through the NSW Wild Dog Fence Extension project, and the project has been closed.

The NSW Government via the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development will continue to provide a wide range of support to help landholders manage wild dogs in the BROOC region, including capacity-building opportunities like workshops and field days, plus one-on-one advice with Local Land Services (LLS) biosecurity officers, and coordinating government-subsidised aerial and ground baiting programs.

Landholders in NSW wanting support or further information about wild dog management should contact a NSW Government LLS biosecurity officer via 1300 795 299 or visit the [NSW Government wild dog webpage](#).

I trust this is of assistance, however I have asked Victoria Carroll, Manager Strategic Priorities in my team, to be available to answer any further questions you may have. Ms Carroll can be contacted on 0447 382 734 or by email at [victoria.carroll@dpird.nsw.gov.au](mailto:victoria.carroll@dpird.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



**Dr Peter Adams**

Group Director  
Strategic Projects  
Regional Development & Delivery

19 December 2025

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Chair  
Border Regional Organisation of Councils  
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## Responding to unattended or trespassing stock on public and private land

Dear Councillor Mackenzie,

Local Land Services (LLS) wishes to consult with the Border Regional Organisation of Councils regarding unattended livestock on public and private lands, under the *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021* (PSUP Act) and the *Local Land Services Act 2013* (LLS Act).

The PSUP Act recognises Local Government Authorities (Councils) and LLS as “authorities” that may act on unattended property (including livestock) on public and private land. Under the LLS Act, LLS is authorised to manage stock, whether attended or unattended, on a public road, a travelling stock reserve (TSR) or other public land where the owner or person in charge of that stock does not have a permit or other authority allowing the animals to be in or on that land.

LLS understands that unattended and trespassing stock is challenging for stakeholders, the community, and Councils to manage. Recent experience in the south west and north coast regions suggests some Councils are not aware that LLS is not responsible for unattended stock outside of a TSR, or other public land that LLS controls or manages on behalf of the State. For the PSUP Act, Councils are the lead authority for managing unattended or straying stock on public roads and assisting private landholders.

To ensure the community, landholders, and Government agencies are working collaboratively to resolve these issues, LLS seeks an opportunity to meet with the [insert name] ROC/JO to establish an agreed approach on unattended livestock across NSW. We believe that an agreed approach will improve outcomes for Councils, LLS and the community.

Please contact Bridget Bartlett, Executive Officer Program Support, [edelivery@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:edelivery@lls.nsw.gov.au) to discuss a suitable date and time for LLS to meet with your group.

Sincerely



**Rob Kelly**

Executive Director Delivery  
Local Land Services



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**Bulloo**  
Shire

## **Re: Sponsorship Opportunity for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Shearers Shindig 2026**

The Tourism and Events Team at the Thargomindah Visitor Information Centre is thrilled to announce the planning of the 6th Annual Shearers Shindig, scheduled for Friday, May 22, and Saturday, May 23, 2026.

This event serves as a vibrant celebration that unites visitors, locals, and participants, highlighting the wool industry while honouring the dedication and skill of shearers from local, national, and international backgrounds. We also want to acknowledge the vital role of wool growers, who are the first link in the production chain.

We are excited to showcase Picarilli Merinos, a local wool grower in the Bulloo Shire. They supply merino ewes for our fast-growing quick shear competition, all while committing to sustainable practices with non-mulesed, easy-care merinos. The exceptional quality and ethical values of their wool make it the fibre of choice. You can learn more about their story here: <https://picarilli.com.au/>

The 2025 event attracted over 95 shearers from across Australia and New Zealand, earning high praise from the shearing community and establishing itself as a highly respected gathering that draws some of the best shearers in the country. We've seen a strong representation of female shearers over the past five years, reflecting the changing dynamics of the wool industry. For the third consecutive year, we will feature two ladies-only classes, paralleling the historic men's events.

With early registrations for the 2026 event already indicating significant interest, we expect it to grow in size and media coverage. As in previous years, the Shearers Shindig will be an extraordinary festival, featuring music, markets, theatre, pig racing, and the Grand Finale – the Quick Shear Competition.

We are seeking sponsorship for this event, and your support would greatly contribute to making this another remarkable occasion in Outback Queensland, showcasing our diverse industries and talents.

We sincerely hope you consider this opportunity to support a unique outback event. For further information and to secure your spot as a sponsor for the Shearers Shindig in Thargomindah, please contact the Tourism and Events Team at the Thargomindah Visitor Information Centre on (07) 4621 8095 or email [tourism@bulloo.qld.gov.au](mailto:tourism@bulloo.qld.gov.au)

Warm regards,  
Tourism and Events Team  
Thargomindah Visitor Information Centre  
Bulloo Shire Council

## **Tourism Report to the BROC meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Suzette Beresford**

This month the Outback Qld Tourism Association together with Tourism and Events Qld will commence a promotional campaign for the Central and South West Queensland region through advertising across digital, print and video platforms. The campaign, titled the “Outback is Open”, is aimed at rebuilding consumer confidence and drive visitations to areas that were affected by flooding in the March/April 2025 disaster.

Currently the BROC region is unaffected by the weather disasters being experienced elsewhere in Queensland and is “open for business” which should be a big plus for the coming tourist season. Member Council Tourism Officers have been canvassed for input into what areas of tourism BROC should focus on for this year. There has not been much feedback received but points raised so far are as follows:-

- There are a number of drive routes through SW Qld all of which are referenced online either on tourism sites or with their own Facebook page or website. It is noted the Cellar Doors to Sunsets route is not mentioned online and in order to provide promotion, it requires a presence such as listing with ATDW (Australian Tourism Data Warehouse), a Facebook page or a separate website for the route. It should also be mentioned on the BROC website.
- There was agreement from the feedback that additional signage for the Cellar Doors to Sunsets route is not warranted.

Submitted for discussion and further input.

Recommendation:

That the “Cellar Doors to Sunsets” border tourist drive route be included on the BROC website and listed on ATDW.