



Growing Bourke 2021

Increasing the experiences of community, business and visitors to the Bourke Local Government Area

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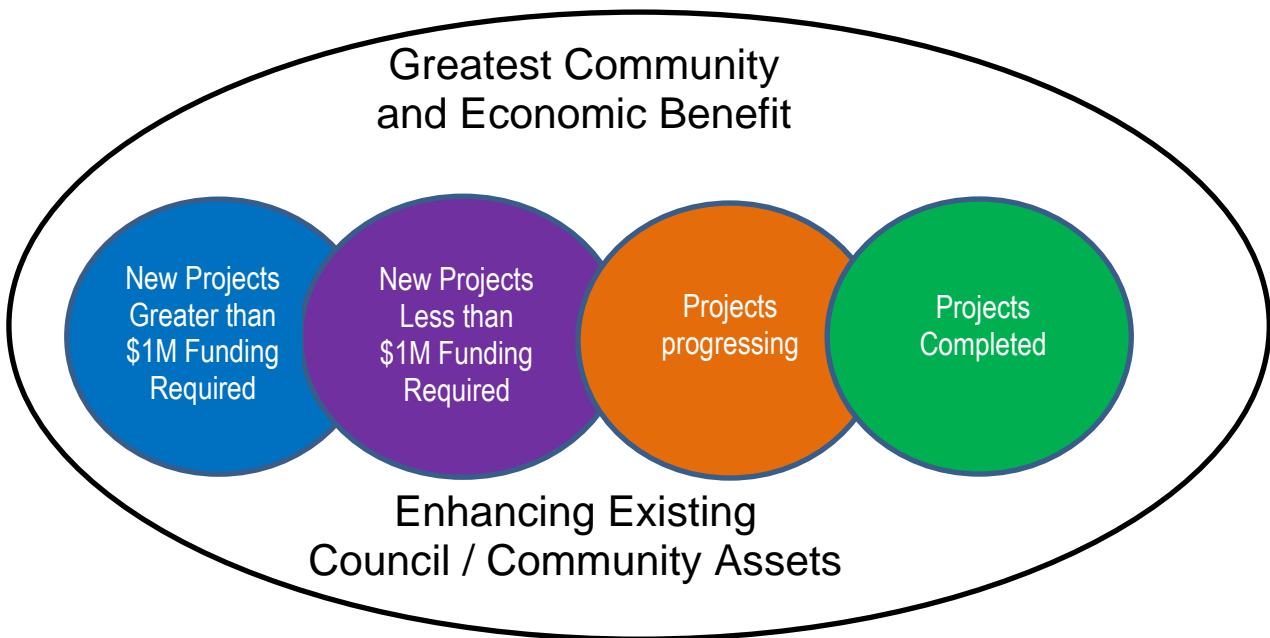
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1. Introduction

This document outlines Bourke Shire Council's vision to continue to "Grow Bourke and Community" through identified infrastructure projects that will result in increased social and economic benefits for Bourke residents and visitors.

The following document focuses on 4 key areas;

- New projects of greater than \$1M that are designed to enhance existing infrastructure and build on community and tourist experiences
- New projects less than \$1M that are designed to enhance existing infrastructure and build on community and tourist experiences
- Projects funded and progressing
- Projects completed in the past 3 years, demonstrating Bourke Shire Council's capacity to manage and deliver



As the winner of the 2019 AR Bluett Award (Rural / Remote), Bourke Shire Council has demonstrated its ability to deliver and manage projects of community and economic benefit, making it one of the most progressive Councils in NSW.

2. Bourke Shire Council – A Snapshot

- The Bourke Local Government Area is located in Far North West New South Wales covering an area of 43,116 square kilometres
- It is the third largest Shire in New South Wales and to give the area some context it is the same area as Denmark and approximately two thirds the size of Tasmania
- Bourke is 762 kilometres from Sydney and 360 kilometres from Dubbo.
- The shire population at the 2016 census was 2833 with an indigenous population of approximately 30 percent
- Bourke LGA also contains the villages of Louth, Byrock, Enngonia Fords Bridge and Wanaaring with agricultural industries being the primary source of employment along with government services and to a lesser extent retail and tourism services
- The area is the traditional home of the Ngemba people along the Darling River and the Murrawarri people in the north of the Shire, with approximately 21 distinct Aboriginal tribal groups in the area
- Agriculture including cotton, sheep and wool, cattle and goats being prominent with a recently opened goat abattoir providing optimism for a significant economic impact from this source. In addition to agriculture, tourism, the retail sector and the Government sector are all major employers
- Council has an operating expenditure of approximately 25 Million Dollars
- Bourke Shire Council has a capital expenditure budget of over \$10 million per year which is likely to continue

3. Growing Bourke – Community and Economic Benefit

Through strategic planning and development, Bourke Shire Council aims to increase the number of visitors coming to the region and to ensure that they have a quality experience while in Bourke.

Through this planning and development, we will increase the welfare of the town through greater visitor spending and pass on our rich history and experiences.

Bourke Tourism Strategy 2009

Bourke Shire Council recognises the need to enhance tourist experiences in Bourke as a critical economic stimulus for the local economy. Tourism is a vital part of the Bourke economy, with most businesses being direct or indirect beneficiaries – more visitors, more foot traffic, more spending in Bourke, means more economic activity in the community.

This will be achieved by;

- Acknowledge and promote Aboriginal Heritage and Culture
- Improve access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the CBD of Bourke
- Ensure there are facilities for all visitors and tourists – children, families, couples, aged and disabled – that provide engagement and access
- Enhance visitor experiences with a push / pull strategy to encourage visitors to spend more time in the CBD, resulting in increased foot traffic for businesses
- Maintain existing infrastructure now and into the future
- Ensure infrastructure is suitable for community “needs” not “wants” into the future and ensure new infrastructure is within Councils means to maintain

4. New Projects < \$1M

Louth Village Hall \$200,000

Cost	\$200K
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	New corrugated shed, concrete floor, insulated with capacity to hold 100 people with toilet facilities located at -30.5351828028625, 145.1163004397214

Bourke Swimming Pool and Entry and Kiosk \$300,000

Cost	\$300K
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	New Kiosk, entrance and turn styles to Bourke Swimming Pool located at - 30.092353941252426, 145.94486366628414

North Bourke Walk – Stage 4 (North Bourke Bridge to Kidman Camp) \$300,000

Cost	\$300,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Pedestrian / Bike way from North Bourke Bridge to Kidman Camp / Jandra Pontoon to link CBD to North Bourke. -30.055636642207293, 145.95148683110455 to - 30.049202107156223, 145.96175157222066

CCTV Camera Network - \$35,000

Cost	\$35,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Upgrade and link NSW Police with BSC CCTV Network -30.090200683901152, 145.93721774251435

Replace SES / VRA Shed - \$100,000

Cost	\$100,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Located at 69 Darling St, Bourke -30.088532776731117, 145.94778157614766

Bourke Golf Club Watering System - \$250,000

Cost	\$250,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	New Watering System for greens at Bourke Golf Club located at -30.095823917960757, 145.93551274723694

Renshaw Oval / Bourke Showground Catering Facility - \$250,000

Cost	\$250,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Shed, concrete floor, cool room, seating, electrical and water to be built at Renshaw Oval. Located at -30.0974976943171, 145.92586374104397

Car Park Shade at Bourke Swimming Pool - \$100,000

Cost	\$100,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	60mt cantilever shade structure to be built at Bourke Swimming Pool to ensure shade during summer. Located at -30.092384591924088, 145.94492215974242

Shade Structure at Bourke Swimming Pool - \$350,000

Cost	\$350,000
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Shade structure to be built at Bourke Swimming Pool to ensure shade during summer. Located at -30.09281945058376, 145.94485483014347

Tennis Courts LED Lighting Replacement - \$35,000

Cost	\$35,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Replace lighting at Central Park tennis Court with LED lighting Located at -30.089667421165736, 145.9395367407975

Solar Pedestrian Lights – Bourke Wharf to BOB (1.6km) - \$112,000

Cost	\$112,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	1.6km – 50mt apart = 32 poles @ \$3,500 installed - \$112,000 Start - -30.087784581986107, 145.93558408312575, finish -30.08047842221309, 145.94932772216848

Solar Pedestrian Lights – BOB to North Bourke Bridge (4km) - \$280,000

Cost	\$300,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	4km – 50mt apart = 80 poles @ \$3,500 installed - \$280,000 Start --30.07996780637853, 145.9506259112911 finish -30.055951925829298, 145.95207350192157

Public Toilets Bourke Men’s Shed - \$50,000

Cost	\$50,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Relocation of Wharf public toilets to rear of Bourke Men’s Shed for public access, wheelchair access and footpaths. Located at -30.088189486178393, 145.93564884185307

BOB Disability Access to BOB Function Centre - \$60,000

Cost	\$60,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Access from the BOB carpark to the BOB Function Centre is poor – the walkway is angulating, is muddy in wet weather, has no hand rails as it goes up-hill. A concrete path, with wheelchair access is required with improved lighting for evening events. 90mts of 1200m wide concrete footpath and hand-rail is required to meet Disability Access to this venue / \$500mt incl hand rail. Location -30.07928531788131, 145.9496834767101

Security Fence Bourke Medical Precinct - \$80,000

Cost	\$80,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Security fencing around Bourke Medical Precinct – 270mt x 7ft steel security fencing, electric vehicle access gate and 4 x pedestrian access gates (270 x \$235mt = \$63,450 + Gate) Located at -30.087992547957153, 145.9399091260477

Automated sprinkler system at Bourke Medical Precinct - \$40,000

Cost	\$40,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Automated watering system, Located at -30.087992547957153, 145.9399091260477

Fence Historical Cemeteries in Bourke LGA - \$45,000

Cost	\$45,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Stock fencing – various locations throughout LGA

Waterslide at Bourke Swimming Pool - \$500,000

Cost	\$500,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Located at -30.092384591924088, 145.94492215974242

Kerb and Gutter Replacement Program Bourke - \$550,000

Cost	\$550,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Various Locations

Technology upgrade for Bourke Library - \$50,000

Cost	\$50,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	IT connections and hardware update. Located at -30.08929244417078, 145.94037199347574

Car Park Shade Oxley Street Bourke - \$250,000

Cost	\$250,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Multiple cantilever shade structures to be built in Oxley Street Bourke to ensure shade during summer. Located at -30.089857062819064, 145.9354226125754

Standing Stories- Aboriginal History – Stage 3 - \$200,000

Cost	\$200,000
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Additional 6 standing stories Art Installations. Located at -30.08417415860657, 145.94362448122243

Bourke Men’s Shed Upgrade – New Roof - \$150,000

Cost	\$150,000
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	New Roof, gutters, drainage for building. Located at -30.088421897792855, 145.9356237130219

Back O Bourke Centre Display Upgrade - \$350,000

Cost	\$350,000
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Back O Bourke Historical Installation renewal. Located at -30.080418047015794, 145.94967181316028

5. New Projects > \$1M

Aboriginal Cultural Centre \$3,500,000

Cost	\$3.5 M
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	The development of the Bourke Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Arts Hub will provide direct employment to our local Aboriginal community, will provide economic development opportunities through tourism and the development of Arts based retail products. Located at -30.080880438485284, 145.9491153433141



front perspective



side perspective

Above: Artists impression of Aboriginal Cultural Centre

Bourke Program Pool \$2,000,000

Cost	\$2M
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	To be located at -30.092619304565005, 145.94474913343703

Wanaaring Road – 36km’s (3 stages) \$13,500,000

Cost	\$13.5M
Time to complete	24 - 36 months
How will it be funded	BSC has \$100K contribution
Description	Additional 36km seal on the Bourke – Wanaaring Road

North Bourke Bridge Stabilisation and Restoration \$3,500,000

Cost	\$3.5 M
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	BSC has \$700K contribution. Project Located at -30.055802729134633, 145.95177976523792

The original North Bourke Bridge is currently closed to pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles. There is no pedestrian access across the Darling River on the commissioned North Bourke Bridge.

Post stabilization and restoration the “Old North Bourke Bridge” would be accessible emergency vehicles to cross the Darling River if the commissioned North Bourke Bridge on the Kidman Way was ever closed.



Louth Village Protective Levee Bank – \$10,000,000

Cost	\$10M
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Protective levee bank to be built around the village of Louth to protect community and infrastructure from flooding of the Darling River. Location -30.53472776801448, 145.11567490997118

Bourke Shire Council Office / Library / Community Hall \$17,500,000

Cost	\$17.5 M
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	BSC has \$800K contribution for new Council Chamber, library, community exhibition / meeting space, Government serviced offices, RMS Services

6. Current Projects Funded and Under Construction

Project Code	Project	Funding	Completion
SCCF2-0115	Bourke Olympic Pool Upgrade	\$ 1,832,000.00	30/01/2021
SCCF3-0001	Youth Bike track	\$ 70,000.00	30/1/2020
SCCF2-0110	Village Beautification and Place making	\$ 200,000.00	30/03/2021
RNIG2 - 002	Regional NSW Infrastructure Grants - Bourke Business District Regeneration – Stage Two	\$ 1,800,000.00	30/03/2021
Local Roads & Community Infrastructure (LRCI)	Upgrade Carparks & Rest Stop	\$ 176,177.00	31/03/2021
	Shelter for Historic Scales Railway Yards	\$ 12,500.00	31/03/2021
	Relocate Information Board to Nth Bk Pk	\$ 10,000.00	31/03/2021
	Upgrade Fencing & Access Gates	\$ 25,000.00	31/03/2021
	Install Water-wise Irrigation Systems	\$ 164,000.00	31/03/2021
	Rotary Park Toilet Replacement	\$ 92,500.00	31/05/2021
	BOB Fitness Park	\$ 249,726.00	31/05/2021
	Tree Replacement	\$ 90,000.00	31/05/2021
	Footpath replacement	\$ 140,000.00	31/05/2021
SCCF2-0108	Pathway to Nth Bourke	\$ 240,000.00	31/05/2021
SCCF2-0109	BOB Fitness Park	\$ 249,726.00	31/05/2021
Drought Community Round 2	Community economic stimulus – assistance with local events and capital purchases	\$ 105,000.00	30/06/2021
	Community Social Events	\$ 25,000.00	30/06/2021
	Cemetery Repairs and Maintenance (Starlight's grave, North Kerribree and Yantabulla Cemetery fence, Cemetery signage, Shade structures	\$ 70,000.00	30/06/2021
	Back O' Bourke Shed	\$ 90,000.00	30/06/2021
	Replacement toilets, kitchen, paint, electrical at hall - Enngonia	\$ 100,000.00	30/06/2021
	BBQ area at Bourke Swimming Pool	\$ 30,000.00	30/06/2021
	Standing Stories – Aboriginal Story Telling Sculptures	\$ 60,000.00	30/06/2021
	Metal Picket fence at Louth cricket ground	\$ 36,000.00	30/06/2021
	Playground equipment and shade - Fords Bridge	\$ 50,000.00	30/06/2021
	Percy Hobson Mural	\$ 70,000.00	30/06/2021
	Repairs to Grandstand at Enngonia Racecourse	\$ 50,000.00	30/06/2021
	Louth Tennis Courts	\$ 44,000.00	30/06/2021
SCCF3-1552	Growing Bourke – Signage and tourism links	\$ 282,500.00	30/06/2021
SCCF3-1541	Standing Stories	\$ 41,813.00	30/10/2021
RNSW 846	Bourke Sewerage Treatment Works	\$ 339,000.00	
RNSW 850	Water Treatment Plant Replacement	\$10,548,592.00	
Communities Combating Pets & Weeds Impact during Drought	Western Division Shires coordinated integrates Wild Dog Program -4-BA2PMRO	\$ 926,000.00	
Far North West JO	Upgrade to display at Back O' Bourke Centre	\$ 985,000.00	
Far North West JO	Upgrade to North Bourke Bridge	\$ 440,000.00	
Department of Justice	Bourke Safe & Inclusive Spaces - Round 4 NSW Community Safety Fund	\$ 115,170.00	
Communities Combating Pets & Weeds Impact during Drought	Western Division Shires coordinated integrates Wild Dog Program - BA2PMRO	\$ 234,418.48	
RNSW1804	Charles Street Reservoir Renewal	\$ 2,206,443.00	
RNSW2434	MR68S Jandra Creek Bridge	\$ 1,515,000.00	
RNSW2435	MR405 Romani to Wangamana	\$ 9,450,000.00	
Fixing Local Roads	Regional Local Road 5, Caronga Peak Road	\$ 4,600,000.00	
Roads to Recovery	Culgoa Street, Meek Street, Sturt Street, Anson Street, Darling Street, Hughes Street Louth, Peter Street Louth, Charles Street Louth, Patrick Street Louth	\$ 1,867,119.28	
NSW Government	Crown Land Management	\$100,000.00	
Commonwealth Government	Lead Council-Wild dog control-Western Division Shires	\$926,000.00	
SCCF R2	Wharf Precinct – Place making	\$300,000.00	
SCCF R2	Bourke Olympic Pool Upgrade	\$1,832,000.00	
SCCF R2	PCYC Upgrade	\$502,394.00	
SCCF R2	Welcome to Bourke Signage	\$12,500.00	
		\$43,305,578.76	

7. Projects Funded, Managed and Completed by BSC since 2018

Funding Program	Project	Total Project Cost
National Stronger Regions Fund	Abattoir site enabling infrastructure	\$10,000,000.00
Office of Local Government	Lead Council - Aboriginal Community waste control	\$380,000.00
Murray-Darling Basin Program	Bourke CBD upgrade	\$1,500,000.00
Office of Local Government	Lead Council - HR Review - Innovation Fund	\$130,550.00
RMS - Safer Roads project	Pathway and Bus shelter AEV	\$145,889.00
OEH	Louth Levee investigation	\$120,000.00
Regional Cultural Fund	Pottery Shed	\$76,000.00
Regional Cultural Fund	Cultural Arts Centre	\$677,516.00
SCCF R1	Davidson / Coolican Oval upgrade - Canteen and Lights	\$195,900.00
SCCF R1	North Bourke Sporting and Recreation Precinct Upgrade	\$314,232.00
Fixing Country Roads	Wanaaring Road Stage 1	\$11,112,000.00
Public Reserves Management Fund	Enngonia Community – playground upgrade	\$28,380.00
Public Reserves Management Fund	Installation of pool fencing – Bourke Swimming Pool	\$157,530.00
Public Reserves Management Fund	Renshaw exterior of all buildings repainted	\$29,975.00
Better Boating Program	North Bourke Boat Ramp Replacement	\$125,000.00
Safe and Secure Water Program	Safe and Secure Water for Rural and Remote Villages of the Bourke LGA	\$3,400,650.00
Public Reserves Management Fund	Irrigation System for Renshaw Oval	\$140,000.00
SCCF R2	Central Park - Lights, Tennis fence, shade sail, toilets	\$261,862.00
SCCF R2	Bourke Wharf - Structural Assessment	\$60,000.00
SCCF R2	Connecting Bourke to North Bourke - Stage 1	\$100,000.00
SCCF R2	Connecting Bourke to North Bourke - Stage 2	\$100,000.00
SCCF R2	Village Beautification and Place making	\$200,000.00
SCCF R2	2WEB Community Radio Technology Upgrade	\$145,307.00
NSW Community Safety Fund 2018	CCTV and Lighting in Bourke CBD	\$232,580.00
EPA	Contaminated Land Management	\$601,848.00
Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program	Life Saving Program -	\$19,800.00
DCP1	Drought events – new or existing events	\$60,000.00
DCP1	Community organisations (civic, sporting, Village associations) Infrastructure Improvements	\$200,000.00
DCP1	Royal Park (Stage 3 Main Street)	\$180,000.00
DCP1	BOB Conference Centre Transformation	\$150,000.00
DCP1	Toilet at Bourke cemetery	\$25,000.00
DCP1	Rural Addressing	\$66,000.00
DCP1	Central Park upgrade	\$259,000.00
DCP1	Wharf re-decking – Structural stabilisation	\$60,000.00
RAAP	Wanaaring Airstrip Reseal	\$100,000.00
Drought Relief Heavy Vehicle Access Program	Drought Road Rehabilitation	\$300,000.00
Fixing Country Roads	Wanaaring Road Stage 2	\$5,060,000.00
Drought Community Round 2	Race Club – Horse Stalls safety - Renshaw Oval	\$ 25,000.00
Drought Community Round 2	Replacement of Gymkhana hall roof - Wanaaring	\$ 25,000.00
Drought Community Round 2	Cricket shade and spectator facility (Shed, concrete and seating) - Fords Bridge	\$ 70,000.00
Drought Community Round 2	Replacement of asbestos roof at hall - Wanaaring	\$ 150,000.00
Local Government NSW	Roadside Reserve Environmental Grant	\$ 96,000.00
		\$37,081,019.00