

Budget 2019/20 Media Release

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Funding shores up Shire's pest control and improves stock routes

Balonne Shire Council today approved a range of capital works to be completed across the Shire's stock routes and watering points.

Mayor Richard Marsh said significant funding had been secured through Murray Darling Basin grants with \$1 million going toward feral animal and pest control activities such as baiting and spraying and up to \$5 million for wild dog fencing.

"This funding in conjunction with the loan Council successfully secured to fund the Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Special Rate Scheme will hopefully see the return of sheep to our shire," he said.

"We have allocated \$200,000 for wild dog fencing and pest and weed management activities in Moonie and Maranoa River Catchment areas."

Cr Marsh said a total of \$113,500 had been allocated toward night yards and water facilities along stock routes within the Shire.

"These works will include replacing the night yards at Mulga View, Clonard and Clearwater, desilting the dam at Clearwater and upgrading the water points at Bindle and Burgurrah. Our team will also upgrade the facilities at Burgurrah," he said.

"Council will spend an additional \$18,000 on the maintenance of the stock route fire breaks."

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