



Gun-club managers Bruce and Savannah Keegan will be building the new fence.

Gun club obliged to erect fence to counter allegations about naked men on the loose

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A NOT-for-profit club is furious about having to fork out \$18,000 for a fence based on one neighbour's complaints.

Royce Kimlin, who lives across the street from the gun club, complained to council about being able to see naked men running across the paddock in the club's caravan park. "He has told us all sorts of things imaginable," gun club patron Robert Nugent said.

"He has lodged noise complaints because people are working on their caravans and engines all day. He has been complaining for about five years now and we've fought him every time. But now he is telling us that he can see naked men running around in the caravan park so he needs a high fence to protect his privacy. Some of the stories he's told are unbelievable."

Two years ago the club opened a caravan park with 68 sites and, in 2019, erected a 146-metre long fence in front of Royce's house towards Southern road to hide the parked vans from view. But then Royce asked for a fence at the back of the club house.

During the council meeting on Wednesday 23 June, Maranoa councillors approved a decision notice asking the club to erect a 2.6 metre high fence on the western side of the complex.

"There's no caravans there," Robert said. "The only thing that's here is people. And now council wants us to put up a fence and we've got to pay for it. The club has to pay

for it. We are a not-for-profit club. So we are definitely not happy with council. If he's so worried about his privacy, why don't he put his own fence up?"

Robert reckoned it was a case of sour grapes. "[Royce] used to be a member of the club and what happened was that he didn't pay his fees one year," Robert said. "So the secretary asked him to pay up and he's got the s***s and left. I think she asked for it in front of a group of people so he was embarrassed." South West contacted Royce, but he declined to comment.

Robert estimated they'd need a 60m fence on the western side of the complex, at a cost of \$16,000-\$18,000. He said the caravan park was not built to make a profit, instead designed for use during major shoots that attracted upwards of 300 people. However, the public did use the park, but only when there were no competitions. "The only thing we've built that we don't use for any shooting is the fence," Robert said. "Which council made us build. This fence cost us \$30,000. Now we've got to do another 60 metres on the western side. All because the council haven't got the balls to knock some common sense into one bloke."

He said that during the tourist season, the caravan park was usually booked when other parks in town were full. He said these travellers would not stay a night in Roma if the gun club didn't offer accommodation and that the park was significantly contributing towards the town's economy.

Robert said the gun club started expanding the caravan park in 2015 and finished in 2019, but they had to get back to work again.

Thousands get covid jab, while others balk

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ALMOST 20% of people in Roma have been fully vaccinated against covid, but there is hesitancy amongst First Nations peoples because of scaremongering.

One of the main challenges in getting the whole community vaccinated was skepticism, according to Western Qld Primary Health Network CEO Sandy Gillies. In a media release she said they were hearing anecdotal reports of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples continuing to be hesitant about receiving the vaccine.

"So we're encouraging our First Nations communities to try to bypass the mixed messages and fearmongering that can spread by word-of-mouth or online, and just simply chat with your local health clinic about the vaccine and raise any concerns you might have about the jab," she said.

The southwest health service held its second community vaccination clinic from Monday 28 June to Friday 2 July when almost 1200 people, who had already received their first jab, arrived for their second. A

further 500 turned up for their first dose. Vaccination coordinator Robyn Brumpton was satisfied with the turnout. "By last Friday we had vaccinated 6000 people across the southwest," Robyn said. "That's just with us. Obviously we've got six other partners."

She said skepticism about the vaccination was not limited to the indigenous community. Many were worried about potential side effects even though the only effects so far had been very mild symptoms such as a light fever, which was common in almost any vaccine. "What is normal anymore," Robyn said. "Obviously the more people we get vaccinated, the more closer we are to having a little bit of normality again."

The Nukal Murra alliance of Aboriginal health services provided information about the hesitancy among their communities. "I don't get the sense on the ground that people are across-the-board anti the vaccine, it's just that they don't feel like they've got enough information to make an educated choice about whether the vaccine is for them," alliance member Renee Blackman said.

Assessment Application for a Regional Interests Development Approval

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Area of Regional Interest: Channel Country Strategic Environmental Area

Where: Durham Downs Pastoral Station, Bulloo Shire

On: Lot 1 on plan SP133822 on Petroleum Pipeline Licence (PPL) 2064.

Applicant: Santos QNT Pty Ltd (ACN 083 077 196)

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Application no.: RPI21/026

Closing day for submissions: 28 July 2021

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Make submissions to:

The assessor at:

RPI Act Development Assessment Division
Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning
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