



Media Release

A Big Day for Recreational Water in Buloke

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The good news for Buloke's lakes keeps coming with Minister for Water Lisa Neville announcing that the Bringing Water Back to Green Lake project will be funded by the end of the year.

Whilst officially opening the Donald Weir project in the south of the Shire, the Minister delivered the news to the gathered crowd that \$2.0 million of funding will be committed to the Bringing Water Back to Green Lake project which will see the lake relined to remedy the leakage that had plagued it.

Minister Neville highlighted the broader health and wellbeing benefits of recreational water and the importance of projects like these two in Donald and Sea Lake.

Sea Lake resident and tireless advocator for Green Lake, Alison McClelland, was at the announcement and was overwhelmed.

"We weren't expecting an announcement quite like this; it is such a lovely surprise. It means so much to me and the community and I can't wait to share the news", she said.

The completed Donald Weir Pool project was officially opened to a strong crowd of locals including Donald Primary School children trying their luck on some fishing lines. The \$172,000 funding for the overall project was provided by the Department of Land, Environment, Water and Planning through the Drought Response Package in 2016.

Buloke Shire Council Mayor, Cr David Pollard was excited by both the opening and funding announcement and the furthering of the recreational water opportunities in the Shire.

"It is a fantastic day for Buloke. To have the Donald Weir Pool project complete and have water here for all to enjoy in this picturesque spot in one part of the Shire and then to have significant funding announced for such an important lake in another part is just sensational. There is so much happening in Buloke at the moment, it is a very exciting time", said Cr Pollard.

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