

Media Release

Building Buloke Building Momentum

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Building Buloke 2030, Council's community planning project has moved into its second phase. A series of community workshops are currently being held as the project takes further shape.

The project, which kicked off in February of this year, has been hugely successful at reaching many Buloke residents across a multitude of ways. The highlights of the initial consultation period were the community drop in sessions and focus groups across each of the Shires ten townships. Council has also been collecting feedback via surveys, post cards and online avenues.

The idea of Building Buloke 2030 is to assist each community to pull together their own plan which feeds into an overall Buloke community plan.

Building Buloke 2030 is supported by a grant from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund. The fund focuses on creating jobs, driving economic growth and building up strong regional communities for the future.

These plans are directed, owned and held by communities. They can include priorities which Council can assist with, ideas the community can run with on their own, or even themes which require advocacy at a higher level, such as access to health services and transport.



These workshops will sharpen the focus of the feedback, ideas and contributions received so far. Everyone is invited to attend the workshops in their relevant community, whether they were part of the 'drop-in' sessions or not. All contributions are welcome and if you are yet to have your say, the workshops offer the perfect opportunity to contribute. Community members are invited to share their views on what they love about where they live, current and future challenges as well as opportunities for the future in their community.

"Communities across Buloke have plans at different stages, from very recently updated to some that haven't been looked at for some time. By bringing the planning cycles into line, updating the plans will become simpler in future and activities like undertaking new projects, applying for funding or even campaigning for better services will become easier and more streamlined. I encourage everyone to get involved as best they can", said Mayor Cr David Pollard.

Culgoa kicked off the workshop round on Tuesday 13 March, followed by Nandaly (19 March) and Sea Lake (20 March). The other workshops will be held from 6.00pm-9.00pm as follows:

- Birchip: Monday 26 March. Birchip Leisure Centre.
- Berriwillock: Tuesday 27 March. Community Centre.
- Donald: Monday 16 April. Memorial Hall Supper Room.
- Charlton: Tuesday 17 April. Senior Citizens Centre.
- Nullawil: Monday 23 April. Community Recreation Reserve.
- Wycheproof: Tuesday 24 April. Shire Hall Supper Room.
- Watchem: Monday 30 April. Watchem Hall.

You can also visit <https://oursay.org/buloke> for more information and to take the online survey.

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