



# Media Release

## Buloke Releases Advocacy Document

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Buloke Shire Council continues to advocate for its community ahead of this year's state election by outlining priority projects in a key document.

The 2018 State Election Advocacy Priorities document will be distributed in the build up to the election and itemises ten projects Council is looking to work in partnership with the State Government to deliver.

The key projects are the Rural Road Renewal Fund, Building Buloke's Tourism Trail, Connecting Our Towns to Our Rivers and Booting Massey's Blackspots.

The Rural Road Renewal Fund has a project ask of \$1 million annually for all rural Councils to invest in country roads to ensure rural supply chains are maintained. Council would fully match this funding to continue to upgrade its expansive road network.

Building Buloke's Tourism Trails looks to build on the business of visiting the Shire. There has been significant investment in the area for tourism infrastructure and as these projects are developed and delivered there will need to be a significant branding and awareness campaign to ultimately put Buloke on visitors bucket lists.

Council is advocating the Booting of Massey's Blackspots with the potential construction of phone towers to improve mobile phone and internet coverage as well as \$1 million to be invested in upgrading the notorious section of the Sunraysia Highway between Watchem and Birchip.

Council will also be looking to work with the State Government to create improved streetscapes in the Charlton and Donald townships featuring pedestrian links and tourism trails to the Avoca and Richardson Rivers.

Other projects outlined are Calder Highway Streetscape improvements, childcare for rural communities, healthcare, park upgrades, organic kerbside waste collection and the Rural Living Campaign.

"Council has used similar documents very successfully recently and we will again push for our community and to deliver on the issues they tell us matter most. This isn't Buloke coming cap in hand looking for money, these projects have matching funding from Council attached and we are looking to work closely with the next State Government to continue to attract funding and deliver projects and services for the community", said Mayor Cr David Pollard.

You can view the document at <http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/news-and-consultation>

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