

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Application leads to Success

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It has been a highly successful year for grant applications for Buloke Shire Council. Council has achieved an outstanding 94% success rate over this period. These applications have attracted \$3.1 million of non-recurrent external grants over the past sixteen months.

Council and the wider Buloke community rely heavily on obtaining external funding to run the organisation and enhance our townships. Council also supports community groups and other agencies to attract grants.

With five applications still pending, these results may yet be further enhanced. Only two of thirty four applications were unsuccessful. A pivotal component of realising these grants is the matching of contributions by community groups.

Highlights include: \$1.5 million from the Drought Communities Program, \$200,000 for the Wycheproof Pool Change Rooms, \$173,000 for the Donald Weir Project, \$150,000 for the Charlton Transfer Station, \$150,000 for drought proofing recreation reserves in Charlton and Donald, \$100,000 for the Sea Lake Netball Court redevelopment, \$72,000 for Green Lake Water Security project, \$72,000 for the Wycheproof tennis court upgrade, \$65,000 for the Folletti Park upgrade in Donald and \$45,000 for Nullawil Netball change facilities upgrades.

Many of the benefiting projects such as the streetscape master planning, wayfinding signage, and drought-proofing of recreation reserves are directly from the 2015 Council Plan.



Nullawil Netball Change Facility

“Importantly these projects are vital to each of our communities and staff have worked extremely closely with the clubs and groups in scoping these projects and submitting applications in order to achieve some of the key priorities from the community plans. The success of funding applications and identification of suitable projects is key not only to a more liveable Buloke, but a more liveable rural Australia. Council will continue to advocate for these better outcomes for our community as well as for wider community through the **Rural Living Campaign**”, said Mayor, Cr Reid Mather.

#### End release

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