



Media Release

March Meeting Wrap

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At its March Ordinary Meeting, Buloke Shire Council adopted its Domestic Animal Management Plan, noted progress against the Annual Plan, voted to convene a meeting with stakeholders to address the competing priorities around native vegetation and will provide feedback to Local Government Victoria on its proposed Local Government Act.

Council has adopted its Domestic Animal Management Plan 2018-2021. The plan guides Council's activities in the management of cats and dogs and was opened for an extensive period of community consultation. The plan which addresses a wide range of subjects from registration and microchipping to the training of authorised officers is available on Council's website.

Solid progress against the Year 1 Annual Plan was noted at the meeting. The plan was adopted at the August 2017 Ordinary Meeting detailing forty-six actions to assist in delivering the objectives of the Buloke Shire Council Plan 2017-2021. Overall progress has been very good with projects on track to be delivered within the 2017/18 financial year. Work has begun on the compilation of the Year 2 Annual Plan.

Council will convene a meeting with Country Fire Authority, Department Environment Water, Land and Planning, Victorian Farmers Federation and surrounding local government organisations to address the many competing priorities surrounding native vegetation. Council is looking to ensure that its agricultural community is not disadvantaged by current regulations and any imbalance between fire risk, traffic safety, weed and pest control and the environmental protection of native vegetation.

Council will make a submission to the Local Government Bill – Exposure Draft. This is the final phase of consultation being undertaken by Local Government Victoria prior to a bill, proposed to update the Local Government Act, going to Parliament. The Draft Bill, if passed through Parliament, may result in an increased cost to Council at an operational level in some areas.

Full details are available within the meeting minutes at <http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/agendas-minutes-attachments>

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 11 April 2018.

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