

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Buloke Girls Can Week

VicHealth's This Girl Can – Victoria campaign has encouraged over 400,000 Victorian women to get active. Buloke are getting on board to celebrate the amazing women in our region who are breaking down their barriers and getting active.

Buloke Girls Can Week is running from 23 – 29 November 2020. Join us for a week of free fitness classes, empowerment events, a workshop for sporting clubs and more!

Presented by VicSport, the "Doing Sport Differently" workshop is open to all Buloke sporting clubs. Clubs will explore successful approaches for returning to play and retaining participants during COVID-19,

engaging the community and providing a positive experience for participants.

During Buloke Girls Can Week there will be free fitness classes for women of all ages and abilities. From aqua aerobics and bootcamp to classes for older women focusing on balance, coordination and strength and classes for mum's post-partum.

Looking for a fun and empowering workout? Make sure you grab a ticket to one of the Buloke Girls Can events. Held at Tchum Lake, Watchem Lake and Green Lake, there will be fun, all abilities movement sessions, talks with inspiring local women, water activities and a healthy brunch.

In the meantime, why not head out for a walk around your town or farm, swim a few laps at the pool, or visit a local sports club for a social game.

Buloke Girls Can Week is an initiative of the Buloke

Shire Council and supported by VicHealth, Mallee Sports Assembly, Neighbourhood House and participating fitness instructors.

For more information and to register, visit: www.buloke.vic.gov.au/this-girl-can

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BULOKE GIRLS CAN.



Pool Season Kicks Off!

Swimming pool season in Buloke kicked off across the weekend with some perfect pool weather. Council staff have been working hard behind the scenes to get all of the pools in top shape for the community to enjoy.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our community will notice a few changes this season when attending their favorite pool.

To keep our community safe while enjoying our pools, we ask all pool attendees to observe the following guidelines:

- Maintain 1.5 metres social distancing both in the pool and outside the pool.
- Regularly wash and sanitise your hands while using the facility, and sanitise hands upon entering the facility.
- A fitted face mask is required by all patrons over the age of 12 years, and should be worn at all times when not in the water.
- In line with outdoor gatherings, up to groups of 10 people can gather outdoors surrounding the pool, however groups should minimise congregating with other groups.
- A maximum of 50 people in our main pools at any time
- Maximum numbers in the toddler pools vary from pool to pool depending on their size, more details can be found on Council's website.
- Check-in to the pool when you arrive to assist us with contact-tracing requirements, using the QR code which will be located at each pool entrance, patrons are encouraged to bring their smart phones to do this, if you are unable to use the QR code, please alert a lifeguard to assist you with checking in.
- While our toilets, showers and changerooms will be open for the community to use, we encourage pool patrons to minimise the use of these facilities where possible, to help us keep on top of sanitising these areas frequently.

For more information, including opening times, visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools



Australia Day Awards Revisited

Young Citizen of the Year 2013 – Jenna Allan (McNicol)

A Wycheproof girl at heart, Jenna McNicol was named Buloke Young Citizen of the Year for 2013.

Sport played a big part in Jenna's life with her dedicated efforts assisting both the Wycheproof Tennis and Wycheproof-Narraport Netball Clubs.

After graduating from Wycheproof P12 College, Jenna headed to university in Melbourne before making Bendigo her base, from which she regularly commuted back home to support various events.

Participating in the local Labour Day Tennis Tournament, Jenna's commitment ensured she was on court for the action, and was ever ready to lend a hand during the event. Even on return visits from Melbourne she was more than happy to make up numbers if the local team was short of players.

A valued member of the Wycheproof-Narraport Netball Club, and a former President, Jenna held the role of Umpires Convener, as well as assisting junior members to acquire umpiring experience.

From recruiting members, to organising fundraising activities supporting women, to assisting with events through the Wycheproof-Narraport Football Club Social Committee Jenna's input created depth and diversity for local sporting outlets.

Since receiving her award, Jenna has worked as a Certified Practising Valuer (Property) within mortgage valuation and rating valuation firms, along with completing 12 months as the Wycheproof Neighbourhood House Coordinator on her relocation back to the town.

Marrying her partner Ricky Allan, the couple now have two children – Cooper and Scottie, with a third due in February.

Jenna currently works for Buloke Shire as a Capital Projects Officer, and the pair continue to enjoy their involvement with the local sporting clubs.

Along with many of their friends, who have also returned to home turf, Jenna and her family are carrying on the tradition of community building into the future.

Nominations for Council's Citizen, Young Citizen and Event of the Year Awards are now. You can make a nomination by downloading the Australia Day Awards Nomination form from Council's website, with nominations closing on **Friday 20 November 2020**.

COVID-19 Mental Health Support

How are you going?

Our mental health is important, and as we look at coming out of lockdown it's important that we continue to look after ourselves and those around us.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has compiled a list of organisations and resources that can help you to support yourself or support those around you to manage these feelings and put some strategies in place to help you cope.

More information can be found here: www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/mental-health-resources-coronavirus-covid-19

Additionally, the DHHS has a 'Community Activation and Social Isolation' (CASI) Initiative which has been developed to help people who might be feeling lonely or have been disconnected from their regular networks during COVID-19.

You can call the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398 to receive emotional support if they are feeling lonely or disconnected as a result of COVID-19.

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Working for Victoria Profile – Ivy Rayes

Picking up employment in her hometown has been a huge boost for 22 year-old Ivy Rayes. The former Wycheproof girl is relishing the opportunity of being back in the community of her youth, especially since coronavirus scuttled her plans for university earlier this year.

The pandemic's impact meant that Ivy had to re-think her future, so when the chance for work with the Buloke Shire Council as part of the Working for Victoria Program presented, and she could return to her country connections, Ivy embraced the opportunity.

Now part of the Working for Victoria Program on the Council's Parks and Urban Maintenance Team, Ivy was enthusiastic about the benefits this change of direction has brought.

"While coronavirus is obviously bad, this program has created so many positives for me" Ivy said.

"I work outdoors, with a great group of people, I'm learning new skills, earning money for the future and it's given me a real confidence boost, because the feedback I get on my work has been good."

Ivy said the benefits for the town were also clear, with the urban environment looking clean and tidy, and any maintenance problems being addressed quickly. From mowing lawns, to whipper-snipping, cleaning gutters or weeding garden beds, "everything looks a lot better and people can see the difference."

While engaging with others during the day was important – "something which wouldn't happen if I was just at home" – Ivy believed the opportunities for young people through the jobs creation response to the pandemic was also a positive.

Hopeful of securing a good reference at the completion of the program, Ivy says she will be reviewing her university plans.

In the meantime she is currently making every day a winner with her Wycheproof work.

Help Us to Help You

Council is committed to our customers and to providing efficient and responsive services, whilst always striving for improvement.

Council takes an all of organisation approach to Customer Service and values your feedback.

We also need you to help us help you.

Excellent Customer Service outcomes are built on two way relationships. Council staff are members of your community and whilst we endeavour to satisfy each customer inquiry, we also ask customers to consider the following when contacting Council:

- Treat Council staff with respect, honesty and courtesy
- Provide accurate and (where possible) complete information
- Respect the rights of other customers
- Inform Council of any change to your details.

Learn more about Council's commitment to customer service by view our Customer Service Charter at

www.buloke.vic.gov.au/customer-service-charter



Notice of an Application for a Planning Permit

The land affected by the application is **15 Best Street, Sea Lake**.

The application is for a permit for a **four room cabin**.

The applicant for the permit is **Sea Lake Recreation Reserve Committee**.

The application reference number is **PPA 889/20**

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application by making contact with the office of the Responsible Authority, **Buloke Shire Office, Wycheproof**.

This can be done during office hours and is free of charge. Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the Responsible Authority.

An objection must be sent to the Responsible Authority in writing, include the objectors name and contact details, include reasons for the objection, and state how the objector would be affected. An objection form is available on the Planning and Building page of the Buloke Shire Council website.

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before **3 December 2020**.

If you object the Responsible Authority will tell you its decision.

Employment Opportunity

Buloke Shire Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our roles are non-gender specific and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply.

Council continues to recruit and we have implemented new processes that promote candidate and employee safety. As part of this we have moved to a virtual hiring and induction process until further notice.

Economic Development and Tourism Lead – Permanent Full Time

Council is seeking applications from a highly motivated and enthusiastic person to take on the role of Economic Development and Tourism Lead on a permanent full time basis.

Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 20 November 2020.

HOW TO APPLY-Send an email with a copy of your resume to recruitment@buloke.vic.gov.au or forward to: **Human Resources, Buloke Shire Council, P.O. Box 1 Wycheproof, Vic 3527.**

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