

APPLY NOW

TOURISM GRANTS

Funds for Tourism

Council is inviting businesses, individuals and organisations with proposals to start or expand a tourism enterprise to apply for a Tourism Business Innovation Grant. There are two rounds of applications throughout the year, with the first now open.

Grants of up to \$30,000 are available for business ideas aligning to Buloke's key tourism strategies, encouraging increased visitation to our region, adding value to existing tourist experience and attracting new markets of visitors.

The Tourism Business Innovation Grants scheme is a partnership between Council and the Victorian Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions.

First round applications close 2:00pm Monday 16 May 2022. For further information visit: www.buloke.vic.gov.au/tourism-business-innovation-grants or call Kerrie Mulholland on 1300 520 520.

Development Strategies

Council has adopted the Interim Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2022-2023 as Buloke repositions for its recovery from the impacts of COVID19.

Other themes in the strategy include restructured committee and community representation to focus on short and medium-term projects, increased town forum engagement, partnering with broader regional organisations and drafting refined housing and business incentives.

In addition to tourism, other industries identified to support a climate of investment include agribusiness diversification, development of renewable energies and rare earth minerals, and responsiveness of existing town businesses. **For more information visit: www.buloke.vic.gov.au.**

Council Works

Road crews replacing sections of the Birchip-Nullawil Road paused for the last week of school holidays to minimise disruption to traffic. The crews resume on Tuesday 26 April. Council requests patience and care when travelling on unsealed road sections, and for drivers to please observe all warning signs and speed limits.

Charlton Park has a newly sealed carpark surface in time for the winter months. Preparations for new lighting of the arena have commenced with electrical works now underway.

The 'Lighting Up Buloke' project is funded by the Victorian Government's Community Sports Stimulus Program and will also bring upgrades to lighting at Donald, Nullawil and Wycheproof. Works have also commenced at the recreation reserve project on Broadway in front of the Senior Citizens building in Wycheproof, following completion of new footpaths up to the council offices.

Disabled parking areas across Buloke are currently being repainted to meet new specification requirements and colouring.

Seniors Festival

Buloke Shire Council is celebrating our seniors with the Victorian Seniors Festival continuing at Charlton Park Community Complex with a free luncheon and entertainment on Tuesday 10 May from 10:00am-2:00pm.

Me'n'Me Mates will return to Buloke with their folk/country acoustic music, unique Australian songs and stories after COVID-19 disruptions last month. Following lunch there will be a presentation by Deb Watkins of East Wimmera Health Service.

RSVP is essential for this FREE event before 5:00pm on Tuesday 3 May by calling Rebecca on 1300 520 520.

Donald Rail Siding

Works at the Donald rail yard will take place from 7:00am to 5.30pm including Saturdays and Sundays under a 10 days on / 4 days off roster commencing Tuesday 26 April.

There will be an increase in truck activity in the area causing come noise and dust. Road watering will reduce dust as much as possible throughout construction during dry periods. As part of the Murray Basin Rail Project, Donald will increase its capacity for storage of seasonal freight rolling stock. The works are expected to be complete late in 2022.

For further information visit: www.bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/murray-basin-rail-project

Asbestos Dumping

Council Compliance is urgently seeking information about an asbestos dumping offence next to a roadside near Charlton.

Compliance officers were called to the site on Jeruk River Road near the intersection of Boort-Charlton Road on Tuesday 12 April 2022 to inspect six boxes full of suspect material. They identified the dumping as asbestos sheet material and immediately arranged removal by Council Waste Management.

Asbestos poses considerable OH&S risk for staff and vigorous and expensive precautions were necessary to appropriately dispose of the hazard. The offence of dumping hazardous material can attract fines of up to \$50,000 for individuals. Asbestos is dangerous when dry and should not be disturbed, except by qualified disposal experts.

If members of the community suspect they have witnessed such an incident, or have information about the Charlton contamination, urgently contact Council Compliance on 1300 520 520.



Employment Opportunities

Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our roles are non-gender specific, and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply. Council is currently recruiting for:

Senior Economic Development Officer

Do you have a comprehensive vision for Buloke's future?

→ Applications close 5:00PM Friday 29 April 2022.

Superintendent Urban and Parks

Keeping our towns beautiful needs someone who cares.

→ Applications close 5:00PM Friday 29 April 2022.

Landfill Operator (Casual)

Our sites need a keen eye and a reliable person.

→ Applications close 5:00PM Friday 29 April 2022.

Urban Maintenance Operator (Medium Plant)

Donald based permanent full-time position.

→ Applications close 5:00PM Friday 6 May 2022.

Urban Maintenance Operator (Medium Plant)

Casual relief work in parks and on streetscapes.

→ Applications close 5:00PM Friday 6 May 2022.

Visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment or call Human Resources on 1300 520 520 for full details on this exciting role.

Building a Better Buloke.