



## Food Business Boost

The Bendigo and Region Gastronomy Guide was launched in March 2021 and has been a key promotional tool and resource used to showcase leading food business, venues and experiences across the region.

Council has joined Bendigo Gastronomy for the benefit of food business, tourism and culture in Buloke Shire. Eligible providers can now apply for FREE registration to the Gastronomy Guide.

In conjunction with the City of Greater Bendigo, the broader region was designated a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy in October 2019, recognising its rich provenance in growing, sourcing, cooking and sharing food. It represents how culture and heritage is represented and shared through what we eat and drink, the places that we share meals, the communities formed through eating, and the memories made together.

UNESCO recognition is based on themes such as: celebration of First Nations culture, cultural diversity and innovation, improvement of health and wellbeing through food, and prioritising sustainable agriculture in the face of changing climate.

The Guide supports these aspirations by encouraging visitation to consumer facing businesses, provides a range of experiences including self-guided food trails, gastronomy focused workshops and tours.

**For further information or to register FREE visit:** <https://crowdsourcing.withalpaca.com/bendigo-tourism/register>

## Streetscaping Sea Lake

Following consultation with the community and businesses in Sea Lake, streetscaping works have commenced at the Traveller's Rest area and are scheduled to be complete by 19 May 2022.

Further streetscaping is scheduled for Apex Park from 16 May to 7 July 2022. Upon completion contractors will commence work in Best Street.

The works will upgrade footpaths, irrigation, landscaping, kerbing, seating, lighting and electrical work. Council requests that diversion and signage in these areas be observed for public safety.

**For further information contact Customer Service on 1300 520 520.**

## 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](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/tourism-business-innovation-grants) or call **Kerrie Mulholland on 1300 520 520.**



## Roads Grading

With favourable weather conditions road grading continues throughout Buloke.

In the south the Buckrabanyule area and around Corack/Mount Jeffcott will have gravel roads conditioned. Shoulder works on Dumosa-Birchip Road and McNicol's Road are also scheduled. In the north, graders will be operating on gravel roads east of Birchip and line marking on sealed roads.

Earth roads in Corack area will also be improved.

Council roadworks teams request that road users use patience and care, drive to conditions, particularly where loose, uncompacted surfaces are further impacted by rain events.

Sealed road repairs are taking place around Donald and within Sea Lake and Birchip townships.

## Shade Grants Program

The Department of Health invites eligible Victorian community groups to apply for a shade grant in April 2022.

Eligible community organisations can apply for grants of up to \$50,000 for shade development and can include up to \$700 for sun protection items. Applicants may also request up to \$700 for sun protection items only.

Community organisations must be not-for-profit and registered as either an incorporated association, company limited by guarantee, non-trading/non-distributing co-operative, Indigenous corporation or local government entity.

The program aims to reduce exposure to cancer causing UV radiation in the community.

**Applications close Friday 27 May 2022. For further information visit:** [www.health.vic.gov.au/preventive-health/shade-grants-program](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/preventive-health/shade-grants-program)



## 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:

### Urban Maintenance Operator (Medium Plant)

Donald based permanent full-time position operating machinery for maintenance and improvements of public outdoor spaces.

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

### Urban Maintenance Operator (Medium Plant)

Casual relief work in parks, streetscapes, drainage, roads and paths.

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

### Team Leader Maternal & Child Health (Nurse)

Flexible working conditions, excellent remuneration, fleet vehicle, work life balance and a role that is both challenging and rewarding for a suitably qualified nurse.

→ Applications close 5:00PM Friday 13 May 2022.

Visit [www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment](http://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.



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