

TOURISM GRANTS



Tourism Innovation Grants

The Birchip Cropping Group has been successful in the first round of Tourism Business Innovation Grants, which demonstrated innovative and vibrant approaches to tourism growth in Buloke.

Their submission offered a 'paddock to plate' farm tour concept, highlighting the quality and productivity of produce grown in the region, and was among several high standard applications received.

Applications for round two of the grants program will open on **11 August 2022**. Applications close at **2pm Monday 12 September 2022**.

For further information visit:
www.buloke.vic.gov.au/tourism-business-innovation-grants or call **Kerrie Mulholland** on **1300 520 520**.

Sale Yards Ramp Up

The Sale Yards at **Wycheproof** will receive a series of improvements over the coming months.

Local Buloke contractors will construct shade structures for the protection of advanced animal tag reading equipment.

Further works in the planning stage include new loading ramps and an improved unloading area for ram pens, to improve safety and ease of use. Following off-site manufacture of the components, installation is expected to commence in September. Council will advise the community of any impacts on the Sale Yard operations. **For further information contact Adam Stevens, Capital Project Officer** on **1300 520 520**.

Nullawil Silo Art Access

The visitor experience at the Nullawil Silo Art site will be enhanced with 2500sqm of carpark graveling works scheduled at the end of July, improving site access during wet weather periods and supporting the growth of the Silo Art Trail.



Watchem Hall Accessibility

Works to upgrade the public hall at Watchem to improve access for users living with a disability are expected to commence in August. They include construction of an access ramp at the rear of the hall and a designated marked car space enabling ease of entry from the carpark. As part of these works, interior and exterior repairs to a water-damaged wall will also be completed.

Birchip Traffic Guides

Cooler temperatures have delayed bitumen works on Birchip's Cumming Avenue and for community safety temporary line marking has been laid. This will also assist tourists who are less familiar with our townscapes. Road users are reminded to reverse with caution into newly marked bicycle lanes, especially at school times and during holidays beginning this week. Drivers need to give way to all road traffic and pedestrians at the new U-turn slots.

For further information contact Kelly Wilson, Senior Project Engineer on **0428 116 206** or by email kelly.wilson@rmg.com.au.

Road Works

Motorists are asked drive with caution when approaching other vehicles and observe safety signage over the next few weeks as roadworks bed down on the Sheep Hills Road near **Donald** and the Nullawil-Quambatook Road, just out of **Nullawil**. A culvert has been replaced on the Sheep Hills Road near Donald and surface rutting has been removed on the Nullawil-Quambatook Road Sheep Hills Road near Nullawil.



Support For Sport

Sporting clubs and their supporting organisations are encouraged to consider making an application for assistance from Sport and Recreation Victoria's Sporting Club Grants Program.

The three funding categories of the program are:

- Uniforms and participation equipment
- Skills development for officials, coaches, volunteers and administration staff
- Operational capacity support to function more effectively in the community.

Access to this funding helps clubs and organisations address barriers in participation, develop safe and sustainable practices, and build social and active local communities.

Applications close 5pm Thursday, 21 July 2022.

For further information visit:
www.sport.vic.gov.au or call **1800 325 206**.



Support For Regional Victorian Startup Entrepreneurs

Building a Vibrant Regional Victorian Startup Community

Regional Innovation

Expressions of Interest are now open for programs that will develop startup activity in regional centres, promote entrepreneurship and increase the number of early-stage ventures.

Programs currently funded by LaunchVic that operate in regional Victoria and are seeking re-funding and consortia proposals will also be considered.

The successful EOI applicants will be invited to submit a detailed Request for Proposal (RFP). Successful RFP applicants will receive funding of between \$50,000 and \$300,000 over 1-2 years. Funds can be used for operating costs.

Programs should champion regional innovation, consider the challenges and opportunities that exist for regional start-ups, and look at ways to build and stimulate the economies in local communities.

EOI submissions close 10am, 21 July 2022.

For further information visit: <https://launchvic.org/rounds/regional-eoi>