



Australia Day Eve

Council would like to thank the community and staff for their assistance in helping to prepare the Watchem Hall for the Australia Day Eve event at Watchem. It drew one of the largest crowds for some time, with over 110 people in attendance.

Ten individuals made their pledge as Australian Citizens, and was celebrated with an uplifting, supportive, sustained applause.

The advantages of volunteering in rural communities was a recurrent theme among the stories shared throughout the evening. Buloke is consistently recognised as having a high number of volunteers compared to others. This was most noticeable when the fire brigade alarm sounded during the event and a number of attendees made a swift exit midway through proceedings to assist.



Individuals Recognised

Organisers of the Charlton Australia Day celebrations recognised the individual efforts of many members of the Charlton community, support services and Council staff, who worked tirelessly throughout the day and night to protect the town during the October 2022 Flood event.

Buloke Shire Council Acting Assistant Manager Urban and Parks Flood Recovery, Lee Patten, spoke on behalf of Council staff, expressing that in times of adversity it always brings out the best in rural community spirit. It's this community that drew him to take up a position at Council and relocate two years ago.

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

The land affected by the application is located at **406 Broadway, Wycheproof.**

The application is for a **permit for a six-lot subdivision of land and the development of land for six dwellings.**

The application reference number is **PA23010.**

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application on the Buloke Shire Council website or 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 **16 February 2023.**

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

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Register at <http://bit.ly/eji-join>.

Birchip Streetscape

Residents and visitors to Birchip are advise road surfacing works will be undertaken in Cumming Avenue and street parking restrictions will be in place after 7:00am on Sunday 5 February 2023 and Monday 5 February 2023.

Inroads will be undertaking road resurfacing works on behalf of Buloke Shire Council, on Cumming Avenue between the intersections of Sunraysia Highway and Watson Street, during this period. Works will be carried out between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm on either of the dates listed above. Could you please ensure that the street remains clear for the duration of the days. Due to the extent of the works unfortunately we are unable to give an exact time we will be sealing each section.

To assist in completing this work and minimizing any inconvenience to residents, we would appreciate that:

- Cars are not parked on the street or nature strip during the above period.
- Members of your household, particularly children and animals, are kept well clear of the work area so that we can provide a safe work environment.
- Automatic water sprinklers that may spray water over the road are switched off.

Note: Driveway access will only be restricted for short periods of time during the day whilst the bitumen is being sprayed.

Flood Grants Closing

One-off \$5000 grants are available under the Small Business Immediate Flood Relief Program or the Community Sport Emergency Flood Assistance Program, to provide immediate support. Applications for these grants will **close on Tuesday 7 February.**

Further funding is available to eligible applicants under the Business and Community Sport Flood Recovery Grants program.

The Flood Recovery Grants provide up to \$50,000 (excl. GST) to help cover eligible expenses incurred from direct damage due to flooding. Funding received under the Small Business Immediate Flood Relief Program, or the Community Sport Emergency Flood Assistance Program will be included in the total grant amount. Currently, applicants must first have been successful for the \$5000 one-off grant before applying for the \$50,000 grant. Please note, receiving a Small Business Immediate Flood Relief grant doesn't automatically guarantee eligibility for a Business and Community Sport Flood Recovery Grant. Businesses and organisations that receive a \$5000 grant will be provided with information about eligibility and how to apply.

Applications for these grants **close on 1 May 2023.**

Concessional loans of up to \$250,000 are available to small businesses and not-for-profit organisations that have suffered significant damage to their assets and/or significant loss of income. The loans are for restoring or replacing damaged assets and/or to meet working capital expenses.

The free Business Relief Service provides confidential one-on-one support from local Business Relief Advisers via phone and on the ground. Business Relief Advisers can help businesses with grant applications and connect them with relevant support services to help with their next steps towards recovery. Businesses can access this service by registering online, or calling the Business Victoria hotline on 13 22 15. If the caller needs a translator, the operator can contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on their behalf.

Mental health and wellbeing support is available to sole traders, business owners and their employees can call the Partners in Wellbeing Helpline on 1300 375 330 for free and confidential advice, available seven days a week.

Trained financial counsellors, business advisers and wellbeing coaches are available to provide confidential one-on-one support.

If people are feeling overwhelmed or concerned about their wellbeing, there are Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs providing free support and can be accessed by calling the same number: 1300 375 330.



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