

The Paddock: The Goals is on AIR!

Looking for a way to kick off the season in a truly inspiring way? Look no further than The Paddock: The Goals, brought to you by the Buloke Shire Council in partnership with the North Central League, Australian Red Cross, BCG and Emergency Recovery Victoria.

This exciting new Flood Recovery Series comprises 10 vodcasts that will dive deep into the lessons learned from the 2022 October Flood Event and focus on how the community can come together and move forward. Join in on Saturdays for some game day action to hear how our community has shown incredible resilience and determination. The Paddock: The Goals is sure to inspire you to achieve your own goals, no matter what challenges come your way. However, if you missed us live, you can listen to the now edited podcast The Paddock: The Goals on Spotify or Apple Podcasts on your drive home.



Find the links to the podcasts using the QR-Code.

Flood Grants Extended

For information about farm support, visit: agriculture.vic.gov.au/floods. A list of other grants and support networks are available at <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/funding-available-for-those-affected-by-flooding>. **The following grants have been extended until 13 July 2023.**

- Primary Producer Flood Recovery Grant
- Rural Landholder Grant
- Flood Recovery Transport Support Program
- Primary Producer Flood Recovery Concessional Loan.

The Rural Financial Counselling Service is available to assist primary producers to understand and apply for flood and storm support. Primary Producers can contact their local RFCS on 1300 771 741.

More information is available at Rural Finance www.ruralfinance.com.au/ or by calling 1800 260 425.

Water Rebate

Impacted during the flood event? Rebates are assessed on a case-by-case basis by the relevant area water authority of your area. Give them a call.

- One-off water bill rebates applicable to both residential and commercial properties
- \$600 rebate for properties which were affected by flooding above floor level
- \$300 rebate for properties affected by flood but not with above floor level inundation

Contact your local water authority to confirm eligibility and rebate amount.

www.premier.vic.gov.au/more-support-flood-affected-victorians-recover

Farmers Counselling Support

These grants and support networks are available to the Buloke community:

- Rural Financial Counselling Service: the Rural Financial Counselling Service offers free and independent financial information, options, decision making support and referral services to farmers and small, related rural businesses who are in, or at risk of, financial hardship. A rural financial counsellor can assist farmers to understand, and apply for, government support. Call 1300 771 741.
- The Royal Flying Doctors Service Wellbeing is a free mental health and wellbeing service for people in rural and remote Victorian communities. This service enables people to access sessions with a mental health clinician without needing to leave their local community, with appointments available face-to-face and via telehealth and telephone. Make an appointment by calling 1300 363 788 or email wellbeing@rfdsvic.com.au

Apex Park Upgrades – Donald

Lighting upgrade works will be happening in Apex Park Donald starting Monday, 1 May, 2023. Please note that there may be times where vehicle access to certain areas of the park will be restricted during the next four weeks while the upgrades take place. We're excited for these improvements that will enhance the safety and enjoyment of the park for everyone. Thank you for your understanding!

Illegal Dumping

We would just like to give a big thank you on behalf of our whole community to those who report illegal dumping. It's such a burden on the ratepayer and your help by reporting suspected illegal dumping is helping to reduce costs.

Whether it's furniture, trash or building rubble, everyone has encountered illegal waste dumping. Some see it as an inconvenience, but illegal dumping:

- damages our environment (eg. contaminated soil, fire risk)
- is a health risk
- is expensive to manage.

In Victoria, it is illegal to dump or bury waste at a location that isn't licensed to accept it, including private land. Learn more at Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) – www.epa.vic.gov.au

If you suspect illegally dumped contaminated waste, report it to EPA online or by calling 1300 372 842. For dumped household waste, contact Council on 1300 520 520.

If you are nervous about reporting, know that you can lodge a report anonymously.



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:

Immunisation Nurse Coordinator

Council is seeking a highly self-motivated, flexible and enthusiastic Immunisation Nurse on a Permanent Part Time basis for 16 hours per week. This role would see you coordinating and conducting immunisation sessions and administration of vaccines in accordance with NHMRC guidelines. Applications marked "Confidential" need to include a cover letter, resume and address the Key Selection Criteria in their application.

→ Applications close 9.00 am Monday 15 May 2023.

Please contact Michelle Newman – Manager Environmental Health on 54780184 or 1300 520 520 with any questions.

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