



A small act makes a big impact

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A **FREE** service has commenced across Buloke Shire Council to help improve the way our community recycles. You can now take your lightly rinsed empty glass bottles and jars to a local drop off. These

These glass drop off sites, are located at various places across our Shire:

- **Birchip Landfill:** 2094 Birchip-Corack RD Birchip
- **Charlton Waste Transfer Station:** St Arnaud RD Charlton
- **Donald Waste Transfer Station:** Depot RD Donald
- **Sea Lake Landfill:** Robinvale RD
- **Wycheproof Waste Transfer Station:** 281 Mackies RD Wycheproof

Help make the most of your glass recycling, so that it can be turned into things we can re use... like roads and new glass items.

Glass out sites will soon be offered at small townships, and all towns will be having a central drop off point.

To find out more including opening times of above drop off locations, or to update your recycling knowledge visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au/glass-out. For further information contact 1300 520 520.

Primary Producer Flood Recovery Grants

Did you apply for a Primary Producer Flood Recovery Grant?

Have you received a progress report on your application?

Any queries regarding your application can be directed to Rural Finance by calling 1800 260 425. Our Buloke **Community Recovery Team** is also at your service to provide assistance by calling 1300 520 520.

Annual Report 2022-2023

Council has received and noted the Buloke Shire Council Annual Report 2022-2023.

The report highlights the incredible amount of work that the Council has undertaken on behalf of the Buloke community in the 2022-2023 year, particularly in light of the efforts during and post the October 2022 Flood Event.

The Local Government Act 2020 requires that Councils prepare an Annual Report each financial year and for Council to meet to consider the Annual Report at a Council Meeting in October.

You can view the Annual Report 2022-2023 now via the link: <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/annual-report>

Hard copies are now available from the Wycheproof Customer Service Centre.



Employment with Buloke

Council is an equal opportunity employer.

Our roles are non-gender specific, and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply. For more information on equal opportunity, call Human Resources on 1300 520 520. You may lodge your application by Mail to PO Box 1, Wycheproof VIC 3527; or Email to recruitment@buloke.vic.gov.au.

See all employment opportunities at <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment>

Pool Lifeguards (casual relief)

Looking for a summer job? Council is currently seeking Pool Lifeguards for the 2023/24 swimming pool season across its three swimming pool regions. → **Applications now open.**

COVID Update

You have likely noticed that Community transmission of COVID is increasing across our community.

This is an expected part of the ongoing evolution of COVID in the community, as our immunity wanes with time and does not appear to be linked to a single new variant.

Now is a great time to remember that the best way to prevent those you love from getting infected is to protect yourself. If you don't get COVID, you can't spread COVID.

These 6 steps can help you stay ahead:

1. wearing a face mask if you have symptoms or in high-risk settings
2. staying up to date with your COVID vaccination
3. taking a test if you have symptoms
4. staying at home if sick
5. meeting outdoors or letting fresh air in when indoors
6. talking to your GP about COVID medicines.

The Department of Health will continue to monitor surveillance indicators and keep the public informed of when COVID transmission returns to a low level of activity.

Council has Rapid Antigen Tests available **FREE** of charge for our community from our Customer Service Centre at 367 Broadway, Wycheproof.

Asbestos Awareness Month

November marks the 10th Annual National Asbestos Awareness Month.

Deadly asbestos remains hidden in one third of Aussie homes as well as apartments that were built or renovated prior to 1990. Asbestos can be found in many places around the home including under floor coverings, behind wall and floor tiles, in cement floors, internal and external walls, ceilings and ceiling space (insulation), eaves, garages, roofs, around hot water pipes, fences, home extensions, garages, outdoor toilets, backyard and farm structures, chook sheds and even dog kennels.

Over 4,000 Australians die every year from asbestos-related diseases and with the popularity of renovating on the rise, more homeowners are taking unnecessary risks with asbestos, jeopardising their health and the health of their families when doing DIY renovations.

Buloke Shire Council is committed to educating our community about the dangers of asbestos and encouraging them to learn how to manage asbestos safely.

We can all do our part to learn more about dealing with Asbestos safely by accessing free user-friendly life-saving information at <https://asbestosawareness.com.au>

Respect Asbestos – It's not worth the risk!

Australia Day Awards Now Open

Do you know someone who makes your community a better place?

These awards acknowledge the unsung heroes of our community who through their contributions make Buloke a better place as a result of their tireless efforts.

If you know someone who has made a noteworthy contribution to the shire during 2023, please consider nominating them to highlight their special contributions to the Buloke community.

Council's Annual Australia Day Awards are open for nominations in the following categories:

- **Citizen of the Year**
- **Young Citizen of the Year**
- **Community Event of the Year Award**

Nominations for these awards are now open and will close 5pm Friday 24 November 2023.

Winners will be announced at our Australia Day Eve event at the Sea Lake Community Centre on 25 January 2024.

Visit <http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/australia-day-awards> to learn more.



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