

# COMMUNITY UPDATE



## Buloke Shire COVID-19 Update

As Council has been communicating to you, we are operating in a slightly varied capacity as we continue to work in accordance with information provided by the state and federal governments.

Remember that Council is here for you during this health alert and that we remain committed to community safety and wellbeing. Council also has an obligation to look after staff, volunteers and Councillors.

We have now closed our recreational and sightseeing lakes to visitors. This in itself underlines the importance of what we all need to achieve, we have had to close our greatest assets.

Also closed now are playgrounds, outdoor gym equipment and drinking fountains. Please do not use these facilities and keep children safe as well by not letting them access them.

When you do need to shop, please shop local. There are a range of businesses still operating in our towns that need your patronage when shopping for essential items.

Minimising disruption is a high priority, second only to the health and wellbeing of the community. Council will continue to keep the community updated and you can find a range of resources and a full list of affected services at [www.buloke.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-health-alert](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-health-alert).

For the latest updates on the COVID-19 from the Federal Government's Department of Health visit [www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert](http://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert).

## Playspaces Project

Council is seeking feedback from the community on the Buloke Playspaces Project.

Council is undertaking the project to improve our parks and develop a variety of play options. The project focuses on the future of five playgrounds within the Shire, Memorial Park (Donald), Gordon Park (Charlton), Centenary Park (Wycheproof), Soldier's Memorial Park (Birchip) and Tynan Park (Berriwillock).

Given the current COVID-19 situation face-to-face consultation with stakeholders will not go ahead. However, that doesn't mean we can't get your vital feedback on the project.

A survey has been developed for each park and Council invites your input on your favourite park or indeed each park.

Your feedback will inform the next stage of the project, the design of a draft concept plan. This will include outcomes to be built in the short term and more aspirational elements to be worked towards in the longer term.

**Get involved! Survey links are:**

**Berriwillock (Tynan Park):**

<https://www.surveylegend.com/s/25cr>

**Birchip (Soldier's Memorial Park):**

<https://www.surveylegend.com/s/25d6>

**Charlton (Gordon Park):**

<https://www.surveylegend.com/s/25dj>

**Donald (Memorial Park):**

<https://www.surveylegend.com/s/25cs>

**Wycheproof (Centenary Park):**

<https://www.surveylegend.com/s/2436>



## Easter Collection Arrangements

All kerbside garbage and recycling collections will occur as outlined below for Buloke Shire this Easter period.

**Thursday 9 April 2020** – Normal kerbside garbage collection service for the townships or Berriwillock, Culgoa, Nandaly, Nullawil, Sea Lake and Wycheproof. Donald and Corack rural kerbside garbage collection is moved to Thursday 9 April 2020 also (please note truck will be later than normal).

**Friday 10 April 2020 (Good Friday)** – Landfills and Transfer Stations CLOSED. Normal kerbside garbage collection service for the townships of Donald and Corack rural is moved to Thursday 9 April 2020.

**Monday 13 April 2020 (Easter Monday)** – Normal kerbside garbage collection service for the townships of Birchip, Charlton and Watchem.

Please place your bins out for collection the night before the scheduled pick up.

Council would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Easter.



## New Pool and Spa Regulations

Have you got a backyard pool or spa?

Pool and spa owners are required to register pools or spas with their local councils by 1 June 2020.

Owners will also be required to lodge a compliance certificate for their pool or spa barrier every four years.

These new laws have been introduced to keep young children safe.

In addition, owners will be required to engage a registered building surveyor or building inspector to inspect and certify the compliance of their safety barrier every four years.

These new pool and spa laws have been mandated by the State Government and Councils are bound to implement and enforce them. Registration fees are \$31.84 and there is an information search fee of \$47.24.

To register your pool or spa you can download the application form below or call Council's Building Department on **1300 520 520** or visit [www.buloke.vic.gov.au/new-pool-regulations](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/new-pool-regulations)



## We're Going to the Zoo!

With social distancing measures in place we all need to find different ways to be entertained. So here is something pretty cool!

Melbourne Zoo, Werribee Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary are live streaming some of their adorable furry friends so you can enjoy from the comfort of your couch!

Check out their amazing live streaming access to some incredible animals at

<https://www.zoo.org.au/animal-house/>

