

Do You Need A Mask?

Requirements for wearing facemasks in Victoria have changed. Now, whenever you leave home, you must wear a fitted facemask. This means that the facemask needs to cover the nose and mouth and is well fitted.

Unless you have a lawful exemption, all Victorians over the age of 12 are required to wear a fitted facemask when leaving the home. Individuals who do not wear or carry a facemask and do not have a lawful reason can be fined \$200.

Wearing a facemask helps keep you and others safe, and will help us reach COVID Normal.

Council has received a number of reusable fitted facemasks from the Department of Health and Human Services, to give to any vulnerable members of the community at no cost to the individual.

For more information on the program and a list of eligibility criteria for these reusable facemasks, go to <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/reusable-face-masks-covid-19#who-is-determined-to-be-a-vulnerable-victorian>.

If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from one of our masks and would not otherwise be able to obtain a facemask, please contact Council on 1300 520 520.



Last Days of Free Green Waste Month

To help make Buloke Fire Ready for the upcoming season, Council has been accepting green waste **FREE OF CHARGE** through the month of October at all landfills and transfer stations.

Every landowner in the Shire has a responsibility to minimise the threat to life and property from fire.

There are a number of steps that you can take to make your property "fire safe".

Mowing up to fence and building lines, trimming trees and hedges, removing accumulated rubbish and removing flammable materials such as tyres.

Rural landowners with property adjacent to town boundaries can also help through rubbish removal and putting firebreaks within their property boundary.

Owners who do not take action may face the possibility of being issued with a Fire Prevention Notice.

For more information on fire hazards and Fire Prevention Notices contact Council on 1300 520 520.

Australia Day Awards Revisited

Citizen of the Year 2013 - Carolyn Olive

In the seven years since Carolyn Olive was named Buloke Citizen of the year, community involvement has only increased for this busy and dedicated volunteer.

The wife of Yeungroon farmer, Clinton, and mother to Nicholas and Justin, Carolyn was recognised for her extraordinary work with grants generation, her motivational energy and as a driver of the successful 'Strong Roots, Resilient Communities – History and Stories from Buloke' touring exhibition.

As the mainstay of Charlton's Golden Grains Museum, her passion and tireless commitment also ensured the building's survival following a series of crises which threatened to undermine the facility's existence during the mid 2000's.

Fast forward seven years and Carolyn has, if anything, stepped up the pace.

In the intervening years there has been the compilation of six detailed commemorative history books covering anniversaries of various Charlton organisations, profile-building of Charlton military hero "Pompey" Elliott through sculpture installation and accessing theatrical performance, active committee membership in the "Three Walls" mural project and Avoca River Development Project, along with involvement in the creation of the Buloke tourism brochures and welcome packs.

Carolyn's community input also extends to the production of the monthly Charlton Newsletter, development of local brochures and promotional material, the upkeep of the Charlton website and social media outlets, along with undertaking the Secretarial role on the Charlton Forum, Charlton Courthouse, Buloke Tourism Committee and the Charlton Forum Tourism Sub-Committee. Carolyn is also a member of Charlton Arts, which hosts the successful annual Film Festival and regular Café Culture performances.

Buloke CEO, Anthony Judd said "This is an amazing example of dedicated community support, and one which we know is the trademark of our Buloke communities."

"I urge you to nominate individuals for our Australia Day awards whom you know give their all in creating the opportunities for Buloke and who enrich our region in so many ways."

Nominations for Council's Citizen, Young Citizen and Event of the Year Awards are now. You can make a nomination by downloading the Australia Day Awards Nomination form from Council's website, with nominations closing on **Friday 20 November 2020**.



Working for Victoria Profile - Kevin and Sharon Mullins



A personal health crisis and a family bereavement catapulted Kevin and Sharron Mullins into re-thinking their life choices and mapping out new directions.

The pair, who worked for the Moreland City Council as side-loader operators (Kevin 17 years and Sharron 3 years), made the call six years ago to leave their Melbourne location, buy a caravan and travel around Australia.

Combining travel with work, the duo pick up contract gardening for councils across Australia, and had recently moved back to a family home base at Merino (Western District of Victoria) as the pandemic hit. Buloke Shire's Working for Victoria program grabbed their attention, and subsequent inquiries lead them to positions at Sea Lake.

Currently involved in the town's Parks and Urban Maintenance Team, both were brimming with positives about the program and the benefits it provides.

"Working for Victoria is such a great initiative," said Sharron.

"Not only have we been able to access on-the-job training, Traffic Control and White Card tickets, but the people we work with are awesome and the local people are amazing! Our Buloke Managers are great, and we're doing something really positive for the community."

Aside from the planting, mulching and watering, Sharron keeps the towns public amenities block sparkling clean.

Street planter boxes, footpath verges and roadside pull-offs look neat and tidy, adding a prosperous and cared-for feel to the rural community.

With no desire to trade the country vistas for life back in the metropolis, the couple look forward to resuming their travels when the Buloke program ends. Finding a place to settle permanently is not on the cards yet as "We haven't made it all the way around Australia!"

Indicating the surrounding space near their caravan park in Sea Lake, Kevin said "How good is this. I knock-off work, an easy trip back to the van, I can sit outside and have a beer and just relax."

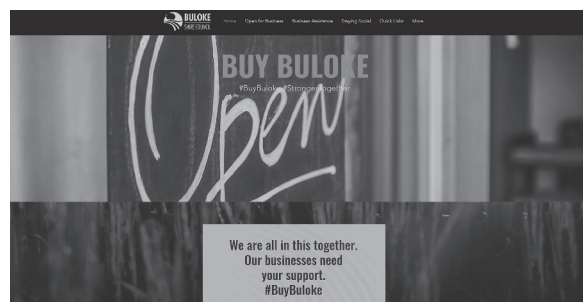
Buy Buloke Website is LIVE!

Have you heard the news that Council has launched its very own Buy Buloke website to help support local businesses during the health crisis?

It's the latest initiative of Council to support the business community and whilst the site looks great and we are already hearing some great feedback, we know it still needs input to be fully representative of what is on offer across the Shire.

If you haven't taken a look head to www.buybuloke.com.au. Consumers can explore our many businesses and local operators can link in with support services and the latest government measures.

If you notice anything that needs to be added or edited please use the 'Update Us' facility on the contact page of the website or call Council's Business Support Team on 1300 520 520.



Notice of an Application for a Planning Permit

The land affected by the application is located at **148-150 High Street, Charlton**.

The application is for a permit for a **service station (self-bunded fuel cell)**.

The applicant for the permit is **Mogas Holdings**.

The application reference number is **PPA 886/20**

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application 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 **11 November 2020**.

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

Current Tenders

CONTRACT No. C86 – 2020/2021

DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION WORKS – KAYE STREET BETWEEN DONALD STREET AND ARUNDELL STREET, CHARLTON

The Buloke Shire Council invites tenders from competent and experienced contractors for drainage construction works on Kaye Street at Charlton. Further details are available at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/tenders.

Tender documents are available for downloading from <https://portal.tenderlink.com/bulokeshire>. Tenders close 2:00pm AEDT Wednesday 18 November 2020.

CONTRACT No. C85 – 2020/2021

BIRCHIP NETBALL COURT REDEVELOPMENT

The Buloke Shire Council invites tenders from experienced and competent companies to undertake the construction of 2 netball courts at Birchip Recreation Reserve. Further details are available at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/tenders.

Tender documents are available for downloading from <https://portal.tenderlink.com/bulokeshire>. Tenders close 2:00pm AEDT Thursday 12 November 2020.

CONTRACT No. C84 – 2020/2021

BIRCHIP LEISURE CENTRE – CHANGE ROOM REDEVELOPMENT

The Buloke Shire Council invites tenders from suitably experienced and qualified companies to undertake construction works associated with the redevelopment of the Birchip Leisure Centre. Further details are available at www.buloke.vic.gov.au/tenders.

Tender documents are available for downloading from <https://portal.tenderlink.com/bulokeshire>. Tenders close 2:00pm AEDT Wednesday 4 November 2020.

Youth Advisory Group Calls for Interest

Are you a young leader? Or are you perhaps looking for an opportunity to be heard?

The North Central LLEN is looking for energetic, self-motivated people between the ages of 15 and 21 who live, work or study within the Buloke Shire Council, Loddon Shire Council, and St Arnaud in the Northern Grampians Shire Council to join their inaugural Youth Advisory Committee.

Sound like you? Expressions of Interest close on Sunday 1 November 2020 and an application form can be downloaded at <http://www.nclen.org.au/youth-advisory-council.html>.

For more information please contact Julie at the North Central LLEN on 0409 983 270 or email nclen@nclen.org.au.



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